



St. Dominic Catholic High School

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Dear Parents/ Guardians and students,

As we welcome you back to another school year, we hope that your summer was peaceful, safe, and restful. After receiving clear direction from our school board, and speaking with our staff, we are ready to share our plan for the first few weeks of school. Please take a moment to consider the following information.

Staggered Start:

Because St. Dominic is a new facility to so many students, we will be starting in a slightly different way this year. Our hope is that this will allow our newest students to meet our staff, gather their timetables, and get used to being in a new building. Because of this, we have made some changes to the first two days of the school calendar.

- **Wed, Sep 1: GRADE 9 students ONLY.** Students will be welcomed into their homeroom classes, meet staff members, go through safety protocols, be given timetables, do a library orientation, & explore our student handbook. **Class lists will be posted in our gathering area**, so students will know where to go. Students will also experience their full timetable in a condensed fashion, so that they know where to go when the rest of the students return on the following day, and have plenty of opportunity to ask questions.
- **Thurs, Sep 2: ALL STUDENTS,** grades 9-12, will be welcomed into their classrooms. Grade 9 students will proceed with a typical schedule. Grade 10-12 students will start with homerooms. **If any students are new or unsure of what to do**, please come to the office.
- **Fri, Sep 3:** Regular Classes for all students.

Safety measures:

You may have received a notification which was shared with our parents and guardians regarding our school [Re-Entry plan from Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools](#). This information outlines the guidance provided by Alberta Health and Alberta Education, and our division's continued efforts to provide a safe and caring environment for our staff, students and community members. Additionally, a support document that outlines our [Frequently Asked Questions](#) was provided, which will help you answer common questions about illness, hygiene, masking, etc.

We want to thank you all for the tremendous cooperation and understanding this past school year, and we know we can count on all of you to work with us this year. We understand and respect that there are a range of opinions, emotions and concerns over a new school year with COVID-19 still a factor in our lives. We also know that all of us have a role in ensuring a safe and healthy school year, which again includes staying home when you are sick. Please know, we will continue to

monitor the situation in our school and will work with local health officials to minimize the spread of COVID-19.

We wish you all a great school year. As our new division theme for 2021 states: “**Be Strong, Be Brave, Be Fearless. You Are Never Alone.**” We will continue to work alongside you to navigate this school year. If you have any questions, please contact us at the school, or contact your classroom teacher for specific information regarding the start of the 2021-2022 school year.

God bless,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "L MacKenzie".

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