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CATHOLIC SCHOOL
— Put Yourself in God's Hands —

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is hard to believe that we have reached the end of this most unusual school year. We could not be more proud of the outstanding efforts put forward by our students during this second semester of emergency online learning. A special thank you to all of the parents who suddenly became critical educators. We appreciate you allowing our staff into your homes through google meets, discovering the CANVAS platforms for core classes and generally supporting your child. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed.

As you read this newsletter and review your child's report card, we have begun preparations for next year already. Over the past few weeks we have worked hard to create student timetables and schedules for everyone that reflect the necessary requirements in alignment with Alberta Health requirements. We will share more info about this with you all in August but for now we want you to know about a few key changes to our plans for the return of students to our building on September 1, 2020.

- **Your child's health as well as our staff is our number one priority.**
- **We have shifted timetables from 4 classes per day to 2. This will keep your child in a class with the same students all morning, have a lunch break and then move to a second class for the afternoon. We anticipate that this will reduce the number of students our students come in contact with and will allow for adequate cleaning between classes.**

DAY A - students will have block 1 in AM and block 3 in PM

DAY B - students will have block 2 in AM and block 4 in PM

Options will be broken in ¼ of each semester.

- **Students should expect to have ALL of their own materials. In an effort to reduce handling of commonly used items students MUST have their OWN school supplies including items that were sometimes shared by classroom teachers like a calculator, ruler and math set.**

- As many of our students have learned, having your own device is crucial to their learning. We accept that online material delivery is standard practice as we move forward trying to reduce paper sharing and eliminate shared work spaces as much as possible ([EICS One to One](#)).

Registration Dates The school office will be open August 19-26, 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.- 3:30 p.m., for the 2020-21 school year business .

Grade 9 and students new to SAB for an orientation – Tuesday, August 25 (9:00am -10:30am). Orientation session begins at 9:00 am in the school gym.

Students can review their timetables online. LIMITED course changes will take place the afternoon of Tuesday, August 25 and during the day on Wednesday, August 26. More detailed information will be sent out in August.

Staff Changes

Staff leaving:

- Alex Manzanillo (teacher) is leaving us for new opportunities.
- Bailey Baumgartner (teacher) is leaving us for new opportunities.
- Lee Dube (Family Wellness Worker) is moving to a full time position with St. John Paul II Catholic School

Joining our staff:

- Angela Stolk (teacher) is joining our Fine Arts and English department. She was with us last year covering for Mrs Cross.
- Melanie Preville (educational assistant) is moving from St. John Paul II Catholic School to our team.
- Cindy Boucher (Family Wellness Worker) is joining our staff next year from Edmonton Catholico School division.
- Heather Thomson (Vice Principal) is moving to SAB from Archbishop Jordan Catholic School.

Textbooks Borrowed items must be returned to school by 3:00pm Monday, June 29.

Report Cards Report cards will be available through PowerSchool at noon on June 29.

New Students Welcome! New students may register by making an appointment with Principal Steve Tymko beginning on August 19. Please call the school office 587-744-0750 for support.

First Day of Classes Classes will commence on Tuesday, September 1st for all students.

Textbook Caution Fee Please be advised that a \$100.00 textbook caution fee is assessed upon initial

registration at the school. Students who have lost or damaged books must settle that account with the school each year. Caution fee refund cheques will be mailed out to students who are not returning and whose books have all been returned. **Caution Fee refunds will be mailed out in the fall.**

Final Word To those of you who are leaving SAB, especially our grads, we wish you the light of Christ as you set sail on a new journey. Please keep a special place in your heart for SAB and know that you have truly made a difference to all of us here. For those of you returning in the fall, we wish you a warm and relaxing summer filled with the Peace of Christ.

Steve Tymko, Principal

Fiona Wimmer, Assistant Principal