



KAMLOOPS

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

TEACHING THE WHOLE TRUTH TO THE WHOLE PERSON

High School Full Return to School (Stage 2)

August 26, 2020

Dear KCS families,

On July 29, Mr. Rob Fleming and Dr. Bonnie Henry announced that schools will be reopening on a full time basis for K-12 students. KCS will be implementing all health protocols provided by the Provincial Health Officer, the Ministry of Education, and Worksafe BC to ensure that students and staff remain healthy as students continue to learn.

Why are BC schools reopening?

1. It is safe to do so. Transmission from and between children is low. Community transmission in BC is low and stable.
2. The Ministry of Education recognizes that inequities in learning are increasing while schools are closed for students who are vulnerable and who have special needs.
3. Families and students report that anxiety and stress increased while students were not at school. Schools provide important social and emotional connections for students.
4. Schools are a critical part of parents going back to work and reopening the economy.

KCS Learning Plans and Schedules:

- A. High School students will be at school for full days, starting September 8, at 9:00am. We are fortunate that we are a small high school and can be considered as one cohort. We will proceed with our semestered 4 classes (75 minutes each) per day schedule. (8:30am - 2:40pm each day with Academic Intervention from 2:40pm - 3:30pm)
- B. In order to reduce physical contact, students will not interact with middle or elementary school students. Some activities (such as the Terry Fox Run) may continue outside with additional protocols put in place.
- C. We are retaining our chapel time and our missions preparations blocks along with our always popular elective blocks on Thursdays. Chapel, however, will not be done as a full high school cohort, but will instead have a rotation of grades in our "live" chapel sit ins and then live streaming of our chapel service to the rest of the high school student body. As well, be aware that the Government of Canada and the Ministry of Education have cancelled all student travel internationally, so our Missions trips to Guatemala and Peru scheduled for this coming year are being put on hold until further notice.

Student Health and Safety:

A. Wellness Policy

- a. Students must stay home or will be immediately sent home if they have symptoms related to colds or flu such as: coughing, runny nose/sneezing, fever, diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain. If your child has seasonal allergies, please ensure that they have taken medication to reduce sneezing.
- b. A student's temperature will be taken if a teacher thinks the child might be ill (fatigue, coughing, etc.). Students will be sent home if they have a fever above 38 degrees C or if they are exhibiting any of the symptoms listed above. Students must be picked up immediately by a parent/guardian when notified by the school.
- c. Students who are ill must stay home until their symptoms have resolved. It is expected that families will call 811 and/or visit their family physician for medical support. Students will be provided with learning plans and daily online support while they are at home.
- d. If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, Interior Health will follow up and provide protocols on whether other students need to be tested or need to isolate at home. KCS will not inform families about positive COVID-19 tests unless directed to by Interior Health.
- e. Administrators will report any school wide changes in attendance or spikes in illness to the Public Health Nurse (Interior Health).

B. Handwashing

- a. Students will wash their hands with soap/water or sanitizer for 20 seconds throughout the day.
- b. Appropriate disinfecting products and cleaning supplies will be provided in each space used by students.
- c. Students will be reminded how to wash their hands properly.

C. Use of supplies

- a. Students will keep all individual supplies in their lockers.
- b. Students will be reminded not to share school supplies with others. Students may not share their Chromebooks with other students.
- c. Students may not share food or personal items with others. Homemade food (i.e. birthday cupcakes) may not be brought to school to share with others.

D. General school cleaning

- a. Classroom door handles and water fountains will be sanitized throughout the day by custodial staff.
- b. Washrooms will be cleaned twice a day by custodial staff.
- c. Classroom supplies such as manipulatives will be sanitized immediately if other students will be using the manipulatives.

- d. Students will be reminded to wipe down their Chromebooks on a daily basis and not to ever share with other students.

Physical distancing strategies to be implemented

A. General

- a. **Students will be asked to wear masks in the hallway and in other common areas. So please have a mask for the first day :)**
- b. Students will be taught strategies to minimize physical contact.
- c. If students are required to take the bus (field trip or Outdoor Ed., they will be required to wear a mask). Busses will follow procedures and cleaning protocols, including loading from back to front, unloading front to back, one child per seat if possible, and disinfecting and cleaning after each use.

B. In hallways:

- a. Lockers will be available for students to allow students to access their backpack quickly.
- b. Hallway use will be limited and monitored.

C. Inside classrooms:

- a. Classrooms will be organized to create space between student work areas.
- b. Upholstered furniture or cushions that can not be easily cleaned and disinfected have been moved out of the classrooms.
- c. High school students should enter and exit from the doors at the front of the school (South facing).

D. Inside washrooms:

- a. Washroom use will be restricted to 1 student at a time.
- b. Visual reminders will be posted on the floor to remind students to physically distance themselves from others.

E. During lunch breaks:

- a. Students will be given specific locations that they may choose to use during lunch breaks (outside, classroom or the student lounge, not in the hallway).
- b. Microwaves will be placed inside highschool classroom and will be accompanied by sanitizing wipes.

F. Outside the school building:

- a. Students must come inside immediately on arrival at school and must leave school property immediately on dismissal. Parents should not come into the school unless absolutely necessary.

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