



SPX BULLETIN #2

September 9, 2021

DROP OFF PROCEDURE ADJUSTMENTS:

Thank you for your patience and cooperation with drop off in the mornings.

We have made a slight change in that ALL students (Primary & Intermediate) can be dropped off at the **intermediate gravel field** unless you need to park (see below*).

Upon entering the school grounds (off Mt. Seymour Road), please follow the drop off loop in the intermediate-side parking lot. Students are to exit their cars at the **top of the loop**. Intermediate students will line up at their grade numbers on the gravel field, and Primary students will walk around the back of the school to line up at their grade numbers on the turf field.

*If you need to park and **walk your child** to their designated grade line up, please park in the **main lot** and use the crosswalk.

A few reminders for the safety of all:

- Drop off only at the top of the loop (pull forward to the basketball hoop) so that students are not crossing in front of other cars
- Be sure that your child has all their belongings with them (not in the trunk) to exit promptly
- Stay in the line-up and exit onto Brockton; do not go around or pass any other cars
- If you are parking in the main lot, proceed with caution and keep right (you do not have to follow the drop off loop in the intermediate parking lot)
- There will be NO STOPPING and dropping students off in front of the school (this includes before/after school care)
- Drop off is from 8:35 a.m. – 8:50 a.m.; do not drop off before 8:35 a.m. (No supervision at this time)
- If it is after 8:50 a.m., parents must park in the main lot and walk their child to the school entrance

- Playgrounds are closed both in the morning and after school
- We ask that families leave the school grounds promptly (no congregating)

Pick up procedures will remain the same.

SCHOOL MASSES:

The liturgy is a wonderful way to come together as a faith and learning community and give thanks to God for our many blessings. School Masses will occur every first Friday of the month in the morning at 9:15 a.m. (unless otherwise noted). School Masses will follow school guidelines regarding mask wearing.

Our first school Mass is tomorrow **Friday, September 10th at 9:15 a.m.** The grade 7's will be preparing this Mass.

Reminder, students are asked to bring in a non-perishable food item.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

We will begin our Cross Country program (students in grades 2-7), our Volleyball program (grades 5-7 girls) and our Soccer program (grades 5-7 boys) next week. Permission slips and practice times will be coming home tomorrow, **Friday, September 10th** to be returned, **Monday, September 13th**. We hope to see many students participate in these extra-curricular opportunities.

MEET THE TEACHER/CURRICULUM OVERVIEW NIGHT:

Our Meet the Teacher/Curriculum Overview Night is scheduled for **Thursday, September 16th**. This meeting will be held virtually due to the current health and safety guidelines. More information regarding access and times will be forthcoming. Please note there may be a second night added, tentatively for **Thursday, September 23rd**.

LIBRARY:

Welcome back to school all our families, old and new. We are hoping that some of you might like to help out in the library this year, with either circulation or book repair. Circulation would be checking out students' books, Tuesdays and/or Wednesdays, either morning or afternoons, once the health and safety guidelines permit. Book repair could be done now at home, with books and repair supplies being picked up from the library.

If you think this is an activity you would enjoy, please contact Mrs. Fischer at kfischer@saintpius.ca with your name and availability. Thank you!

GALA UPDATE:

As the current Phase 3 restrictions surrounding events remains in place at this time (B.C. is not moving to Phase 4), we will be postponing our Gala originally scheduled for October 2nd to the new year. Tickets that have already been purchased will still be valid for the rescheduled event.

COVID 19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS:

We remain deeply committed to continuing to prioritize health and safety and will strictly implement the protocols and guidelines provided and led by public health and the Ministry of Education.

- Parents must evaluate their child's health each day prior to coming to school. Children who display any symptoms of COVID-19, such as a fever, cough, etc. should remain at home. If a child displays any health symptoms (coughing, sneezing, fever, sore throat, etc.) parents will be notified to pick up their child from school immediately. Parents/caregivers and students can utilize the provincial [K-12 Health Check app](#) [K-12 Health Check \(gov.bc.ca\)](#) for daily assessment of symptoms. Staff and other adults must also complete a daily health check prior to entering the school.
- All staff and students in Grades 4-7 are required to wear masks to school. Students in Grades Kindergarten to Grade 3 are encouraged to wear masks. Please review how to put on/remove a mask safely with your children.
- Students will be required to wash their hands regularly and use hand sanitizer when necessary.
- While learning groups or cohorts are not required any longer, students will practice physical distancing throughout the day, in order to minimize physical contact.
- Recess and lunch periods will not be staggered this year. Students will play from 10:30-10:45 a.m. and from 12:00 – 12:30 p.m. Areas will be designated to ensure appropriate space. Students will exit and enter the building from their assigned doors.
- Students should bring a full water bottle (labeled with their full name) to school each day. Bottle filling stations are available as well. Students are required to bring their snacks and lunch each day in the morning. No food is to be dropped off throughout the day and no food sharing will be permitted. We encourage children to be responsible for their own

items and ask parents to support them to develop greater independence in managing their supplies or materials.

- Outdoor balls/equipment for recess play will be provided by the school. Students are not to bring any items for recess play from home.
- Students should practice respiratory etiquette (wash hands regularly, sneeze or cough into your elbow, etc.) at all times. These will be reviewed by the teachers at school.
- Students should bring appropriate outerwear for the weather (jackets should be brought daily, rain boots for the rain, etc.) as we will be going outdoors as much as possible, as encouraged by our Health Authority.
- All curriculum, programs and activities will operate in alignment with the provincial health and safety guidelines.
- The school will be cleaned and disinfected daily.

Together, with your support we will get through this challenging time. We thank you in advance for your trust in us as we continue to work to ensure the health and safety of our entire school community.