

August 17, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians;

I hope that all of our Sacred Heart families have had the opportunity to have a relaxing and fun filled summer! As was announced by the Ministry of Education, the initial plan for September's return to school has the intention of entering school in Stage 2 for the 2020 – 2021 school year. I would encourage you to read the information provided from the Ministry of Education at [https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/covid-19-return-to-school - health-safety](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/covid-19-return-to-school-health-safety) to view their plan in detail.

The Ministry of Education has provided preliminary information in regard to the safety protocols and procedures that will need to be in place for the beginning of the school year. This is inclusive of documentation that has been provided by WorkSafe BC, in order to ensure the safety of all staff and students at the school. However, we still await further information from the Ministry of Education regarding the operating guidelines for schools in the Province of British Columbia. As this information is received from the Ministry, I will be working on Sacred Heart School's Return to School Plan for approval on August 21st, 2020. Parents / Guardians can then expect to receive information from the school on or before August 26th, 2020.

As most of you know, the Ministry of Education has also given schools the option to delay the start of school from September 8th, 2020 to September 10th, 2020 in order to facilitate appropriate orientation of staff to the numerous safety measures that will be in place. However, we are still awaiting information from the Ministry of Education on the impacts of our school calendar for the duration of the school. Therefore, further information regarding the start date will be provided as soon as feasibly possible.

I would like to thank all of you for your patience as we work towards the reopening of Sacred Heart School in a safe manner. Please ensure that you check your email, and our school website at <http://www.shspg.com/> for all of our updates. I look forward to seeing you all back here in September!

Best regards,



Bryan MacLean

Principal