



ST. MARTIN'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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August 24, 2020

Dear St. Martin's Parents and Families,

In order to be able to work through all the new changes, **all the schools in EICS are planning a staggered school start this year starting on Tuesday, Sept. 1.** For the first four days of school, about a quarter of the students will attend each day. We have coordinated this schedule with St. Mary's School in an attempt to accommodate our families with children that attend multiple schools. The first full day for all students will be Tuesday, Sept. 8th.

Use the letter of your child's last name (Check your homeroom Placement on Powerschool) to determine which day of staggered entry your child comes to school during Sept. 1 to Sept. 4 from 8:35 – 2:55 pm.

Homeroom	Tues. Sept. 1	Wed. Sept. 2	Thurs. Sept. 3	Fri. Sept. 4
1C	A - G	H - L	M - P	T - Z
½ H	Gr. 2 B - L	Gr. 2 M - Y	Gr. 1 B - L	Gr. 1 S - Z
2B	A - C	F - I	J - M	O - Y
3S	A - D	F - K	L - P	S - W
¾ C	Gr. 3 D - L	Gr. 3 M - Z	Gr. 4 B - M	Gr. 4 P - W
4B	A - D	G - H	K - N	S - W
5D	A - J	L - M	N - R	S - W
⅝ C	Gr. 5 A - O	Gr. 5 P - Z	Gr. 6 B - J	Gr. 6 M - Y
6S	A - E	G - H	K - M	N - Y

This staggered start will help us greet and connect with our students, establish routines, discuss hand and respiratory hygiene, and PPE with a smaller number of students in our classrooms and building.



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How to prepare:

You will need to use the **AHS Daily Screening Tool each day**, prior to coming to school, including our staggered entry days, linked [here](#).

Please bring your child's **labelled school supplies ([Supply list link here](#))**, **their lunch**, and a **filled and labelled water bottle** this day.

PPE/Masks:

As per the Chief Medical Officer and Minister of Education's direction, **all grade four to six students** must also come with a mask. We highly recommend sending two per day. Mask use for kindergarten to grade 3 students will continue to be optional but it is encouraged. Please practise the mask procedure described by Dr. Hinshaw in the following link.

[Dr. Deena Hinshaw, chief medical officer of health, provides step-by-step instructions for putting on, wearing, taking off and disposing of a non-medical mask.](#)

Entrance/Exit/Cohort doors:

Your child will be entering and exiting through their cohort doors which are labelled with their grade level. This will be their cohort entrance and exit door for the year. As per the [EICS re-entry plan](#), parents will not be allowed to enter the school so please make a plan with your child where you will safely meet before and after school. For the safety of our students, please avoid the school parking lot as there are a very limited number of parking spaces. Please use the area East of the school, as a drop-off and pick up point.

Transportation:

If your child is registered to take the bus, please ensure you have read and understood the EIPS Transportation connected to [Vegreville Busing Information on page 17](#).

Kindergarten and Nature Kindergarten and Pre-School:

Kindergarten/Nature Kindergarten/ Pre-School students have their own very specific schedule, parents will receive a separate email indicating your child's specific staggered entry day by Thursday Afternoon



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Follow-up communication:

We recognize that there may be some apprehension from our parents because you will not be able to enter the school and share in those first day excitement and potential jitters. To address this, we will follow-up with some personal videos this week from our St. Martin's Staff (Administration, teachers) where we will share more site -specific protocols, welcomes, and a chance for you to see and share in our St. Martin's faith and learning environments for this year. As a staff, we will work diligently to model that "bigger, stronger" calm approach for our littles entering this new year and encourage all parents to do the same. Please continue to check the EICS Re-Entry document for information, linked [here](#) and found on the EICS website.

We are working very hard to plan, prepare and communicate as best we can. Please contact us with any inquiries you may have. 780-632-2266 or school website: <https://stmn.eics.ab.ca/>.

Blessings,
Mr. Joe Kucy, Principal
Mrs. Melanie Sorochan, Assistant Principal

"Choose JOY". The Reason for Our Hope. 1 Peter 3:15