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To:
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Dear Parents/Guardians:

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Good afternoon.

It was a very exciting first day back! It was wonderful to see all those smiling eyes and to see the joy and laughter back in the classes ... and if it was going to rain, I guess the first day of school would be a good day this year?

Thank you for all your patience with us as we continue to be responsive to needs and changes. We are currently short staffed and are in the process of hiring. We hope to have people in place as quickly as possible. We also had a fairly large change in student numbers over the summer and so we will look to organize classes once we have confirmed our registration numbers.

Our school times for 2021-2022 are:

- **Kindergarten** – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 8:25-11:30
 - **Kindergarten Only:** Our kindergarten students will attend a full morning of classes starting on Tuesday, September 7. Friday, September 3 is still staggered entry.

- **Grades 1-6** – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 8:25 – 3:08
 - Thursday: 8:25 – 11:34

A reminder that our doors will open to students at 8:15 am. Students will enter their doors a few students per time to allow for sanitizing and keeping coat rooms less crowded. At the end of the day, your child can be picked up from the same door.

As per the division email on Monday, August 30th, all students MUST wear a mask in grades Kindergarten to grade 6. We will only accept medical doctor notes of exemption. We do schedule in opportunities for optional mask-free time safely so that students get a bit of a break from their masks.

Parent/Guardians must still make an appointment to visit the school and are also required to wear a mask.

Please see the link to the attachment for the screening of your child(ren) should they not feel well. Students will be sent home if they are showing any signs of illness.

Our school supply list can be found on our school website [here](#). Please have your child's items clearly labeled with their name including clothing, school bag and/or lunch bag. If you have older school supplies that are in **good** condition, Katherine Therrien supports the reuse of supplies. **Please note:** Students are expected to have headphones. **We will NOT be allowing students to use earbuds for safety reasons.** Headphones are not a part of the school fees this year, however, you can still purchase them from the office at a minimal cost.

Please remember to send your child with indoor shoes. All students are required to remove their outdoor shoes and change into indoor shoes. Indoor shoes should be ones that can be used safely for gym class. With the wet weather of today, we recommend that all students have appropriate footwear for the wet fields. Students will be going outside for recess as well as during times in the afternoon. Students should also have an additional pair of socks and possibly pants in case they get wet from being outside.

Please find below links to some other information from our school community:

- [September 2021 Calendar of Events](#)
- [Note from St. Edmund Parish](#)
- [Going back to school during CoVID \(Alberta Health Services\)](#)
- [Student Yellow-bus Manual](#)

Please also check your email for grade specific information from your child's classroom teacher should there be any.

Sincerely,

Ms. J. Hertlein & Mrs. C. Letwin,

Administration, Katherine Therrien



Rooted in faith, we are committed to student-centered learning and empowering children to use their minds, hearts and hands to serve others as disciples of Jesus.

Attached Files

[covid-19-information-alberta-health-daily-checklist-2021-08 \(1\).pdf](#)

[Going Back to School During COVID-19 - Fall 2021.pdf](#)

[Parish note to schools Sept 2021.pdf](#)

[September2021Events.pdf](#)

[Student Transportation Manual.pdf](#)



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