



*École Frère Antoine Catholic Elementary School*

# *Le Messenger*

2850 Mill Woods Rd. Edmonton, AB T6K 4A1

Phone: 780-463-2957 Fax: 780-461-9195

[www.frereantoine.ecsd.net](http://www.frereantoine.ecsd.net)

## **August 2021 Welcome to School Information**

We are looking forward to meeting with our students, especially those who have been online. We also thank all returning parents for their much-appreciated collaboration and diligence last year.

In addition to [ESCD's Back To School Plan](#) webpage with its many helpful links (emailed August 16<sup>th</sup>), EFA strives to mitigate the risk of COVID and to be proactive by informing our parents.

For your convenience the following information regarding masking is included here. Please clarify for your child what to do with their mask when they go outdoors and students are asked to put their mask prior to entering the school.

### **WEARING MASKS**

The Government of Alberta has made it clear that although masking requirements have eased in many settings, school divisions have been given the authority to take a more cautious approach. We want to continue to ensure we are doing everything we can to make our schools safe for our students and staff to focus on learning. The plan stresses our ability to continually review and adapt our safety measures with the goal of eventually removing all extraordinary protocols when it is reasonable and safe for everyone. The risks of COVID-19 will dramatically decrease as the public and students, 12 and over, get vaccinated.

#### **100 Voices, Kindergarten to Grade 3**

- Continuing from last year, masks remain strongly recommended.
- Masks are mandatory on the yellow school bus.

#### **Grades 4-12**

- Continuing from last year, students must wear masks in all common areas, the yellow school bus, and all Division provided transportation. Masks remain strongly recommended during class time.
- Students are not required to wear masks outdoors, but physical distancing is encouraged.

#### **Staff and Visitors**

- All school staff must wear masks in all common areas, the yellow school bus, and all Division provided transportation. Masks remain strongly recommended during class time.
- All visitors are required to make appointments, use the daily screening checklist, and remain masked for the duration of their visit.
- At this time, volunteers are not allowed to work directly with students.

**Grade 1 to 6 teachers will email a *Welcome Letter* to the parent of their students on Tuesday, August 31<sup>st</sup> which you should receive by 3 pm.  
Please check your clutter or junk folder.**

**If you have not received an email for your child by 4:00,  
please call the school and we will answer placement questions until 6 pm.**

**September 1<sup>st</sup> supervision begins at 7:52, first bell at 8:07, class begins at 8:12.**

**Our Staff looks forward to welcoming back our students.** It is much appreciated that parents know the child's teacher's name when you call, and these are listed by the name the students will use.

Teachers	HR
Mme Labbe	Music
Mme Lepage	00A/ 00B
Mme Rose-Marie	00C
Mme Gabby	1A
Mme Madzo	1C
Mme Julie	1D
M. Albert	2A
Mme Marie-Claude	2B
Mme Ellis	2C
Mme Steff	3A
Mme Katryna	3B
Mme Stephanie	3C
Mme Quintin	4A
Mme Catharine	4C
M. D'Astous	4B
M. D'Astous	5B
Mme Collins	5A
Mme Alwan	5C
Mme Manon	6A
Mme Liles (Also our Learning Coach)	6A
M. Correia	6B

### First Day of School

The first day of school for Grades 1 - 6 is Wednesday, September 1st. Kindergarten will have staggered entry either on Wednesday, September 1st or Friday, September 3rd. Regular Kindergarten program and Kindergarten bussing starts on Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.

Supervision will begin at **7:52** a.m. Please plan to have you child at school prior to the 8:07 bell. Kindergarten students enter at 8:05. There is no staggered entry time this year.

There will be signs outside at each designated grade level door (map below). The first bell will ring at **8:07 a.m.** and classes will begin at **8:12 a.m.**

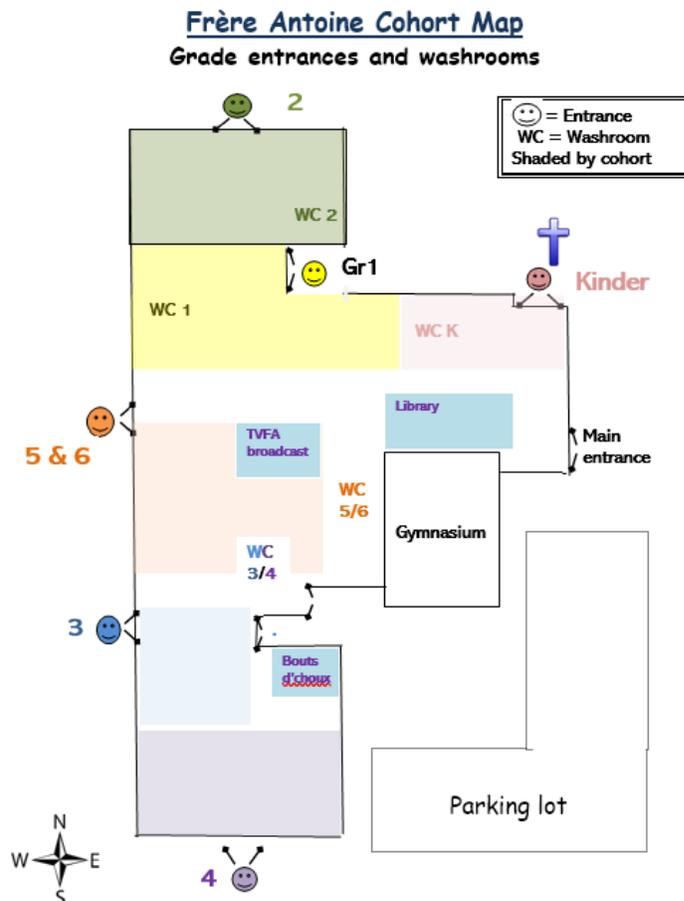
When the bell rings, grade 3 to 6 students will leave the north tarmac area and entry through their grade level door, grade 1 and 2 students will line up at their class pylon outside their grade level door and teachers will invite one homeroom in at a time.

Both playgrounds are closed before and after school at least until the September 27<sup>th</sup> COVID protocol update. Students are asked to always enter and exit the school through their designated doors unless they have arrive late.

### School Events:

In September school events, such as Welcome Message, Welcome Mass, the Terry Fox pre-activity, and Orange Shirt Day will be broadcasted to class via TVFA rather than by an assembly in the gym. We will phase assemblies back to school life by grade level of division once it is allowed.

We look forward to having field trips at some point over the course of the year and will not book any in September.



### Arrival Procedures:

Designate doors for entry, exits are by grade level consistently throughout the day on the map and in order for to continue to support propre and consistent hand hygiene.

Kinder, Grade 1 and 2 students wait near their designate door in the morning.

Grades 3 to 6 students are supervised at the North end of the tarmac school in the morning until the first bell for the morning only.

During extreme weather, such as severe cold or rain, students will be able to enter inside at their designated door as they arrive once supervision starts at 7:52.

### **Dismissal Procedures:**

Kindergarten students must be picked up at the Kinder door. Grade 1 & 2 students meeting a parent are asked to wait at the *blue cross* to be picked up and all other students and their parents are asked to meet of along the inside of the fence. Please leave the gate are free for bussed students to pass. Gr 1 students will be accompanied by teachers for the first few weeks. Grades 3 to 6 students must walk around to their doors via the playground areas, this also permits students be more staggered in their exit of the school at the end of day for bussing and pick up.

We are looking forward to the return of safety patrollers at the cross walk and hope to have both a morning and afternoon presence this year.

For student safety, teacher supervision will be provided in this area for 15 minutes after the bell. After the 3 pm departure of the busses, students will be escorted from the *blue cross and fenced area* to the foyer of the school. Parents will be asked to sign students out in the office if they are picked up.

### **Common Areas and items:**

Students are asked to mask in indoor common areas, as per ECSD letter, and will be hand sanitizing prior to using equipment in the gym, musical instruments, class and library books. They will also use prope hand hygiene prior to using devices.

Hallways will be directional and marked for students to keep to the right. Washrooms are assigned to grade levels. Under provincial guidelines, water fountains can continue operating. Students are encouraged to refill water bottles from the fountain.

Washrooms, fountains, and other high touch areas of the school, will be cleaned and disinfected several times throughout the day by our custodian.

Any devices students have access to at school is a tool for learning, EFA School Council has supported learning generously so that students are not required to bring in their own devices. Please view the student agenda that will be handed out during the first week for more details. Personal devices will not be permitted during lunch or recess: these are times for in person socializing. Toys are strictly prohibited, please occasionally check your child's backpack. Students must be able to open all lunch items independently. We also now have 2 water bottle filling stations in the school.

### **EFA is a Closed Campus:**

Parents can enter the school if they are required as part of the educational programming needs of the school (ex. Medical injections, learning supports, etc), upon appointment.

We encourage parents to have children develop organizational habits and check that they have all they require for school in their school backpack, i.e. lunch, school materials, water bottle and proper clothes for the weather.

All will also be required to sign into the Visitor Log.

All visitors must be screened using the Screening Questionnaire developed by AB Education before entering the school, wear a mask and hand sanitizer upon entry. Non-essential persons are not allowed into a school and continue to not allow outside food being delivered to school,

including lunch deliveries (ie: Skip the Dishes). Reminder to parents that birthdays are celebrated in class without treats from home.

Please email teachers with all questions or concerns about your child; allow 24hrs for a response as teachers have many supervisions during the day due to COVID sanitizations.

### [Emergency procedures](#)

We will continue to practice emergency drills, such as fire drills or lockdowns that reflect COVID-19 safety protocols.