



St. Anne Elementary School

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Hello Everyone!

We hope you've had a wonderful summer! Below you will find some information for the upcoming school year. Thank you to all of you who have responded with your choice as to whether your child(ren) will be attending school in person, or if you're choosing to begin the year with online learning. If you still haven't had a chance to communicate that choice, please feel free to either email me directly at Nicole.grossman@ecsd.net or log into your PowerSchool account and make your selection there. While you do have until August 28th to communicate this information, the sooner that we have it will help us to better plan for the upcoming school year.

This year we will begin the year with a staggered entry approach. Students in Kindergarten, Grade One and Grade Two will attend school on **Wednesday, September 2nd** for the whole day. They will not be attending on Thursday. Please send lunch and snacks with them on this day. School will begin at 8:30 and finish at 2:53. Bussing will continue as usual. Students in Grade Three, Grade Four, Grade Five and Grade Six will attend school for their first day on **Thursday, September 3rd**. As with all of our Thursdays throughout the school year, the day will begin at 8:30 and dismissal will be at 11:57. Please send students to school with a snack on this day. Bussing will continue as usual. Please note that there won't be school for students on **Friday, September 5th** as school staff will be engaging in Professional Development.

On their first day back, students will learn which entrance to use to enter the building. We will plan to have the doors labelled that morning for your convenience. Please note that parents/caregivers will not be allowed to enter the school. If you have to pick up your child early, etc., please call the office (780)478-3288 and use the front entrance.

Students in grades 3 and up will be required to wear masks, and we will be encouraging students in lower grades to do so at specific times. Please send your child(ren) with a mask their first day back. Two masks for each student will be provided by the government, but we ask that you send them with one the first day to ensure they have them. Masks should be washed daily, and students must bring a mask to school each day. I would recommend purchasing additional masks for your child(ren) to use throughout the year on top of the two that will be provided.

Students that are exhibiting any symptoms of COVID 19, must stay at home. Any students that exhibits symptoms while at school will be kept in a secure area, and parents will be contacted to pick them up

immediately. Further information can be found here <https://www.alberta.ca/coronavirus-info-for-albertans.aspx>.

High touch surfaces will be cleaned regularly, and students will have access to hand sanitizer in each of their entrances as well as their classrooms. Hand washing will be encouraged on a very regular basis. Recesses and breaks will be staggered so that smaller groups are out together. Students will eat lunch in their classrooms, and as always, there won't be access to microwaves for their food.

School supplies can be brought to school on the first day. We ask that these are all labelled ahead of time as they won't be shared. If you haven't had a chance to purchase supplies as of yet, here is a link to the supply lists: <https://www.ecsd.net/8042/page/4178/school-supply-lists> Please don't stress if you haven't had a chance to purchase them before the first day. We also have access to a limited number of additional supplies at the school if you need the support. Please call or send an email and we can get those assembled for you.

Online learning will be supported for all students through St. Anne. This will allow for synchronous learning to occur throughout the year. For those that have chosen to begin the year online or in person, you will have a few opportunities to adjust to do what's best for your family. More information on these dates can be found in the Division Plan for Re-Entry which is available through the Edmonton Catholic Schools website. Additional information regarding online learning for St. Anne School will be sent home in the upcoming days. Please note that bussing won't change throughout the year... that means that if you choose online learning and have signed up for the bus, your spot is still there.

In preparation for returning to school, we would like to encourage you to have your child(ren) practice wearing their mask. Please remind them about the importance of washing their hands throughout the day, and before and after they put on and remove their masks. Here is a video that you can watch together to help with this:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=RQ5qysjkgGw&feature=youtu.be>

We know this is a lot of information to process, and there will be more to come. We look forward to welcoming our students back in person, and online. School will look a little different this year, but we are excited to get back to connecting with our students.

As always, please email me if you have any questions or concerns. The office will re-open on Monday, August 24 from 9-12 and 1-3.

Enjoy the last bit of summer! We can't wait to see everyone!

God Bless.

Nicole Grossman
Principal
St. Anne School.