

August 25 Parent Update

Good Afternoon,

We are so excited to have your children back at ICES! Our staff is busy preparing for the arrival of our students. Although this school start up will look different than others, rest assured that we are doing our best to not only have safety protocols in place, but also to make it the welcoming and warm place it has always been. Thank you for your ongoing prayers, encouragement, and support as we move forward to begin our 2020 - 2021 school year.

A Division change this year includes having a staggered entry for elementary schools. Given that students have been away for such a significant amount of time, we want to ensure that they can have the best start to their year and can help ease anxieties as they begin in a new classroom, with a new teacher, and a new cohort.

To help support social distancing and safety protocols, we are requesting that students arrive no earlier than 8:40. Doors will be propped open in the morning and students will come straight into their classrooms. As we are trying to maintain cohorts throughout the school day, we are asking that students practice social distancing before and after school. As per our Division guidelines, it is recommended that students wear masks as they enter the building, in common areas, and at dismissal due to these being times when social distancing becomes more challenging.

Staggered Entry

Students with last names beginning with A – M – Tuesday, September 1.

Students with last names beginning with N – Z – Wednesday, September 2.

All students, Thursday, September 3 and Friday, September 4.

No school on Monday, September 7.

Students at school no earlier than 8:40

Class Lists

We have been experiencing some technical challenges but hope to release class lists on Wednesday afternoon. If your child's name is not on a class list, please contact the school ASAP. Once you know your children's teachers, you will be able to sign up for a meeting time on Conference Manager which will open on Thursday at 9:00 and close Saturday at noon.

For our at-home learners, class lists have not yet been determined. Your child's assigned teacher will be contacting you when these are formalized.

Open House

Open House will be Monday, August 31. Sign up for specific times will be through Conference Manager which will be opening on Thursday morning at 9:00 and will close Saturday at noon. Opportunities to meet specific teachers will be in 10-minute increments which will give opportunity for students to enter the school with their teacher or a support staff member, see their classroom and drop off supplies. Teachers will be at the doors your children will be using as their entrance/exit door throughout the school year.

Door Assignments:

Front Doors: Mrs. Ferrie (Kindergarten A & B), Mrs. Postman (3C)

East Doors: Mrs. Kruisselbrink (1A), Miss Driedger (1B), Mrs. Heshka (2A)

South Doors: Mrs. VH (2B), Mrs. Middel/Mrs. Winkelaar (3A), Ms. Cardamone (3B)

Courtyard Doors: Mr. Greeno (4), Mr. Riewe (5A), Mrs. Morrison (5B)

West (Parking Lot) Doors: Mrs. Winters (EEP)

**As is consistent with our division protocol and will be the practice throughout our school year, parents will not be permitted to enter the school. Teachers and support staff will meet families at the assigned doors and will tour students to their classrooms and highlight some changes. As students will be in close contact with their teachers, students will be required to wear a mask and sanitize their hands with provided hand sanitizer in order to enter the building.*

Since our school building is one level, parents may look through the windows as their child is seeing their classroom as well.

Handbook

Please read through the attached ICES Handbook as it has been updated to include COVID-19 protocols and directives for the school year.

Mrs. Wall
Principal