

Dear Parents and Guardians

RE: Frequently Asked Questions

Our primary concerns continue to be student safety and learning. There continue to be more questions than answers. Below are answers to some of the more commonly asked questions.

Q: Why the staggered start by grade?

A: This will allow us to work with students in smaller cohorts to go over the safety and hygiene procedures in place.

Q: What will these staggered entry days look like?

A: The day starts with students going to their advisory classes. We will have a virtual assembly and then the advisory teachers will spend time going over safety and hygiene procedures and getting students ready for the year. Students will have their first block class, a shortened lunch and then block 2-4 in the afternoon. This first day of class will cover classroom safety and hygiene protocols and well as intro to classroom routines. There will be no cafeteria service for this first week. It is suggested that students bring a lunch. School pictures will be taken during the day.

Q: Will my child have a locker?

A: In the interests of distancing we are spacing assigned lockers and limiting their use. We are making lockers available to grade 9s if they want them and then assigning them to others based on requests.

Q: What will lunch look like?

A: The cafeteria will be open on Tuesday September 8th. We are limited to 50 people in the gathering area so other areas of the school including classrooms will be used. We are developing procedures to allow us to document where students eat their lunches and who they had contact with.

Q: What will happen if a child shows symptoms?

A: As per Alberta Education guidelines: Parents will be contacted, and arrangements will be made for the student to go home. The school has a designated isolation room for students awaiting pick up.

Q: Are you specifying which entrance my child is to use?

A: At this point no, but this may change if there are issues of congestion. We are putting restrictions around the use of the 3 entrances. The North and the South East entrances will be open in the morning from 7:45 – 8:30 and from 11:30 – 12:35. The front door will be open from 7:45 – 4:00 each school day.

Q: Will there be gym classes?

A: Yes. They will be conducted outside as much as possible and the change rooms will probably not be accessible.

Q: Why can't my child ride the bus until they have a pass.

A: AHS requires the bus company to be able to contact trace riders. Therefore, the bus driver has to have a seating plan and it must followed. This is constructed based on the riders that have been issued a bus pass.

Q: Will my student be required to wear a mask in classes?

A: In most classes, physical distancing cannot be guaranteed, therefore masks will be required in classrooms. Desk have been spaced out to the best of our ability.

Sincerely,

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