

# Christ the King School

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August 13, 2020

Dear CTK School Community,

This summer has posed unprecedented challenges for us as employees, parents, families, a school, and a community as we all look for ways to return to a degree of safe normalcy in September.

CTK administration, staff and the board have all been working since the spring on how we would navigate this fall safely for all of our staff and students. This task has become increasingly difficult since the Province also tries to navigate this path for all schools in the province as the risk level changes almost daily. The Province released a document that is regularly updated entitled [\*Welcoming Our Students Back: Restoring Safe Schools\*](#), click on the title for the link. It provides useful advice for parents.

In the meantime, the Board has met and wants to share with the school community what we have already done, and what we plan to do, for a safe return to school on September 8<sup>th</sup> subject to changed instructions from the Province.

- Full time, five-day-a-week school will commence September 8<sup>th</sup> for JK to grade 8 students.
- Students will be divided into cohorts for the purposes of social distancing. This will change how and when students have lunch and recess and whom they may socialize with during the school day.
- Before and After Care will be fully functioning and available to all families subject to new rules on social distancing.
- We have built a sick room in the school lobby and have protocols in place to safely manage any child exhibiting symptoms.
- Every classroom has been reorganized. Students will be socially distanced with at least one meter between each other in the classroom.
- Each teacher is implementing new classroom rules around individual use items. Each teacher has, or will, be sharing how that will occur in each class.
- We have installed two new, three faucet sinks, one in the hall of each floor, as additional hand washing stations for the students.
- The School's bus will be available but seating and availability will be limited. The School will have a bus escort with the driver to ensure cleaning and cohort protocols are followed.

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- While Physical Education will continue, as it is a mandated part of the provincial curriculum, students will only change shoes and gym class will be outdoors as much as possible and seasonally appropriate.
- We are planning for Band Class to continue in a modified form. This is subject to Provincial instruction and we are awaiting direction on that issue.
- The Board approved the purchase of two child-sized cloth masks for each student from grades 4-8. The use of non-medical masks is strongly encouraged by the Province for grades 5-8 and mandatory for all students on the school bus.
- As the Province has directed, the students will share existing washrooms but the school will conduct enhanced cleaning and disinfecting throughout the day and nightly. Social distancing standards will apply to the occupancy and use of the washrooms.
- Bingo will only be run on Fridays during the school year, allowing for proper cleaning, disinfecting and additional ventilation prior to the children and staff being back in the building on Monday. Lennox Club will be issuing a communication in greater detail about this shortly.

This is just meant to be a summary of what CTK School has done, within its control, to make the return to school as safe as possible for students and staff and to strike a balance with maintaining an effective and nurturing learning environment for the students.

We expect to have a complete report as to how we are meeting or exceeding Provincial standards and our own best practice to the community by August 25<sup>th</sup>. This communicate is intended to help put your mind at rest that we are working studiously to get ready for a new school year and to assist you in planning your fall.

As always, if you have questions or concerns please feel free to contact the Board at [boardchairman@ctkschool.ca](mailto:boardchairman@ctkschool.ca).

Wishing you the best over the rest of your summer,

Mike Desautels,  
Board Chairperson,  
CTK Board of Directors

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