



# St. Gabriel School

REGINA ROMAN CATHOLIC SEPARATE SCHOOL DIVISION NO. 81

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## Back to school – Issue #2

Hello Guardians, if you missed last week welcome back letter you can read it [HERE](#). This week I have heard a few people grumbling, “It’s getting hot out here!” We find the easiest way to beat the heat is to remember those days of outdoor supervision on a winter day of -26 and for some reason the wind chill monitoring station was frozen stiff. We will take 34 degree heat any day!

You are reading this because you have received it on our School Messenger Managing System. Today is the first day we have had access. As administrators of St. Gabriel, we will be sending out important information this way at least once a week to keep our families up to date. We also post information on our website for those who are in the habit of checking it often.

## Please Mark Your Calendar

We recognize that families are anxious to see the school, meet a teacher, check in with administration and possibly drop off school supplies. We invite all our families to attend one of our Wellness Welcome Back events at the school. These will be a quick check in and discussions with staff. It is not a social event for families to gather. This give you a chance to see the many additions we have in place to mitigate the transmission of COVID19 as well as other infectious disease. The dates for these events are

Wednesday, September 2 4:00 - 5:00 PM A through K and 5:00 – 6:00PM L through Z

Thursday, September 3 4:00 – 5:00PM L through Z and 5:00 – 6:00PM A through K

\* Administrators will stay till 7:30PM on the 3<sup>rd</sup> for families that are unable to attend earlier.

The **start date for students** has changed from September 3. St. Gabriel will be following the RCSD elementary school calendar. Students are invited to enter the school as soon as they arrive any time after 8:45. All designated students should be at school by 8:55AM. Please note that students will only attend two days the first week and all students are expected to be in attendance on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

September 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> – All families with last names starting A through K attend.

September 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> – All families with last names starting A through K attend.

\* families with multiple last names will attend according to the youngest child.

Regina Catholic Schools has posted excellent documents, videos, and resources to inform parent and students of back to school information. They are adding information daily at [WWW.RCSD.CA](http://WWW.RCSD.CA)

## New Information

This week administrators attended workshops to prepare themselves and our schools for a safe return. RCSD is working with Cygnus Group, who employs an infectious control expert, a registered nurse specializing in pandemic planning, and a supervisor of custodial services who has previous experience with the mitigation of pandemic level virus’. Mrs. Morhart and Mr. Van Betuw received training and developed a plan to mitigate the transmission of COVID 19 at St. Gabriel. Using this approved plan they will be working with all staff in the next two weeks to create classroom environments and practice daily protocols which all children and staff will employ to keep our school community as safe as possible. Details will be shared next week and can be experienced at our Wellness Welcome Nights on September 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Our CSCC is very important to the operation and enhancement of St. Gabriel School. If you are interested in being on the executive, or are already a member, please email Mr. Van Betuw @ [p.vanbetuw@rcsd.ca](mailto:p.vanbetuw@rcsd.ca). For those enthusiastic and caring parents who have other questions to ask please use this same e-mail.

That is all for now Guardians, Take Care.

Mr. Van Betuw, Principal