



ST. GERARD SCHOOL

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August 31st – Sept. 4th, 2020

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| Monday, August 31st | Professional Growth Day |
| ❖ No classes. Teachers will be calling families with a WELCOME BACK! | |
| Tuesday, September 1st | Professional Growth Day |
| ❖ No classes | |
| Wednesday, September 2nd | Day 1 |
| ❖ Staggered Start Entry – Grades 1, 3 and 5. | |
| Thursday, September 3rd | Day 2 |
| ❖ Staggered Start Entry – Grade 2, 4 and 6. | |
| Friday, September 4th | Day 3 |
| ❖ All students Grades 1 – 6 arrive at school. | |
| <p>Dear Parents,</p> <p>Teachers and staff at St. Gerard School have missed you and look forward to seeing you next week! We would also like to welcome our new students and families who have joined us this year. We are so happy to have you join our school community. Our kindergarten class has grown over the summer months!</p> <p>Hopefully, you have taken the time to read the St. Gerard School Resumption Plan. If you did not receive it, please let our Administrative Assistant, Mme Kelly, know and it can be emailed to you. We also have an updated District School Resumption Plan on the CSSD website that contains a lot of important information regarding our procedures and protocols. Our routines have changed, and we must develop new habits to keep us healthy. Our first few days back we will be learning and practicing new routines.</p> <p>Each student will be provided 2 reusable masks on their first day back. Although we will be reviewing safe use of masks with students, we would appreciate you practicing with your child(ren) before school resumption so that it is not a sudden change. We also have new decals on the school floors and a variety of posters around the school to help remind us of new ways of doing things.</p> <p>Please remember to label ALL your child's belongings (shoes & outerwear too!). Students need a labelled water bottle, as only the bottle-filling stations will be used. Children will not be drinking directly from the fountain.</p> <p>Until your child's teachers send a list home of school supplies needed at school for September, please only send a scribbler, pencil, eraser, and pencil sharpener and INDOOR SHOES on their staggered entry day. Any snacks or lunch containers need to be (labeled!!) easy for your child to open themselves.</p> <p>The September Newsletter will come out a little later this year. If you are missing any vital information in the meantime, please call or email!</p> <p>It is good to be back and we look forward to reconnecting with all of you.</p> <p>God bless, Christine Hooey</p> | |
| <p>Important Numbers from CSS Family & Community Safety:</p> <p>For the latest updates on services, supports, or resources: follow on twitter: @AlbertaCSS</p> <p>Family Violence Info Line: call 310-1818, 24/7 in over 170 languages.</p> <p>Info. On the Gov't of AB's response to COVID-19: Alberta.ca/COVID19</p> | |

MONDAY & TUESDAY—TEACHERS CALLING STUDENTS' HOMES

Our teaching staff will be contacting parents on Monday and Tuesday to welcome students to the 2020-2021 school year and will go over any instructions for staggered entry. The person calling may **NOT** be your child's teacher (see next page).

STAFFING

As you know, staffing is ongoing due to registrations for St. Isidore Virtual School. The registrations for French Immersion Online school are ongoing (August 28-Sept. 4). This means that our 'permanent' teachers can apply for positions until staffing is complete. We have already had one staffing change. **Mme Renée has accepted a position at another school.** We are so happy for her as she seeks new learning opportunities. We wish her all the best; she will definitely be missed. Mme Annie will be calling the families of the grade 4/3 students on Monday to ensure they are prepared for their staggered entry. She will also be in class with them all next week. We will let you know once staffing rounds are complete and we are fully staffed. Thank you for your understanding with all this uncertainty.

MORNING ARRIVAL PROCEDURE

Each student door will have a sign clearly guiding students to the appropriate door and boot room. Please explain to your child that he/she is to line up outside the appropriate door, with MASKS ON, with SPACE between students. Teachers will be outside starting at 8:35. **Please DO NOT arrive before that time.** This is not a time to visit (sorry). We are not encouraging whole school play in the school yard. At 8:35, with teachers supervising outside, please leave your child in our care and continue the rest of your day so that we do not congregate. 😊

DOORS—**Kindergarten and Grades 6/5** will line up at double doors facing 96th Avenue (close to Summit Kids).

—**Grades 2/1 and 4/3** will enter through the double doors facing Haddon Rd. Each group must line up with physical distancing and safety in mind. Teachers will help guide them.

HAND SANITIZER—We have hand sanitizer stations at each entrance (inside) and at the entrance to each classroom. **Your child's personal hand sanitizer MUST BE ALCOHOL-FREE.**

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 his/her lunch, we will contact a parent to arrange to drop off a lunch.

TRANSPORTATION

If you have registered your child for the school bus (link online), busses will be running all the staggered entry days, as per normal. Please take the time to read the [Transportation Covid-19 Plan](#) before your child(ren)'s start date.

VISITORS

Visitors come to the front entrance. Any visitors **MUST** acknowledge a list of questions and provide their contact information in case contact tracing is needed. Hand sanitizer is available at the front entrance and must be used. Masks must be worn.

APPOINTMENTS OR PICKING CHILDREN UP EARLY

Please provide advance notice for appointments and early pick-ups. With new routines in place, we do ask that you please give us advance notice so that we can have your child ready for you on time.

School Supplies — Order forms were sent home by email and are posted on our website under the Parent tab.

If you have not ordered school supplies yet, the lists can be found on our website. There is still time to order through School Start and have it delivered to your home.



Please CLEARLY label each item to help us keep track of your child's belongings. (We would encourage you to also label coats, lunch kids, shoes, books, gym strip etc.). Lists can all be found on our website under the parent tab.