

# St. Nicholas Weekly News

AUGUST 25TH, 2021

## DEAR FAMILIES,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! We look forward to sharing in your child's faith and learning journeys at St. Nicholas. We have a team of faithful, professional and dedicated educators ready to guide and support your child this year.



Last Friday, information was sent outlining Elk Island Catholic Schools Year Plan. EICS is looking forward to welcoming students and staff back to school and to the resumption of school activities. On August 13th, the Alberta government shared the 2021-2022 School Year Plan with stakeholders. Our 2021-2022 School Plan will support schools in reducing the risk of transmission of illnesses and maintain a safe and healthy environment for our students and staff. EICS is committed to maintaining for the start of the 2021/2022 school year:

- Mandatory masks on the school bus
- Masks are strongly recommended in common areas of the school for students and staff
- Enhanced cleaning and disinfecting
- Regularly scheduled deep cleaning when students are not present
- Enhanced cleaning protocol with healthcare grade system that kills human coronavirus
- Stay-at-home policy for any students or staff exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19
- Physical distancing maximization within the confines of a classroom
- Hand hygiene/respiratory etiquette
- Daily screening following the Alberta Health Daily Checklist

Please note:

- Parents/visitors are permitted to enter the school provided there is a valid reason (ie. volunteering). Parents/volunteers are to make arrangements with their child's homeroom teacher or office staff prior to entering the school.
- All parents/volunteers are required to wear masks while in our schools
- Gatherings outside of classrooms or hallways are not to occur

In addition to these district protocols, St. Nicholas will be cohorting classes for recesses (to be reviewed on September 27th).

EICS will review our plan on September 27th, in accordance with the Chief Medical Officer of Health's scheduled update. The health, safety and well-being of our students and staff will

always remain our first priority. Here is the link to the 2021-2022 school year plan - [2021 - 2022 EICS School Plan.pdf](#)

All schools in EICS will have a staggered school start this year. This staggered start will assist students in adjusting to new classroom routines. We will follow the regular bell schedule for the staggered entry days (bell schedule - [St.Nicholas Catholic School Bell Schedule 2021-2022.docx.pdf](#)) Here is the schedule for our staggered entry:

### **Wednesday, September 1**

Staggered entry - For students with last names A-M

Students/Parents will be entering the school by specific entrances. See map here - [Map of school entrance exit 2021.pdf](#)

\*\*\*parents are welcome to enter the school (masked) for the staggered entry dates

### **Thursday, September 2**

Staggered entry - For students with last names N-Z

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### **Friday, September 3**

All students attend. In order to mitigate large crowds gathering within the school, we are kindly asking parents not to enter the school. Thank you for your cooperation.

Parents will receive a welcome email from their child's homeroom teacher on Monday, August 30th.

I appreciate the support of each of our families, and I look forward to working with you to ensure your child has a successful school year. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me via email at [peter@eics.ab.ca](mailto:peter@eics.ab.ca) or phone 780-467-3633.

Sincerely,

Peter Rachmistruk



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