



August 14, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are excited to open the school year at EMDYS, we have missed seeing our students tremendously. We will be working hard to establish a new normal while also striving to ensure the health and safety of students and staff to the best of our ability.

The upcoming school year has a lot of uncertainty and changes. We have received direction from the province and the division in regards to health and safety during the pandemic. We will face challenges and new experiences in our education but trust that EMDYS will come together as a community to support one another through it all.

Charlie Bouchard, our superintendent sent a survey to parents in regards to options for the delivery of education for the 2020-2021 school year. We appreciate you taking the time to complete this survey. Thank you for your patience as we finalize re-entry plans based on the information gathered from these surveys. We will endeavor to communicate these plans as quickly as possible before startup based on the guidelines prepared by Alberta Education.

For those attending in person, please note the important information below:

Re-Entry Plan

- Please visit <https://www.starcatholic.ab.ca/school-re-entry-info-for-parents> for the most up to date re-entry plan. EMDYS will provide a more site specific plan closer to startup.

Staggered Entry

- **Grade 7-9 Only September 1st** -Safety Procedure will be explained to all students through homerooms and administration.
- **Grade 5-6 Only September 2nd**-Safety Procedure will be explained to all students through homerooms and administration.
- **All students attend September 3rd**

Backstage Pass Cancelled

- Typically to ease into the school year, drop off supplies, and meet teachers, students are able to come with parents a few days early. Based on AHS guidelines we will be cancelling this event.

No Lockers

- To aid in limiting congregation of large groups, students will not have access to lockers. Please bring all required materials in backpacks for school. Students can hang their coats and backpack on their chairs in their assigned cohort classroom. Please consider staggering the amount of supplies sent so that bags are a reasonable weight.

Additional information will be coming out following an emergent meeting next week with our division.

Sincerely,

Jordan Robinson
EMDYS Principal