



St. James School

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St. James School Back-to-school Re-entry Plan

School Supplies	<p>Face masks (MANDATORY for Gr. 3/4 to Grade 8) and must be worn in class; masks are strongly encouraged for FDK- Grade 3. Masks can be removed outside within the same cohort when physical distancing can be maintained and in gym class. Please ensure your son/daughter is dressed appropriately for the weather as classes may access outdoor learning</p> <p>Reusable water bottle (water fountains turned off/refill stations open; please label the container)</p> <p>Lunch and snacks (parents must provide a spoon/fork if required (office will not supply these). No food or utensil sharing. Parents are not permitted to bring lunches to the school; please ensure your child has his/her lunch ready in the morning and packed in the school bag</p> <p>Indoor shoes (to be left at school; please label)</p> <p>Individual use supplies (if appropriate) e.g. calculators, glue, geometry set, scissors, pencil crayons/crayons etc. (cannot share), tissues, personal hand sanitizer, hat, sunscreen etc. <i>*Classroom teachers will send home additional information on your child's first day.</i></p> <p>Student agendas will be available for those attending face-to-face</p> <p>Please DO NOT send personal items from home like outdoor balls, toys, blankets, etc. Thank you</p>
Staggered Entry	<p>Tues., September 8 (ALL Grade 6,7,8 students)</p> <p>Wed., Sept. 9 (ALL Grade 4,5 students)</p> <p>Thurs., Sept. 10 (ALL SK (FDK 2) and Grade 2, 3 students)</p> <p>Fri., Sept. 11 (ALL JK (FDK 1) and Grade 1 students)</p>
School Bus Staggered Dismissal Times	<p>Students in grades 3/4 to Grade 8 who utilize school bus transportation MUST wear a mask. Students in JK to grade 3 will be encouraged but not required to wear a mask on the bus</p> <p>Supervision begins at 8:40am - To control cohorts, all students will enter the school in the morning and report to their classroom/cohort</p> <p>Classes begin at 8:55am</p> <p>Dismissal @ 2:35pm for Grade 7 & 8</p> <p>Dismissal @ 3:00pm for JK/SK (FI/R) students being picked up</p> <p>Dismissal @ 3:05pm for gr.1-6 walkers/pickups</p> <p>Dismissal @ 3:10 for students who take a bus</p>

<p>Daily Screening</p>	<p>You must screen your child for symptoms every day before they come to school. You can use the Ministry of Health’s Ontario COVID-19 self-assessment tool (https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/) for this purpose. If your child has any symptoms of COVID-19 or if they are ill, they should not attend school. An isolation area will be used for any students who become ill; the student must go home as soon as possible; the isolation area will then be disinfected. Parents/Guardians are strongly encouraged to have back-up people available to pick up their child(ren)</p>
<p>Board Devices (ipads/laptops)</p>	<p>If your child borrowed a device this spring and are returning for face-to-face learning, you must return the device to school on your child’s first day back. Those students who are learning on-line may continue to borrow the board owned device.</p>
<p>Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)</p>	<p>Students in Grade 3/4 to Grade 8 are encouraged to bring their own device to school (laptop, tablet, ipad); with parental consent of course. Devices can only be used under the direction and at the discretion of the teacher and are for instructional purposes ONLY. The Responsible Use of Technology form must be completed to participate. All required forms will be sent home with your child.</p>
<p>On-line Learners</p>	<p>For those families who have chosen to participate in the Distance Learning Program, we are pleased to share that there are several enhancements to this program, and it will offer full day access to teachers as well as synchronous (live) teaching and learning for multiple hours a day. Rest assured that your child remains a member of our St. James community and can always return to us, physically, in the near future. The Distance Learning Program is set to begin on September 14th and more information will be provided to families very soon.</p> <p>As per Ministry of Education direction, if you choose the online delivery option of learning for your child(ren) they will not be able to return to in class learning until natural transition times. At the elementary level, the date is November 16.</p>
<p>Student Support Block</p>	<p>A member of our Board mental health team will be at our school five days a week to help support students during this transition</p>
<p>Monthly Calendar</p>	<p>In an effort to be environmentally paper friendly, our monthly school calendar will now be posted on our school website (st-james.sudburycatholicschools.ca) rather than sent home in hardcopy format. Communication will continue via the school website and Facebook account and the School Board website</p>

<p>Restrictions/Actions we have taken with your child's health and safety in mind (until further notice)</p>	<p>No third-party piano lessons at this time No use of lockers and/or cubbies. No parent/guardian/visitor entry to the school unless pre-authorized. All parent meetings and board related business will be encouraged to occur over the phone or video conferencing to reduce the number of visitors to the school All students will only be permitted to interact with their class cohort and will wear their mask while in class and while in the hallway Student desks/seating arrangements will maintain a 1 metre distance Students will remain in their bus cohorts and physically distance between other bus lines; grades 3/4 - 8 students will use their masks in line-ups Staff will only permit one child per class to utilize the washrooms at any given time; a tracking chart will be maintained and used if needed for contact tracing Students will wash their hands regularly throughout the day; they will also use hand-sanitizer All staff will use PPE (shields, masks, gloves) as required when distancing is not an option The HVAC system at St. James has been inspected, cleaned, and new filters have been installed so that it is working at optimal capacity The use of signage and taping on floors will be used to support all occupants in maintaining people are a safe distance from each other All classes will be assigned designated outdoor play areas for their cohort only; cohorts of classes cannot mix in the school yard Recess/Lunch breaks staggered to provide ample outdoor space for distancing among cohorts The outdoor play structure is closed until further notice Each class will be assigned their own gym/outdoor play equipment Assemblies, masses, and any large gatherings are not permitted; students will only interact with their class cohort All food programs have been suspended to reduce exposure ie) pizza/sub days</p> <p>The above list is not exhaustive as there are additional measures that will be implemented to reduce the spread of Covid-19. Please note that plans and preparations are subject to change quickly and we will do our best to communicate these with you. We will continue to implement safety plans and accommodations as directed by Public Health and the Ministry of Education, as well as our board.</p>
<p>What is Staying the Same?</p>	<p>The Staff at St. James are very excited to welcome our students back! Our staff is committed to the safest and best delivery of a school experience for your son/daughter that we can! We will be smiling with our eyes! We appreciate that parents are faced with many challenges and difficult decisions to make and we aim to be as flexible and supportive as possible in helping you to meet the needs of your family. Please do not hesitate to reach out to a member of our staff for assistance. Everyone needs to be kind and patient with each other during these times. Take care and see you soon.</p>