

# Information Bulletin for Parents/Guardians: Return to School

August 25th, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we approach the start of the new 2021-2022 school year, we are very excited to welcome your children back to school and extend our thanks to you for choosing Sudbury Catholic. At Sudbury Catholic Schools we are preparing to ensure a safe, welcoming, and innovative learning environment for your children.

We have prepared a detailed re-opening plan that will highlight what actions we are taking to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 in our schools and keep our students and staff safe. Please click <u>HERE</u> to view the plan and familiarize yourself with the guidelines.

## Remote Learning

Remote learning will once again be an option for students whose parents/guardians indicated this choice in the June 2021 remote learning parent registration survey. Changes received since that time have also been noted and adjustments made.

Throughout the week, the school secretaries will be contacting each parent/guardian who indicated the remote learning option to verify if this continues to be the learning choice. Once the registrations are confirmed, classroom structures will be established. Please note that some program options may not be available if enrolment numbers do not permit.

During the week of August 30<sup>th</sup>, students who require a device for remote learning will be able to pick one up at their home school. Tuesday, Sept 7<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday Sept 8th, remote learning teachers will reach out to students to connect and to set up the classroom learning environment. Classes for remote learning will officially begin on **Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**, **2021.** 

## Staggered Entry for In-Person Learning

To ensure a smooth and safe entry for students, we will implement a staggered entry for our grade 7 - 12 schools. This includes Marymount Academy, St Charles College, St Benedict and Bishop Alexander Carter. The staggered entry will be as follows:

Tuesday, September 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	Only grade 7 and 8 students will attend school
Wednesday, September 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	Only grade 7 and 8 and 9 students will attend school
Thursday, September 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	All grade 7 to 12 students will attend school

Please note that there will not be staggered entry for elementary students except for some first- year kindergarten students. Those families will be notified through their school.

#### <u>Student Masking</u>

Students in grades JK to 12 are required to wear properly fitted non-medical cloth masks indoors in school including hallways and during classes, as well as on school vehicles.

Students are not required to wear masks outdoors, but distancing is encouraged between cohorts as much as possible.

#### Daily Screening

All students must self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms every day before attending school by using the link to the <u>self-screening tool</u>. A hard copy will be available upon request.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out to your school.

Thank you