



RESTART PLAN

On Friday May 15 the BC Government announced a return to in-class instruction within the school environment for all K-12 schools in the province. Our schools have received guidelines and protocols from the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, Worksafe BC and CISVA for supporting the health and safety of staff and students during the return to school. The return to in-class instruction is based on the current epidemiology of COVID-19 in B.C., which now indicates a greatly reduced risk of community transmission.

Our Schedule

Since April 1 we have been delivering online instruction, with administration, office staff and custodians working here at the school and most teachers and educational assistants teaching from home. This delivery model will continue during the week of May 19-22.

For the week of May 25-29 online instruction will continue with all staff members returning to the school and teaching from their classrooms. During this time our staff will be trained in the implementation of the health and safety protocols to be followed during the students’ return to school. We will have a special late start schedule on Monday May 25 to facilitate in-person staff meetings. This special schedule will be emailed to staff, parents and students.

For the weeks of June 1-5 and June 8-12 students will return to school **in uniform** for in-class instruction one day per week in accordance with the Ministry of Education’s plan. This will provide staff and students with one final class to see each other in person. **The bell schedule will remain the same as it has been for online instruction.** The schedule for each grade will be as follows:

Monday June 1 DAY 1 ONLINE SCHEDULE Gr 12 in school other grades online	Tuesday June 2 DAY 2 ONLINE SCHEDULE Gr 11 in school Other grades online	Wednesday June 3 DAY 1 ONLINE SCHEDULE Gr 10 in school other grades online	Thursday June 4 DAY 2 ADVISORY/MASS Gr 9 in school other grades online	Friday June 5 DAY 1 ONLINE SCHEDULE Gr 8 in school other grades online
Monday June 8 DAY 2 ONLINE SCHEDULE Gr 12 in school other grades online	Tuesday June 9 DAY 1 ONLINE SCHEDULE Gr 11 in school Other grades online	Wednesday June 10 DAY 2 ONLINE SCHEDULE Gr 10 in school other grades online	Thursday June 11 DAY 1 ADVISORY/MASS Gr 9 in school other grades online	Friday June 12 DAY 2 ONLINE SCHEDULE Gr 8 in school other grades online

The last day for all instruction will be Friday June 12.

On Monday June 15, Grade 12s will come to the school to cross the stage and receive their diplomas. This will be recorded and broadcast during our virtual commencement on Monday June 22. Information concerning graduation activities will be sent home very shortly.

On Tuesday June 16 and Wednesday June 17, students who have not attended classes will be asked to come in to return books, clean out their lockers and take everything home.

June 15-17 are also set aside for students to finish up any outstanding work and get it into teachers.

Marks are due at 9:00 A.M. on June 18.



Health & Safety Precautions

Acting on the recommendations from the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, Worksafe BC and CISVA, our school has implemented the following health and safety precautions:

Facility Measures

- ✓ Our building has been cleaned regularly throughout the current closure due to the pandemic.
- ✓ General cleaning and disinfecting of the school will continue to be completed once a day.
- ✓ Frequently-touched surfaces will continue to be cleaned and disinfected twice a day.
- ✓ This includes door handles and push bars, handrails, light switches, toilet handles, tables, desks, chairs, computer keyboards, and photocopiers.
- ✓ We use common commercially-available detergents and disinfectant products.
- ✓ Teachers will disinfect student tables after each class.
- ✓ Garbage containers will continue to be emptied daily.
- ✓ All entry to the main building will be via the front doors on Level 3 and the east side door on Level 3. These doors will be cleaned throughout the day. Other doors will remain locked.
- ✓ The washrooms on Level 1 and in the Science Wing will be closed. The washrooms on Levels 2, 3 and 4 and the Convent will remain open and will be cleaned throughout the day.
- ✓ The water fountains will be disabled but the water filler stations will remain in service.

Personal Measures

- ✓ Administrators will ensure that staff are aware of their responsibility to assess themselves daily for symptoms of common cold, influenza, or COVID-19 prior to entering the school.
- ✓ Staff will assess themselves daily for symptoms of common cold, influenza, or COVID-19 prior to entering the school.
- ✓ Parents and caregivers will assess their child daily for symptoms of common cold, influenza, or COVID-19 prior to sending them to school.
- ✓ Staff and students who have symptoms of COVID-19 OR travelled outside Canada in the last 14 days OR were identified as a close contact of a confirmed case or outbreak must stay home and self-isolate for 14 days.
- ✓ Parents will be asked to take their students home if they exhibit cold or flu-like symptoms.
- ✓ Staff and students will be asked to stay home if they have cold or flu-like symptoms.
Please note that the school has no role for checking temperatures or testing for COVID-19. These tasks are reserved for health care professionals. We will monitor for visible symptoms.
- ✓ All staff and students entering the building will clean their hands using the hand sanitizer stations provided.
- ✓ Parents and other guests dropping off or picking up materials will continue to be limited to the vestibule inside the front doors on Level 3.
- ✓ Students will be limited to one grade per day in the building for in-class instruction.
- ✓ Staff and students will be limited to no more than 50 people in one area at a time.
- ✓ Classrooms have been reconfigured for adequate spacing with 15-16 per room.
- ✓ Students will be reminded to practice physical distancing (no handshakes or hugs).
- ✓ Students will be reminded not to share drinks or food. The kitchen will be closed.
- ✓ Students will be reminded not to share writing instruments, or electronic devices.
- ✓ “There is no evidence that the COVID-19 virus is transmitted via textbooks, paper or other paper-based products. As such, there is no need to limit the distribution of books or paper-based educational resources to students because of COVID-19.” (*BCCDC COVID-19 Guidance for K-12 Schools, page 5*)
- ✓ “The BC Centre for Disease Control guidance for K-12 school settings is that personal protective equipment, such as masks and gloves are not needed for in-class instruction. There is no evidence to support the use of masks in school settings at this time.” (*BCCDC COVID-19 Guidance for K-12 Schools, page 8*)
- ✓ While staff and students will be permitted to wear these if desired, they will not be required.



Further Information

As we prepare to return to in-class instruction for the remaining two weeks of classes, it is important for all staff and students to be mindful of heightened anxiety during this time, and to continue to be respectful of each other.

The best way to mitigate any anxiety and to stay healthy is to be well-informed with respect to the present risk level and how the virus is transmitted or not transmitted.

It is important to remember that the virus is transmitted primarily via liquid droplets when a person coughs or sneezes. The virus can enter via these droplets through the eyes, nose or throat if you are in close contact. This risk is minimized through avoidance of touching your face, and physical distancing (the recommendation is six feet apart).

The virus can also be spread by touch if a person has used their hands to cover their mouth or nose when they cough. This risk is minimized by coughing or sneezing into your arm, avoidance of touching your face, and washing your hands regularly.

The virus is not known to be airborne (e.g. transmitted through the particles floating in the air) and it is not something that comes in through the skin. Chairs and stools are therefore not a concern.

Note: There is no role for screening students or staff for symptoms, checking temperatures, or COVID-19 testing. Such activities are reserved for health care professionals.

As of Thursday May 22 our province is now down to 307 active cases or 0.0061 per cent of the provincial population, so the risk of community transmission is very low. The rate of transmission has been even significantly lower than this among the 12-18 year age group. This has been the primary consideration in the government's decision to return K-12 education to in-class instruction effective June 1, 2020.

It is also worth noting that since early April there have been approximately 5,000 students receiving in-class instruction in our province. In our own school, our administration and support staff have been working here since April 1, and approximately six teachers have been teaching their online classes here at school.

Bring A Backpack

When students return to school on or after June 1, they will be asked to vacate their lockers and use a backpack at school. This recommendation is intended to eliminate the challenge of physical distancing at lockers.

Bring Your Own Device

It would be very helpful if students who have their own devices (defined as a laptop computer or tablet with keyboard) can bring them to school to reduce distribution, collection and potential sharing of devices. This will be a requirement for all students next year.

It would also be helpful if students can bring their own earbuds or headphones to school, in the event that it is necessary to accommodate some students from different classes in the same room.



Conclusion

We wish to commend our staff and students for everything they have done to complete the school year during difficult circumstances. They have had to adjust to an entirely new way of delivering instruction and it has required a lot of effort and time to execute.

The Ministry of Education has described this return to in-class instruction as voluntary for parents and students. However, we look forward to seeing as many of our students as possible back in school for the final two weeks of classes. We will be sending out additional information concerning graduation, textbook collection and locker cleanout, and report card/yearbook distribution in the weeks to come.

Important Dates

Monday June 15	times t.b.a.	Presentation of Diplomas
Tuesday June 16	times t.b.a.	Textbook Collection/Locker Cleanout
Wednesday June 17	times t.b.a.	Textbook Collection/Locker Cleanout
Thursday June 18	9:00 A.M.	Marks Due to Office
Monday June 22	7:00 P.M.	Virtual Commencement
Thursday June 25	time t.b.a.	Report Card/Yearbook Distribution

Sincerely,

Mr. J. Campbell
Principal

Mr. C. Campbell
Vice-Principal

Mr. T. Horton
Vice-Principal

Further Reading

If you are unsure whether or not you may have the virus, you can refer to this self-assessment tool for B.C. residents: <https://bc.thrive.health/covid19/en>

The following documents are provided for further reading. They form the basis of our safety plan and they provide the most accurate and current information with respect to mitigating the virus in a school setting:

BC Centre for Disease Control Guidance for K-12 School Settings

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/covid-19/covid-19_k-12_school_guidance_-_2020_may_15_-_final.pdf

Ministry of Education K-12 Education Restart Plan

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/safe-caring-orderly/k-12-education-restart-plan.pdf>

Ministry of Education Health & Safety Guidelines for K-12 Setting

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/safe-caring-orderly/k-12-covid-19-health-safety-guidelines.pdf>

Worksafe BC K-12 Education Protocols

<https://www.worksafebc.com/en/about-us/covid-19-updates/covid-19-returning-safe-operation/education>