

Dear Families,

September 11, 2020

Welcome to the 2020-21 school year!

We have just completed our two Student Orientation Days and are looking forward to working with all of our families this year. Most of our students are returning to an on-site learning environment. In addition, some of our students will be learning on-line this year in our newly developed remote learning program. Regardless of the choice, we are committed to working with all of our families to ensure a safe and positive learning environment for our students and staff. In my last communication, I shared details about what you can expect when your child returns to school. Teachers have reviewed these changes with students during our two Student Orientation Days. Some notable changes this year include:

- **Increased hand washing protocols**
- **Changes in classroom layout to increase spacing between students**
- **Removal of hard to clean objects from classrooms**
- **Reduction of shared materials available in classrooms**
- **More individual and smaller group activities**
- **Staggered breaks and start times with designated entry and exit doors**
  - **We learned much from our first two days at school and are making changes as needed to maximize physical distancing and improve movement in and out of the school. This will be a continued focus for us and we thank those parents who reached out with feedback and suggestions. We truly are in this together!**
- **More outdoor time**
- **Adults outside of a learning cohort will be maintaining physical distance and wearing a mask (E.g. Learning Resource Teacher, Librarian, Counsellor)**
- **Mandatory mask use in the hallways and common areas.**

Remember that you are required to conduct a daily wellness check with your child using the checklist you can find [here](#). You will be asked to confirm your understanding of this responsibility when you complete the on-line consent forms for this school year. The on-line forms can be found by logging into your School Cash On-line account. **If your child shows any symptoms of common cold, influenza, COVID 19 and other infectious respiratory disease it is extremely important that you keep your child at home and follow the guidance provided on the checklist.**

Please see our bell schedule below and note that we are staggering entrance and break times. We have divided our schools into two groups for the purpose of staggered starts, and eating and outside times at lunch. See below:

	<b>Front of School</b>	<b>Basketball Court</b>	<b>Door near MPR</b>	<b>Grass Field</b>	<b>Portable #6</b>
<b>GROUP 1</b> 8:36 a.m. entry Lunch: outside first	Div. 8 (Jang) Div. 9 (Dowdell)		Div. 5 (Villeneuve) Div. 6 (Sekhon)	Div. 1 (Ventouras) Div. 3 (Smith)	
<b>GROUP 2</b> 8:41 a.m. entry Lunch: eat first	Div. 4 (Rouleau) Div. 7 (Grewall)	Div. 11 (Johal) Div. 12 (Scharf)		Div. 2 (Jaggernathsingh/ Rai/Seddon) Div. 10 (Hin Wong)	Div. 13 (Ha)

\*Students who receive Music or Gym last block of the day may be dismissed at a different exit.

### QMS Bell Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:36	GROUP 1 ENTERS BUILDING USING DESIGNATED ENTRY POINTS				
8:41	GROUP 2 ENTERS BUILDING USING DESIGNATED ENTRY POINTS				
	CHAT (Communication, Homework, Attendance, Touch Base) BEGINS				
8:45-9:30	INSTRUCTION				
9:30-10:15	INSTRUCTION				
10:15-11:00	INSTRUCTION				
11:45-12:10	GROUP 1 OUTSIDE TIME/GROUP 2 EAT TIME				
12:15-12:40	GROUP 2 OUTSIDE TIME/GROUP 1 EAT TIME				
12:45-1:30	INSTRUCTION				
1:30-2:15	INSTRUCTION				
2:15-3:00	INSTRUCTION				
3:00	DISMISSAL –DESIGNATED EXITES				

\*Movement & nutrition breaks will be taken at various times at the discretion of the teacher

Here are a few guidelines that may be helpful to you as you plan for your child's full return to school:

- Please ensure your child enters and exits the school using their designated entrance. (\*Students who have Music or Gym last block may be dismissed from a different exit.)
- Students who are late will need to enter the school through the front doors and get a late slip from the office before proceeding to class.
- Please...staff and students only on school property at the start and end of the day to allow us to maximize distancing
- We ask that parents not enter the school building in order to maintain density requirements. Instead, we will be pleased to assist you by telephone (604 517 6040) and make an appointment for you to visit if necessary.
- Please send your child to school with a filled water bottle, snack and lunch; remind your child not to share food.
- Rain or shine, most days will be 'outside days' – please ensure that your child has appropriate clothing, an umbrella and footwear for when our rainy days begin.
- Lockers will be assigned by the teacher. There are no lockers in our portable.

**If you have not registered your child in one of our programs and you do not plan to have your child attend our school this year, please contact the school office. This will greatly assist us in ensuring a smooth start to the school year.**

We have been working hard to prepare for a safe return to school for our students and look forward to working with you to ensure your child's experience is positive. As always, please don't hesitate to contact me should you wish to connect.

Kind regards,  
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