



# St. JOHN'S HIGH SCHOOL

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## Welcome to New and Returning Students and Families

After a lengthy closure of schools since March 20, 2020; we are very excited by seeing our students once again starting on September 8, 2020.

This letter, hopefully, will provide you with answers to some of the many questions you may have. The Minister of Health, the Minister of Education and the Winnipeg School Division have outlined guidelines for the opening of schools on September 8, 2020 (Day 4).

These guidelines are in-effect to best protect everyone and keep everyone safe. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact the school at 204-589-4374.

### **Prior to coming to school:**

#### **Ask the following questions:**

1. Does your child have a fever, chills, cough, sore throat or shortness of breath?
2. Has your child travelled outside of Manitoba in the last 14 days excluding travel to western Canada, the territories or Ontario west of Terrace Bay?
3. Has your child been in contact with someone that is confirmed to have COVID-19 in the last 14 days?
4. Call Health Links at 204-788-8200 for information prior to coming to school.

#### **What to bring:**

- School Supplies – binders, notebooks, pens, pencils, etc. There will be **NO** sharing of supplies
- Masks are Mandatory where social distancing is not possible
- Water bottle – water fountains are closed but refilling stations are open
- Lockers are out-of-bounds so bring only what you need

#### **Arrival at School:**

- There are 3 entrances to the building
  - Grade 7/8 – South Doors on Powers
  - Grade 9 – 12 – Church Ave. Doors
  - Inclusion Support Students – on arrival by bus, students will be guided by Educational Assistants through Salter St./Field House Doors
  - Arrival at school should occur not earlier than 8:30 am



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- Upon entry, put on your masks and sanitize your hands
- A staff member will ensure you are safe to enter and ask screening questions
- Ensure that you are social distancing
- Follow the arrows and stay right
- Signs are posted throughout the school
- Custodians are tasked with increased cleaning and disinfecting
- During the lunch hour, the cafeteria will be open for students to have lunch following Industry Restaurant Protocols concerning social distancing. Inclusion support classrooms will be utilized for students in those programs to have lunch if needed.

## Exit:

- Grade 7/8 – North-West Doors on Machray
- Grade 9 – 12 – North-East Doors on Machray
- Inclusion Support Students – Church Avenue Doors

## Groupings

St. John's High School will be divided into two groupings based on the student's last name and will attend school every second day. Students are expected to learn from home on days they are not in school

LAST NAME  
A-J

ATTEND SCHOOL ON  
DAYS 1, 3, 5

(START - Wednesday, Sept. 9 DAY 5)

LAST NAME  
K-Z

ATTEND SCHOOL ON  
DAYS 2, 4, 6

(START - Tuesday, Sept. 8 DAY 4)

**All inclusion support students (Special Ed Centres/CAP/LAC/LAIR) will attend ALL days; Day 1 - 6**

## If a student gets sick:

- ✓ The student will be brought to the office
- ✓ Parents/Guardians will be notified
- ✓ The student is to go home and parents/guardians for more information/support should contact Health Links at 204-788-8200
- ✓ A student may return to school once it has been determined that it is safe to do so by their health care provider
- ✓ If a student tests positive for COVID-19, further direction will be provided by public health



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## Mental Health and Well Being

- ✓ Teachers and Educational Assistants who work closely with students will focus on supporting academic and vocational learning in addition to students' emotional well-being
- ✓ Guidance counsellors will support students in consultation with their parent/guardian
- ✓ Clinical Support Services will support students and families as needed i.e. social worker, psychologist

## Resources:

Welcoming Our Students Back: Restoring Safe Schools – Practice Guidance and Protocols

[https://manitoba.ca/asset\\_Library/en/covid/k-12-reopeningplan-guidance.pdf](https://manitoba.ca/asset_Library/en/covid/k-12-reopeningplan-guidance.pdf)

Parent/Guardian Frequently Asked Questions

[https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/dovid/docs/parent\\_guardian\\_faq.pdf](https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/dovid/docs/parent_guardian_faq.pdf)

Welcoming Our Students Back: Restoring Safe Schools – Questions and Answers

[https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/covid/docs/welcome\\_students\\_back.pdf](https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/covid/docs/welcome_students_back.pdf)

WSD Framework for School Planning during COVID-19

<https://www.winnipegssd.ca/parents/pandemicplanning/pages/default.aspx>

## Reminders:

- Wear a mask
- Sanitize your hands (sanitizer stations are located throughout the school)
- Social Distance
- Don't touch your face

Thank you

We look forward to having you as part of the St. John's High School Family!

Doug Taylor