August 26, 2020

Dear St Basil Families:

We are excited to welcome your children back to the classroom in September. Thank you for your continued patience and understanding as we navigate these unchartered waters to get our school ready for the upcoming year. **Please Note: This message is for students who are attending in-class learning only and does not apply to students who have opted for our remote learning program. Separate information and registration guidelines will be forthcoming.**

As you know, our students will experience significant change when they arrive back at school. To make the transition easier and to ensure all students have a practical understanding of our enhanced health and safety protocols, we will be implementing a **staggered entry approach for in-class school start-up.**

A staggered approach to school start-up will provide the opportunity for us to review health and safety practices as well as new school protocols and routines with our students before the full complement of students return. This approach allows for staff to be available to support our students’ successful integration into the new school environment. Our goal is to ensure students can develop comfort in their new routines within small groups.

**Students will return to school in small groups based on alphabet surname to help us achieve the goal of everyone feeling safe with new protocols. Students will remain at school for the regular school day (9am-3:20pm) This will begin on Tuesday, September 8, 2020. All in-class students JK to Grade 8 will be fully returned to school at full capacity by Wednesday, September 16th. Please see the chart below to determine when your children will come:**

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| Monday  Sept. 7 | Tuesday  Sept. 8 | | Wednesday  Sept. 9 | | Thursday  Sept. 10 | | Friday  Sept. 11 | | |
| LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY | All students in JK-8 with **surnames A- D**  (approx. ¼ of the school) | | All students in JK-8 with **surnames E-L**  (approx. ¼ of the school) | | All students in JK-8 with **surnames M-P**  (approx. ¼ of the school) | | All students in JK-8 with **surnames Q-Z**  (approx. ¼ of the school) | | |
| Monday  Sept. 14 | | | Tuesday  Sept. 14 | | Wednesday  Sept. 14 | | Thursday  Sept. 14 | | Friday  Sept. 14 |
| All students in JK-8 with **surnames A-L**  (approx. 1/2 of the school) | | | All students in JK-8 with **surnames M- Z**  (approx. 1/2 of the school) | | **All students** | | **All students** | | **All students** |

Staggered entry does not apply to students with significant special education needs as it may be essential for those students to attend on all days. These are students who require significant ongoing assistance throughout the entire school day. We welcome these students back to school beginning on Tuesday, September 8th. As well, in the cases of blended families or differing surnames, we kindly ask that you advise us which name/schedule you will follow as we recognize it is best for your family to all come on one day.

**Next week, you will receive an email from your child’s teacher introducing themselves to you, and communicating to you the particulars of their classroom routines, supplies required etc. They will also be outside on the morning of your child’s first day to greet your child.**

Additionally, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school during office hours beginning Monday, August 31, 2020.

Kind Regards

Lisa Kuyper

Principal