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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have finally reached the end of this most unusual school year. We could not be more proud of the outstanding efforts put forward by our students through the quarter system, quarantines, at home learning, AHS protocols and so much more. We appreciate you allowing our staff into your homes through google meets, accepting phone calls from admin on weekends to share quarantine rules with you, and always being a supportive and willing partner in your child's educational journey. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed.

As you read this newsletter we have begun preparations for next year already. For now we want you to know about a few key changes to our plans for the return of students to our building next fall.

- **Students will experience a staggered start across EICS on September 1 & 2 with 50% of the students in each grade attending in-person learning. Students with last names beginning with A-L will come on September 1; students with last names beginning with M-Z will come on September 2.**
- **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](#)).**
- **We expect students to have lockers once again this fall (yay!!)**
- **[School Supply Lists](#) - please click here to review the recommended supplies needed for your student next year.**

The school office will be open August 23-27, 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.- 3:30 p.m., for 2021-22 school year business.

Grade 9 and students new to SAB for an orientation – Wednesday, August 25 (9:00am -10:30am).

Orientation session begins at 9:00 am in the school gym. At this time, students will have a brief formal program in the gym, will receive timetables and locks, and have an opportunity to tour the building, ask questions, etc.

As of now, there will be no more schedule changes available to students this school year.

In mid-August, student schedules will be available in PowerSchool. Due to revisions we have made over the summer, some student timetables may have minor changes. Please make note of these. **A Google Form will be made available on August 23 for students wishing to make timetable changes at that time.** Please note, at this point, our timetable is very full and we will likely not be able to accommodate many requests. Nonetheless, requests for valid academic reasons will be strongly considered. More details outlining this will come in August.

*Students who wish to request an online course, can also do so in **August or September**.*

Staff Changes

Staff leaving:

- Michelle Bazin (Educational Assistant) is moving to Madonna Catholic School (EICS).
- Ashley Charlton (Teacher) is leaving us for new opportunities.
- Maddy Kozitzky (Teacher) is moving to St. Mary's Catholic School (EICS).
- Trish Mihal (Science Lab Tech) is leaving us for new opportunities.
- Cathy Mykitiuk (Educational Assistant) is retiring after a long and fulfilling career in EICS.
- Fiona Wimmer (Vice Principal) is moving to Archbishop Jordan High School (EICS).
- Elaan Zaleschuk (Teacher and CRC) is moving to Archbishop Jordan High School (EICS).

Joining our staff:

- Brooklyn Chase (Teacher) is joining our staff next year.
- Caroline Dux (Secretary) is joining our staff next year from St Theresa Catholic School (EICS).
- Liane Gingras (Educational Assistant) is joining our staff next year.
- Aaron Holba (Teacher) is joining our staff next year from Holy Redeemer (EICS).
- Shelby Klotz (Teacher) is joining us from Archbishop Jordan High School (EICS).
- Sheri McCoy (Educational Assistant) is joining our staff next year.
- Scott Walker (Vice Principal) is moving to SAB from St Mary's Catholic School (EICS).

Textbooks Please return all textbooks by the end of this week to avoid being charged for them.

Report Cards Report cards will be available through PowerSchool during the afternoon of June 28.

New Students Welcome! New students may register by making an appointment with Principal Steve Tymko beginning on August 23. Please call the school office 587-744-0750 for support.

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.**

Picture Day is September 3.

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