



# 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 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:

Last year we started our first few days a little bit differently than in previous years by welcoming our grade 9 students a day earlier than other grades. This change, called a staggered start, allowed us a chance to meet many new faces, and gave students a chance to familiarize themselves with our staff, our school, and our schedule. Based on very positive feedback from both parents and students, we have decided to try this again. Here is what the first few days of September will look like;

- **Thurs, Sep 1: GRADE 9 students ONLY.** Students will be welcomed into their homeroom classes at 8:40am, 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. Students will be released at 3:30pm.
- **Fri, 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 in ANY GRADE are new or unsure of what to do,** please come to the office, and we will help.
- **Mon, Sep 5: Labour Day - no school**
- **Tues, Sep 6:** Regular Classes for all students.

We wish you all a great school year. As our new division faith theme for 2022 states, we are “**Inspired by Christ on a Journey to Encounter.**” We thank you in advance for continuing to work alongside us and remind you that if you have any questions, please contact us at the school office.

God bless,

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

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