



River East Collegiate

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Welcome Kodiak Families

With the start of a new school year, we are looking forward to welcoming our new and returning students. We understand you and your child may have questions pertaining to the changes necessary to ensure the safety of all students. We hope that this communication provides the answers to those questions.

In August, 2021 Manitoba Education/Public Health announced the plans for reopening schools in Manitoba. This plan reflects the importance of safety, health and wellbeing while ensuring reasonable plans are in place to minimize the risk of transmission and exposure to the virus in schools.

Cohorts and Student Movement Plans

The movement of students and staff within the school will be minimized as it is critical to maintain physical distancing as much as possible. All students will be assigned a cohort. Students may come to school 10 minutes prior to the start of their class or classes and must report directly to their classroom. There will be no congregation of students in the hallways.

Students are encouraged to go home for lunch. If they are required to stay at school, they must eat in the cafeteria. If they choose to leave the school during lunch, then they cannot return until 10 minutes before classes resume. Cafeteria services will resume September 8. Lunches that will be at school should be “ready to eat” and sharing of food will not be permitted.

Safety Precautions

The Province of Manitoba announced that all students from grades K-12 will be required to wear a non medical mask at school. Students will be required to carry their belongings as REC will not be assigning lockers for this school year. When a student has physical education on their timetable, they will need to come prepared to participate. Change rooms will not be available at this time. Students also need to come prepared to participate in physical education outdoors weather permitting.

Students are also asked to adhere to the directional signage that will be visible in the school and sanitize their hands upon entry into the building.

Everyone entering an RETSD facility must monitor for symptoms and exposure. Students must stay home if sick or exhibiting symptoms. Students who exhibit symptoms at school will be immediately isolated and parents/guardians will be required to pick them up.

Extracurricular activities will begin this Fall. We will inform students of the opportunities available upon their return.

Timetable

Student timetables will reflect a combination of cohort class and cross cohort learning.

This timetable has been designed to allow the school to seamlessly pivot should changes arise.

Continuous assessment will occur throughout the semester whether classes are in class or remote.

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

BYOD is a divisional technology initiative whereby teachers are actively pursuing and refining ways to integrate student supplied technologies into the curricula they teach. Each student is encouraged to bring their own devices to school to use in their learning environments.

School Pictures

Lifetouch photographers will take school pictures on September 9 for grades 9 & 12 and September 10 for grades 10 & 11. **All students** will have their pictures taken at this time for the yearbook and for a student transit I.D. card (as per divisional policy JRD). This card is required for Library and Internet access and there is no fee for this service. If you wish to purchase photo packages Lifetouch website: mylifetouch.ca Picture Day ID: QL011002Q0.

General Information

The student fee will be \$35.00.

We are all looking forward to welcoming our students on September 8, 2021. Thank you for your understanding, cooperation, and patience as we, together, adapt to learning safely amidst the pandemic. A more detailed school plan outlining specific, School Preparedness, School Routines, Teaching, Learning & Well being and Communication will be shared with families. We are committed to a safe return to school for all of our students and staff. As this is a changing landscape with the pandemic, please refer to the divisional website for continued updates. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the school.

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