

January 10, 2022

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome back! We are thrilled to be back to in-person learning and are overjoyed to welcome your children back to school. With a continued partnership, between home and school, we are hopeful that we will remain in-person learning for the remainder of the school year.

The intent of this letter is to serve as a reminder of the COVID-19 health measures that our school will continue to have in place, as well as those measures that you as parents can do to help accomplish our goal of remaining with in person learning. We appreciate working in team with you as we continue to reduce risk of spread and keep our staff and students safe. Once we receive the rapid test kits and masks from Alberta Education they will be sent home with your child/children, we are anticipating and hoping that the first shipment will arrive by the end of this week, January 15th.

Continued Enhanced Health Measures at school:

- 1. Hand Hygiene: washing hands/ hand sanitizing continues to be one of the most effective ways to reduce spread.
- 2. Staff will ensure to do their daily health checks and will stay home if they are sick.
- 3. All staff, grade 4 and 5 students will wear their masks.
- 4. Mid-day disinfecting throughout the school (high-touch surfaces).
- 5. Cohorting students along with staggered entry/dismissal and recess times.
- 6. NEW: All outside speakers/presenters are cancelled for the month of January.

Home Health Measures:

- 1. Continue to do a daily health check each morning with your child and keep them home if they are sick. We ask that you review this <u>checklist</u> every morning before sending your child to school.
- 2. Notify the school if your child will be absent, the reason for their absence, including type of illness.
- 3. Notify school if your child has tested positive for COVID-19. Please know that this information remains confidential and is voluntary, this assists us with evaluating and determining next steps.
- 4. Chief Medical Officer strongly recommends Pre-K to Gr. 3 students wear a mask at school
- 5. Chief Medical Officer recommends parents complete an at home rapid test (as provided by Alberta Education) twice per week with their child/children. Government of Alberta Information here.

We thank you for working alongside us during this time. The safety of our students and staff continue to be a priority as we take direction from the Alberta Government, the Chief Medical Officer and our Superintendent of Schools. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact your administrative team at the school. We will continue to seek God's guidance as we navigate together through these unprecedented times.

God bless and stay safe, Rori-Lynn Daniel / Stacey Martz Holy Family School Administration Team