



August 24, 2020

Dear St. Theresa Community,

It is with great anticipation we welcome everyone back to school. Whether you are returning to St. Theresa or are new to our school we are confident that you will have a safe and rewarding experience this year. The EICS division re-entry plan along with the provincial initiatives have created a vision for a safe re-entry of our students. Staff and Administration at St. Theresa have spent numerous hours in June and over the summer establishing revisions and protocols that we believe will lead to a successful year. Students and Staff safely will continue to guide all of our actions and procedures.

St. Theresa Students and Parents; here is what you can expect for school communication this week:

Monday, August 24; Receiving this newsletter outlining safety protocols and re-entry timetables.

Tuesday, August 25; Welcome video will be sent home. (Info will include re-entry procedures, PPE, cohorting, etc) An overview for both you and your student to help smooth the transition back to school.

Friday, August 28; A personal welcome from your homeroom teacher via video to ensure you enter informed and comfortable.

In order to be able to work through all the new changes, **all the schools in EICS are planning a staggered school start this year starting on Tuesday, Sept 1.** For the first four days of school, about a quarter of the students will attend each day. ***The first Full Day for all students will be Tuesday, Sept 8th.***



Use the letter of your **child's last name** to determine which day of staggered entry your child comes to school during the Sept 1 to Sept 4 from 8:38 to 3:13.

Tuesday, Sept 1st A-E

Wednesday, Sept 2nd F-L

Thursday, Sept 3rd M-Q

Friday, Sept 4th R-Z

This staggered start will help us greet and connect with our students, establish routines, discuss hand and respiratory hygiene, and PPE with a smaller number of students in our classrooms and building.

How to prepare:

You will need to use the AHS Daily Screening Tool each day, prior to coming to school, including our staggered entry days, linked here.

<https://www.alberta.ca/k-to-12-school-re-entry-2020-21-school-year.aspx>

PPE/Masks:

As per the chief Medical Officer and Minister of Education's direction, all grades must come with a mask. We highly recommend sending two per day.

Entrance/Exit/Cohort doors:

Your child will be entering and exiting through their cohort doors which are labelled for their 1st day of school. Entrance doors will be communicated by your homeroom teacher and this will be their cohort entrance and exit door for the year. As per the EICS re-entry plan, **parents will not be allowed to enter the school** so please make a plan with your child where you will safely meet before and after school.



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Transportation:

If your child is registered to take the bus, please ensure you have read and understood the EICS Transportation Safety Guidelines.

<https://www.eics.ab.ca/coronavirus-information-in-eics>

Pathways Students:

Our pathways teachers will be reaching out to all families in order to arrange transitional details into the program.

Follow Up Communication:

Please continue to check the EICS Re-entry document for information, linked here and found on the EICS website. <https://www.eics.ab.ca/>

God Bless;

Lorne Monaghan

Principal