

Principal Blog June 22, 2021

Once again we are finishing another unusual year. The pandemic has truly changed all of us in the past year, but I am thankful that our students were able to be in school and in classrooms for the majority of it.

As we complete the 2020/21 school year I want to thank all the teachers, who have once again had to make considerable adjustments this year to accommodate in-class and remote learning. They have all worked so hard and I appreciate all their work throughout the school year and especially during this challenging time.

A thank you to all students for all their work this past year both remote learning and in class. Also, thank you to our parents who worked alongside your children during remote learning, we know it has not been easy and you too had to make sacrifices.

As you know, we have seen a decline in the number of cases in the province and in the city. Vaccines appear to be working and we thank all the parents who have had their children vaccinated if they were able to. The nurses who attended our vaccination clinic on Thursday, June 17th said our school had the most students being vaccinated compared to all the other school clinics they had attended.

We anticipate all students returning in the fall, but we will continue to receive updates and directions from the Saskatchewan Government and Regina Public Schools. We will of course adhere to guidelines they put in place and will update you when we know.

We would like to congratulate our grade 12's as they move into the next phase of their life. We are excited that they will be having a ceremony and receiving their diplomas. Though the ceremony will be modified to stay within the provincial guidelines, we are happy that they will all have two family members present to celebrate with them. A special thanks to Mrs. Spock and the high school staff for their work in providing a graduation ceremony for our grade 12's.

High School students will be finished their exams and the school year on Wednesday, June 23rd. A reminder that elementary students will be finished their school year on Tuesday, June 29th and pick up is at 12:15 p.m.

As we look towards the fall, please remember that elementary students will receive their class placement information as well as the supply list for the fall in their report card. Please note that we do consider a number of factors when placing students in their elementary classes next year. No changes will be made to class placements for the 2021/22 school year.

Starting date for next school year for students will be on Wednesday, September $\mathbf{1}^{\text{st}}$ or Thursday, September $\mathbf{2}^{\text{nd}}$ at 8:30 a.m. We will once again be having a staggered start. Students whose last names begin with A – K will come to school on Wednesday, September $\mathbf{1}^{\text{st}}$. Students whose last names begin with L – Z will begin on Thursday, September $\mathbf{2}^{\text{nd}}$. All students will attend Friday, September $\mathbf{3}^{\text{rd}}$.

The school will be open officially on Thursday, August 27th with teachers beginning on that date. We will send parents a signup.com invitation on our Facebook page to set up a time to purchase student uniforms between Tuesday, August 24th to Tuesday, August 31st. Uniforms can also be purchased the first day of school, Tuesday, September 1st.

A special thank you to our Board members:

President: Dr. Aboguddah

Vice-President: Mr. Bouzertit

Member: Mr. Almughrabi

Member: Mr. Bashar

As always the Board have been instrumental in assisting the school in making informative decisions on behalf of the staff, students and community in the

school.

As we head into the summer I wish all our staff, students and families a healthy and safe holiday. As we have not seen many of our parents in person for over a year, we have missed you all and we all are looking forward to hopefully seeing you in our school in the upcoming school year.

Sincerely, Starla Nistor