

WELCOME

Back to School

ARE YOU READY?



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BACK TO SCHOOL

Welcome Back! I hope and trust that all of you enjoyed a wonderful summer. Likewise, I hope you are relaxed, recharged, and *finally* ready to start a new school year. I am so delighted that you have chosen to enroll your child at École St. John Paul II School. You are now part of our amazing learning community. I welcome and value your positive energy and dedication to excellence in education and look forward to working with you and your child. On behalf of all the staff, I would like to extend a sincere *thank you* for entrusting your children to École St. John Paul II School. To all our new and returning students and parents, please accept our warmest *welcome* as we together journey and embrace the 2021-2022 school year with enthusiasm, grace, and prayer.



Mr. Robert Dumanowski
Principal

NEW Updates for 2021-2022 École St. John Paul II School Re-entry Plan Information



Welcome back to school students, staff, and parents! Similar to the past couple of years we will continue to review and update COVID guidelines and enhanced safety protocols as they relate to our school community.

Best practices will include:

1. Staff and students will continue to screen daily for symptoms using the [Alberta Health Daily Checklist](#) and isolate if they have core symptoms or test positive for COVID-19.
2. Staff and students will not be required to wear masks in school buildings at this time, but our schools will continue to offer a supportive environment for anyone who chooses to wear a mask at school.
3. Masking will be required for all students riding the school bus until September 27, as per Government direction. This protocol may be extended.
4. School busses will continue using seating plans in order to limit contact on the school bus. All school buses will be disinfected daily.
5. Parents will continue to drop off and pick-up their children at their child's designated doors. However, the front doors will be open during the day so that parents drop something off or communicate with the office (only). The doors will be locked toward the end of the day so that the front vestibule is not occupied (so that the students can ready themselves safely for the final day bell). We thank you in advance for your full understanding and cooperation.
6. The school will continue using their hand sanitizer stations at each entry to the building, and outside of each classroom. Regular hand washing will continue to be implemented during the day.

COVID-19 Alberta Health Daily Checklist - Students & Staff

Does the child have any new onset (or worsening) of the following core symptoms:

Fever: Temperature of 38 degrees Celsius or higher	YES	NO
Cough: Continuous, more than usual, not related to other known causes or condition such as asthma.	YES	NO
Shortness of Breath: Continuous, unable to breathe deeply, not related to other known causes or conditions such as asthma	YES	NO
Loss of Sense of Smell or Taste: Not related to other known causes or conditions like allergies or neurological disorders	YES	NO

If **“YES”** to any of the core symptoms above:

- School admin will contact parents/guardians should their children show symptoms of illness while at school. This will mean sending the student or staff member home.
- The student will be given a mask if they show or begin developing core symptoms and placed in a supervised designated area (isolation room) while they wait for parent/guardian pick up.

What does the FIRST day and week of school look like?



Similar to last year, all school staff will be outside 10 minutes before the first bell to greet students and parents in homeroom cohorts at their designated areas around the school.

Staggered Entry and Safe Supervision:

- ❑ Students should not be dropped off any earlier than 8:10 A.M. Teacher supervision is between 8:10-8:25 A.M. If your child needs to be here before 8:10 A.M. please register your child in the Out of School Care (OSC) Program which is available between 7:00-8:25 A.M. and 2:40-5:30 P.M.
- ❑ All students will gather at their designated doors and meet their teacher there, upon which time the teacher will lead each cohort inside the school. Students will also be dismissed from these designated areas at the end of the day.
- ❑ Only the front doors of the school will be open during the day starting at 8:25 A.M. They will be locked between 2:10-2:40 P.M. All other exterior doors will be locked.

Daily Routines for Health & Safety:

- ❑ **Hand sanitizer stations** are located at the entrance of every classroom door. There will be hand-washing breaks during the school day. Soap and water is also available just outside all washrooms.
- ❑ **Masks are not required** at this time, and will be supported if students and staff choose to wear one. Masks may be recommended for a short period of time if there is a respiratory illness outbreak (in consultation with AB Health Services).
- ❑ The school will be **deep cleaned** each night and high touch surfaces will continue to be cleaned throughout the school day.
- ❑ Students and staff **must follow** the “**Alberta Health Daily Checklist**”. If core symptoms of COVID-19 are present, then the student or staff will be sent to the Isolation Room until they go home.
- ❑ Cohorting and physical distancing are not required but may be recommended and/or implemented in consultation with AB Health Services. Students in Gr. 1-3 & Gr. 4-6 will have their own **designated recess and lunch breaks**. Some students people may prefer to keep more space between themselves and others in certain situations, and the school will support this, wherever possible.

Will parents have any access to the school?

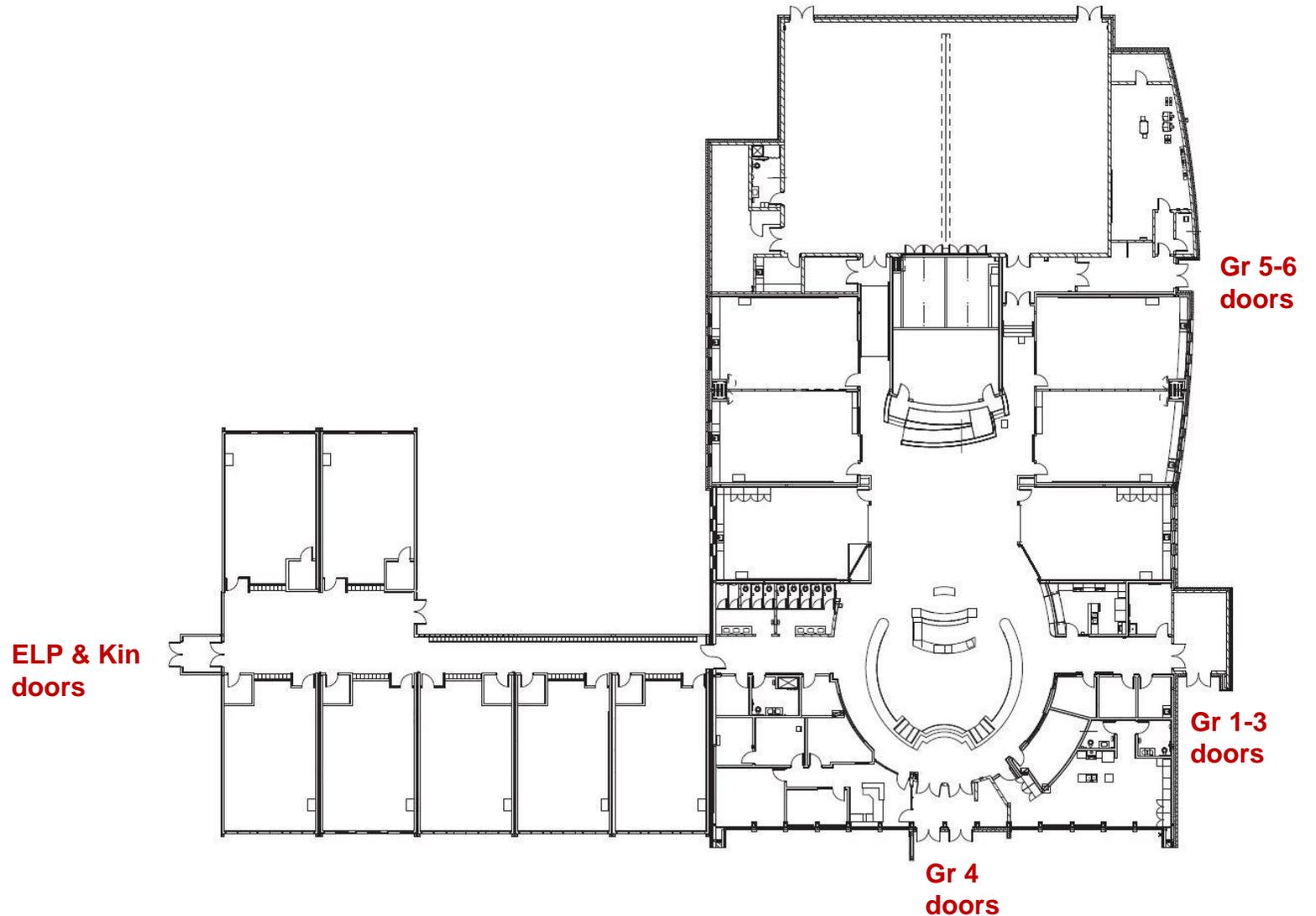
Taking into consideration the following:

- ❑ Parents will have the opportunity to meet with a teacher as long as an appointment was made in advance with the teacher or administrator, in which case, the parent must **connect with the school front office** to confirm the meeting. Community visitors are strongly encouraged to wear a mask.
- ❑ All ELP, Kin-Gr. 6 parents will meet their child's teacher or educator at their designated cohort entrance area (see map on Slide 8). This safety practice not only supports less people in the building during busy school transition times, but it also enhances student independence.
- ❑ The front doors are **open during the day** starting at 8:25 A.M. for parents to conveniently drop off items such as lunch, homework, etc. at the front office (only). Students who are late and arrive after 8:28 A.M. are also asked to enter through the front doors as the other doors will be locked. The front doors will be locked between 2:10-2:40 P.M. so that students can safely and securely prepare for the end of the day. We kindly ask parents not to congregate in the front entrance vestibule area; they are instead asked to wait outside at designated cohort areas to meet with your child.

Designated Cohort Areas:

SAFETY FIRST

- ❑ **NO access** to the playground before 8:10 A.M. (which is when teacher supervision starts). Parent supervision is required before this time.
- ❑ Students **gather/line up** at their designated cohort doors immediately upon the 8:25 A.M. bell being sounded.
- ❑ **Teachers will greet** students outside the school at their designated areas.
- ❑ **NO parent parking permitted in the bus lane or staff parking lot** whatsoever.



Taking care of one another...

Physical, Emotional, and Mental Health:

- ❑ Parents are encouraged to talk to their children about how they are feeling, and let them know that all of us are here for them.
- ❑ Please connect with your child's teacher or school administrator to share any concerns that your child may have related to school or home. Together we can do everything possible to create a supportive environment for your child.

