



ST. GERARD SCHOOL

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Sept. 7th – Sept. 11th, 2020

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

Monday, September 7th	Labour Day
❖ No classes	
Tuesday, September 8th	Day 4
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Wednesday, September 9th	Day 5
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Thursday, September 10th	Day 6
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Friday, September 11th	Day 1
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Dear Parents,

We have all made it through the first week of staggered entries and beginning to learn some new routines. Our students did well with everything we asked of them.

It is great to have our staff and student in the school again. We want to thank you for your support and understanding with the new routines and procedure now in place to keep everyone healthy. We would like to remind you that all visitors to the school must enter through the main doors and review a series of questions prior to signing in at the office. This is very important in case any contact tracing is required.

Now that your children have 2 masks provided by the provincial government, we would ask that you send 2 masks daily with students in case they dirty or lose one.

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.

To accommodate St. Isidore, there will be changes to our campus. Movers will be in on the weekend to move our classes to different rooms, closer to the office, so we can continue teaching and learning on Tuesday morning. Many of the routines (doors, boot racks) are having to be adjusted. Please make sure you read the new ENTRY ROUTINES section below. We ask that you have your children line up at the 96th avenue doors, according to the attached map. Teachers will meet students at the doors on Tuesday morning (doors near Summit doors). Lunch and recess times are also being adjusted so we can provide adequate coverage for cohorts while still respecting teachers' assigned time. We will be having the gr. 2/1 and 6/5 classes do recesses outside at the same time, in different sections of our playground. A schedule will be provided to them.

Start up packages will be sent home next week. Please ensure that you review, sign, and return as soon as possible. In the package you will find general information about school fees. This year the District is suggesting paying monthly or quarterly online rather than all at once.

We are still in a very fluid time as staffing continues. Once online registration closes, school registrations will be somewhat finalized, and staffing needs assessed. In the meantime, we are still in a state of flux. Your patience and understanding through all of this is very much appreciated.

God bless,

Christine Hooey

Important Numbers from CSS Family & Community Safety:

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

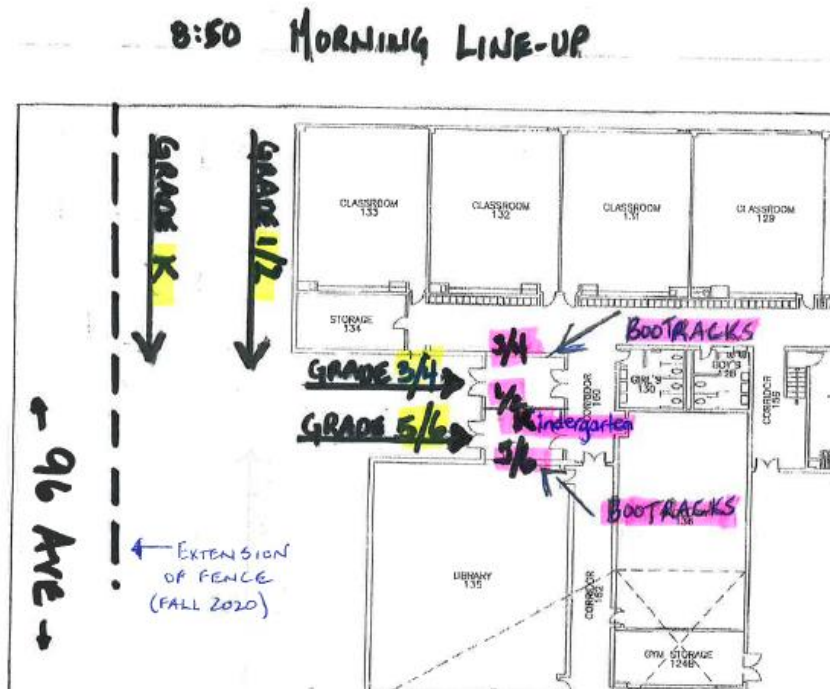
Family Violence Info Line: call 310-1818, 24/7 in over 170 languages.

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

[Alberta.ca/COVID19](https://alberta.ca/COVID19)

CHANGES IN ENTRY ROUTINE

St. Isidore School will be housed in the north and west wings of the school and will be separated by partitions to maintain the integrity of our cohort. As a result, our students will now enter through the double doors located on 96th avenue (previously known as the Kindergarten entrance). We are having boot racks moved from the Haddon Road boot rooms to the 96th Ave. boot rooms this weekend.



Classroom Location Changes

Our classrooms will now be located near the office. Movers are working during the weekend to ensure the least amount of disruption to teaching and learning, and to avoid putting more on the teachers' and staff members' shoulders. I visited all grade 1-6 students to explain (age-appropriate explanations) what was happening. They are very understanding and so flexible! Their smiling faces make everything we do so worthwhile.

Recess & Lunch Changes

Mme Byjonka and I have been working hard to look at how we can schedule recess and lunch breaks in order provide adequate coverage and keep the class cohorts apart as much as we can. What we had with staggered entry is not feasible to sustain. We have come up with a new plan that we hope will work and does not demand as much supervision time from our teachers.

Morning Recess

10:15-10:30 Grades 6/5 & 2/1 (with 2/1 preparing earlier)

10:35-10:50 Grade 4/3

Lunch (respects actual bells)

11:45-12:05 Outside: gr. 6/5 & gr. 2/1 (one group on playground area, one on field and tarmac, scheduled).

Eating: gr. 4/3

12:05-12:25 Eating: gr. 6/5 & gr. 2/1

Outside: gr. 4/3

Afternoon Recess

1:40-1:55 gr. 6/5 & gr. 2/1

2:00-2:15 gr. 4/3

More 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.

Summit

Summit will continue to reside at St. Gerard. They will have the same amount of rooms allocated for their use during before and after school and Professional Growth days. The auxiliary rooms provided to them will temporarily be full of excess furniture until a movement request and pick-up can be completed; however, they will be able to continue to provide an important service to our families.

Parent 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/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 not accepting volunteers at this time. 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.

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. Bravo parents! Thank you for helping us in this.

September Newsletter

With all the changes in routine and busy-ness of this time, the September Newsletter will (hopefully) be sent home with your child's Start Up packages next week.

