

September 4, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We thank you for your patience in these challenging times. We've been doing our very best to provide you with the information you need in a timely manner.

The transportation routes have been shared with parents this week via the parent portal.

Student schedules have also been released on the parent portal for middle and senior year students. Early years students have received or will receive their class assignments directly from their school.

The senior years schools have redone the schedules to ensure cohorting. We recognize that students may have timetables that are different than what they expected. While no student-initiated timetable changes can be accommodated, please know that the schools are continuing to work to maximize the schedule and that graduation plans are being carefully monitored to ensure that all requirements are met. All schools have posted Semester 1; some schools may not yet have communicated Semester 2 but are continuing to plan and this will be communicated to parents and students.

Please be advised that students in Grade 4 and above, as well as teachers and staff and approved visitors are mandated to wear a non-medical mask in common areas throughout schools and when physical distancing of two metres is not possible. Younger students can wear masks, too. Extra masks are available at all schools for those who forget their mask. As well, all school bus passengers, including the driver, are required to wear a non-medical mask.

Please see the following link for more information on proper mask use:

[https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/covid/docs/mask\\_guidance.pdf](https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/covid/docs/mask_guidance.pdf)

For additional resources for parents, please see the province's Welcoming Our Students Back website:

<https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/covid/index.html>

We're encouraged by the resilience we've seen in our school communities and it's inspiring how everyone from school staff to parents to administration are pulling together to make things work. Thank you again for your patience, and we look forward working together with you to help your children thrive during these unprecedented times.



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