

SAINT FRANCIS de SALES SCHOOL

I Can Do all Things Through Christ

June 2, 2020

Dear Parents,

Return to School Update: Today, 27 students from Kindergarten to Grade 5 showed up on our school field with their parents/grandparents for drop off. They lined up at designated spots just as expected, parents signed their health forms, and they followed their teachers into the building where their hands were dutifully washed. Students spent the day engaged in various learning activities, played together on the playground which was thankfully opened yesterday by the city, and were vigilant about sanitizing their hands afterwards. Sports equipment like frisbees, soccer, volleyball and basketballs were washed once the students returned to class. Afternoon playtime looked different due to the rain, but students were game to go outside and interact with one another in a safe way. It was initially much, much quieter than we were used to, but there were lots of smiles and the stories emerged as the day progressed and students reclaimed their comfort levels. By the end of the day, they all seemed much like their usual selves! All in all, the restart went as smoothly as expected and hoped for.

Student Health Forms: Parents of students who attended school in person today, your child will be bringing a form home for you to sign a portion of every time they come to school. Tear/cut off the daily portion of the health slip for the school to collect. Thank you for your understanding and support of this new procedure designed to ensure the safety of all the staff and students at SFDS School.

September Reopening - Parents are asking what this will look like. As the situation stands currently, we will provide a hybrid model of learning with only half the students attending in person at one time, while the other half learn remotely: K-5 for 2 to 3 days/week, 6/7's one day/week. We were required by the Ministry of Education to plan for a June restart that would accommodate our school population in this manner, assuming that students would all return in person. At this point, we have not heard anything about September looking different than what we were asked to plan for in June. Should anything be updated by the Ministries of Health and Education through the CISVA Superintendent's Office, you can rest assured that it will be communicated as expeditiously as possible.

Yearbook Ordering Deadline extended! June 4 is the new deadline. Remember, you order directly from Photo Express, our supplier. Here is the link: Yearbooks will be ready for pick up during the last week of school when you drop off your borrowed devices and pick up June progress reports. plicbooks.ca/go/Memva

Students have until Thursday to vote for the covers they'd like on the front and back of the yearbook.

No school on Friday - This is a reminder that Friday is a professional day in lieu of when teachers and education assistants worked outside their contract hours in August. There will be no teacher/EA availability on Friday.

Thank you, Burnaby Public Library:

Summer Reading Club is going to look a little different this year - we're going online!

Help your child succeed in school and life... **Join the Summer Reading Club online. Registration starts Friday June 12.**

Children who read over the summer do better in school, and libraries across BC are here to help. Kids sign up online at www.bpl.bc.ca/summer-reading-club. After reading this summer, they will be eligible to receive a highly coveted Summer Reading Club medal!

During the summer, check out our website for weekly fun and exciting contests to enter. Your entries could be featured on the Burnaby Public Library website, Facebook page or Twitter! You can also find lots of great book lists and reading suggestions.

FAQs:

How do I sign up?

Due to COVID-19, our library branches are all temporarily closed. Sign up will be done online this year. Go to www.bpl.bc.ca/summer-reading-club to register and see our weekly challenges.

How will the Summer Reading Club be different from previous years?

This year, there will be nothing to collect or hand in to the library—no reading records or calendars. But you are still encouraged to read all summer! You can track your reading online after you sign up, or print out your own reading record at home. Every child who reads this summer can get a medal.

How and when can I get my medal?

We aren't sure yet! We are closely monitoring COVID-19 and taking safety precautions guided by information from local, provincial and government health authorities. We will send out more information in late August, but make sure to check our website www.bpl.bc.ca/summer-reading-club for updates throughout the summer.

Sincerely,

Irene Wihak, Principal