



ST. GERARD SCHOOL

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Sept. 14th – Sept. 18th, 2020

St. Gerard is now on Facebook. Like and Follow our page: <https://www.facebook.com/StGerardSchoolCCSD/>

Monday, September 14th	Day 2
❖ No classes	
Tuesday, September 15th	Day 3
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Wednesday, September 16th	Day 4
❖ Parent/Teacher conferences 4 to 7 pm - by phone	
Thursday, September 17th	No classes
❖ Parent/Teacher conferences 9am to 3 pm – by phone	
Friday, September 18th	No classes
❖ Professional Growth Day – no classes	

Dear Parents,

We are slowly adjusting to our new normal. Our primary responsibility is the health and safety of all students and staff. We are very thankful for the supportive St. Gerard Community.

With Covid-19 protocols in place, we are required to phone parents to collect their child if they are exhibiting any Covid symptoms. We are aware that many allergies and other viruses mimic Covid symptoms; however, we must do everything possible to keep everyone safe. If any of your children has allergies and may come to school sniffing, please make an appointment with your doctor to get a letter to that effect. We do not want to send children home due to allergies. Thank you for working with us to keep everyone at school safe and healthy. We ask that you please send 2 masks to school with your son/daughter in case one mask gets wet, dirty or misplaced.

Start up packages were sent home this week. Please review, sign, and return as soon as possible. There was an error on the Internet Use Policy (pink paper). The “Non-Employee” version was sent home in error. We did send the student copy home with students on Thursday (please check for this in their backpacks).

To accommodate St. Isidore staff, a portion of the tarmac will be turned into parking, likely this weekend. You may have noticed the basketball nets had been removed. Fencing will be installed to continue the separation of students from the road near the new student entrance. Construction has almost finished the installation of partitions between the St. Gerard and St. Isidore rooms. Proper doors have also been installed, and students know that that area is no longer part of St. Gerard.

For security reasons, each of the school doors is locked during the day, including the front door. Please call the office at 403-500-2028 for entry. Until a buzzer is installed, we would ask that you call or knock.

Again, we would like to thank our parent community for your support and patience as we navigate these new waters.

God bless,
Christine Hooley

Important Numbers from CSS Family & Community Safety:

For the latest updates on services, supports, or resources: follow on twitter: @AlbertaCSS

Family Violence Info Line: call 310-1818, 24/7 in over 170 languages.

Info. On the Gov't of AB's response to COVID-19: Alberta.ca/COVID19

ISOLATION OR QUARANTINE & CONTINUING LESSONS

Parents-please contact the school to inform us of any sickness or contact that necessitates isolation or quarantine. Students in isolation or quarantine who are well enough to continue learning from home should check in with their teacher and use the appropriate Google Classroom to continue their learning from home.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Our Conference Manager will open tomorrow morning at 8am. Please go online and book your appointment. Teachers will be conducting interviews on the phone. If possible, please include a phone number in the comment section where our teachers can reach you. Grade 4/3 parents, please book your conference under the name "Grade 4/3 teacher" in the Conference Manager. There will be a teacher available to speak with you.

SCHOOL COUNCIL INFORMATION

Our first parent council mtg. will be by zoom call on Sept. 21st at 7pm. Please see the attached agenda. All parents welcome.



Terry Fox Walk/Run:

Our Terry Fox Walk is scheduled for Sept. 25th at 9am just after morning announcements. We will be looking a few parent volunteers to support us that day. Please contact the office next week at 403-500-2028 or your child's teacher if you are available to help for approximately 1 hour that morning.



PARENT BULLETIN BOARD

We have moved our parent board to just inside the main doors. Please look there when you are in the school for all current/updated information including bussing.

VISITOR SIGN-IN & SIGN-OUT

Any guests that come to the school **MUST** acknowledge a list of questions and sign in at the office including a telephone number. This is important for contact tracing if needed. We are trying to respect the school cohort as much as possible. Parents, if you need to pick your child up early, we do ask that you please give us as much notice as possible so that we can have your child ready at the office for pick up. You will still need to come in and sign your child out.

VOLUNTEERING

We are not accepting volunteers inside the school at this time. We are, however, hoping you will all volunteer for any of our exterior field trips or community walks, such as the Terry Fox Walk coming up on September 25th. Are you available to walk (in masks) with your child's class?



LUNCHES & SNACKS

There is to be no sharing of food. All food **MUST** be in bags/containers that students can open themselves. We will not be able to offer snacks from the office. If a child forgets their lunch, we will contact a parent to make arrangements to drop off a lunch. So far it is working well. Please also include cutlery. Bravo parents! Thank you for helping us in this.

ST. ISIDORE & CHANGES

A portion of our tarmac will be taken to make parking. Fencing will be installed both around the parking area and on 96th Avenue to enclose the tarmac area leading up to the new main student entrance. Everything has been planned with the safety of the students in mind. Some of the changes will take some time; however, most will be done when students are not affected.

***Please note that the STUDENT DOORS are now on 96th avenue (what used to be Kindergarten Doors).**