

Elementary Start Dates (for both face to face and remote learning):

September 10: Grades 1-3

September 11: JK/SK "Kindergarten"

September 14: Grades 7 & 8

September 15: Grades 4-6

*If you have opted for remote learning, please be advised that you will be receiving communication from the principal of your child's Virtual School, not your home school, prior to Thursday September 10, 2020.

First Day Procedures:

- **Routine self-screening** for all staff and students is required every morning **before** coming to school
- Self-assessment must be conducted by all students (supported by parents). Please refer to the ycdsb.ca Re-Entry Plan for further details
- Any student experiencing Covid 19 symptoms **must** remain home (use of mask not acceptable alternative)
- Where possible, students must maintain a physical distance at all times, as they enter, move through and exit the building
- Students in Grades 4-12 must wear their masks while in school
- Students in Kindergarten - Grade 3 are encouraged to wear masks while in school.
- once students enter our school, it is recommended they remain at school until the end of the school day

On the first day of your child's return to school, please arrive as close to 9:00 am as possible. Please park your car in the church parking lot or available parking area. Please **do not** park in the Kiss & Ride designated area. This is a 'drop off' area only. For everyone's safety please have your child exit out of the right side of the vehicle and onto the pathway.

Walk your child to the school yard area and direct your child **into the school building**. In order to promote physical distancing and to ensure the safe arrival of

your child, parents are being asked to leave the school yard area once your child is inside the school. A reminder that **parent(s) / visitors will not be permitted into the building**. If you require assistance, please call the office and we will arrange a time to meet, if needed.

Students will come into the building (as if it were inclement weather). Once inside students will be met by a teacher who will direct them to their classroom and classroom teacher.

This will be the same for each staggered start date.

For Example

September 10: Grade 1-3 8:45 am-9:00 am: students arrive and go directly into the school and are directed to their classroom

September 11: JK/SK 8:45 am-9:00 am: students are brought to the Kindergarten fence and met by teacher, Grade 1-3 are in the large school yard (in their boundary) and wait for bell to ring, line up outside and will be met by a teacher to bring into the school.

All Students will be taught their yard boundary (see notes below)

September 14: Grade 7 & 8 8:45 am-9:00 am: students arrive and go directly into the school and are directed to their classroom. JK/SK students are brought to the Kindergarten fence and met by teacher. Grade 1-3 are in the large school yard and stay in their boundary and wait for the bell to ring, line up outside and will be met by a teacher to bring into the school.

September 15: Grade 4-6 8:45 am -9:00 am: students arrive and go directly into the school and are directed to their classrooms. JK/SK students are brought to the Kindergarten fence and met by teacher. Grade 1-3 and Grades 7 & 8 are in the large school yard and stay in their boundary and wait for the bell to ring, line up outside and will be met by a teacher to bring into the school.

September 16-onwards: all students arrive 8:45 am-9:00 am, stay in the large school yard in their boundary and wait for the bell to ring, line up outside and be met by a teacher who leads students into the school. Kindergarten students go to the Kindergarten fenced area.

***if it is inclement weather on any of the staggered entry days, we will follow inclement weather procedures, in that all students come into the building, social distancing and go directly to their classrooms.**

*All of our students will be taught to line up, use an arm span to keep a safe distance, as well as the proper direction to enter and exit the building

Recess Snacks and Lunch:

-we are encouraging the use of outdoor spaces for learning and daily physical activity as much as possible throughout the day

Recess:

-students will clean hands, remove and store masks in their classroom and have recess in the morning or afternoon to maintain cohorts in hallways and at recess
-upon returning to the classroom, students will wash/sanitize their hands and put their mask back on

-we are asking that you send your child with an activity for recess, we will introduce ball activities the week of September 21st, 2020, once proper sanitization, routines and boundaries have been taught

10:25 am - 10:40 am **Cohort A "Dragons"** -outside for recess (all 1st floor classes)
Cohort B "Trumpets" - inside for recess (all 2nd floor classes)

2:05 pm-2:20 pm **Cohort B "Trumpets"**- outside for recess (all 2nd floor classes)
Cohort A "Dragons" -inside for recess (all 1st floor classes)

The **Kindergarten** class has their own fenced in yard and washroom and therefore are not a part of the whole school recess. The Kindergarten schedule will be provided by the classroom teacher.

Lunch:

- please provide snacks, lunches and drinks /re-fillable bottle from home
- students can use the water re-filling stations to re-fill drinking bottles but they cannot drink out of the fountain
- at this time there are no lunch or milk programs
- students will eat their snacks and lunches at their own desks
- parents are **not to drop off lunches**
- Students are not to be picked up and taken out for lunch. Parents who pick up their child(ren) at lunch time will have to keep their child(ren) home for the rest of the day

12:00 pm -12:20 pm Lunch Time at desk for **Cohort B "Trumpets"**
Cohort A "Dragons" outside

12:20 pm - 12:40 pm Transition Time for **Cohort A Dragons & Cohort B Trumpets** washing hands returning indoors, washing hands preparing to go outdoors

12:40 pm - 1:00 pm Lunch Time at desk for **Cohort A "Dragons"**
Cohort B "Trumpets" outside

Classroom Items:

- classroom teachers with communicate the items suggested for their class
- a reminder that all items need to go home every evening, as hooks and cubbies are not being used as classrooms need to be sanitized
- if you would like to bring indoor/outdoor shoes, you are welcome, but they will need to go home each evening

Washrooms:

- each of our washrooms has a maximum capacity of 2, all signage has been posted as a reminder for students
- if the maximum is reached, students will wait (2 at a time) in the designated space outside of the washroom
- some stalls and urinals have been closed to ensure physical distancing, paper towels will be used instead of hand dryers (turned off)

Gym:

- gym schedules will follow in the next couple of weeks, as much as possible we are encouraging teachers and students to be outside
- it is very difficult to ensure physical distancing while in the change rooms therefore we are suggesting that students in the Junior to Intermediate grades (Primary students do not change for gym) wear 'comfortable' clothing on their gym days, no jeans, appropriate attire, teachers will discuss this further with classes

What to Bring

- Masks for students in Grades 4-8 are mandatory and encouraged for those students in Kindergarten to Grade 3
- please select a mask that is appropriate (solid colour is preferable, no inappropriate messages or pictures)
- you are encouraged to provide 2 masks per day in case one becomes soiled
- a cotton or paper bag with your child's name to store the mask
- masks and the cotton/paper bag will be sent home each day so that the items can be washed/disposed/replenished and returned to school
- a small box to store activities for use at desk during inclement or indoor recess time. This box needs to be labeled with your child's name, it can be kept in the class and will be sent home on Friday to clean and replenish. Suggestions for the box may include: cards (solitaire), journal, word search, crayons, markers, small puzzle, books, etc.,

School Yard Boundaries and Lines:

- the school yard will be divided into 4 sections and will follow a schedule, this will allow students to visit all areas of the yard in their cohorts
- lines/dots will be displayed on the pavement where students line up to assist with physical distancing in line and with organization into the school.

Hand Washing Routines:

- hand-washing routines will be emphasized and taught
- classrooms with sinks will have soap and paper towels, spaces without a sink will have a hand sanitizer station, students can also bring in hand sanitizer (non-scented is preferred)
- students will wash/sanitize their hands when entering and exiting the school/classroom, before and after eating and when using the washroom

Technology

- students are encouraged to bring their own device (BYOD), more information will follow shortly