



## What School Will Look Like at WHPS

We look forward to welcoming our students and staff back into classrooms this year. The safety and well-being of our students, parents/guardians, and staff is our top priority as we return to school.

The [BGSD 2021-2022 School Entry Plan](#) shares information that impacts all schools in the Division. We want to share information about how our school will operate at the beginning of this school year so students and their families know what to expect.

### **The first day of school**

Staggered entry dates:

Monday, Aug 30, 2021 : Grades 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9

Tuesday, Aug 31, 2021 : Grades 2, 4, 6, and 8

First day for all students Grades 1 to 9:

September 1st (full day)

\*Kindergarten is assigned a specific half day on one day between Aug 30 - Sept 1. First day is September 2.

All students receive an email sent home identifying which classroom and information for the first day and week of school. Please note that we are hosting an Open House on August 26 from 5pm - 6pm. Unfortunately, guidelines do not permit us to BBQ this year.

Families who have chosen Distance Learning for their child(ren) will receive information from the Distance Learning program.

### **Arriving and leaving school**

Please include:

- Students will receive information about which doors to enter and exit from their teachers. Students should always use their designated doors unless told otherwise by their teacher, in an emergency situation, or if checking in/out of the office.
- When arriving at school, please maintain physical distancing when possible. This may mean waiting in line and spaced apart when entering the building.
- If you are meeting your child on the school grounds, please wait away from the exit doors to permit spacing. For those who drive, there is a kiss-and-go area for temporary stopping; this isn't a place to park. Parking is available across the street and along neighbouring streets. **DO NOT** use the bus loop or the staff parking lot.
- The doors open for arrival at 8:15 and the warning bell rings at 8:30. Students have until 8:35 to be seated in their classroom. After this time, students are required to go to the front of the school and enter through the office.

### **Hand sanitizer and handwashing**

- Upon entering the school students will be **required** to use hand sanitizer or immediately wash their hands. A supervisor will greet the students at the door or a sanitizer dispenser will be available upon entry.
- Students are required to wash their hands or sanitize whenever entering or exiting the classroom, gymnasium, library, and before eating.

### **Lockers**

- Students will once again be assigned cubbies or lockers, depending on their grade level.
- Students will bring their own dial style locks and share the code with the appropriate teacher. There is no cost for locker use.
- Some students may wish to talk to their P.E. teacher about a locker for their gym clothes.
- Students are not permitted to share lockers. Lockers will only be cleaned by custodial personnel on working days when there are no students (i.e PD Days)

### **Boot racks and coat hooks**

- Boot racks are assigned and teachers will show them where and how to use them. Boot racks are at every entrance and match the doors assigned to students to minimize congestion and cross-cohorting. There are some coat racks in classrooms with younger students; these are also assigned.

### **Student supplies and learning materials**

- Teachers will plan learning activities to reduce or minimize the need to share equipment, chromebooks, textbooks, or materials.
- Supply lists are available on the website under the parent tab.

### **Washroom protocols**

- Washrooms will be cleaned and disinfected several times during the day.
- Our school has three sets of washrooms. This permits students access to washrooms close to their classroom, thus minimizing hallway and bathroom congestion.
- Students are encouraged to use the facilities during their staggered recess breaks.

### **Water fountains**

- Water fountains will continue operating. Students are encouraged to fill their water bottles from the fountain instead of drinking from it directly. Fountains will be cleaned and disinfected several times throughout the day.

### **Common areas**

- At this time, students are asked to remain in their classrooms and not take their breaks or eat in the common areas or halls.
- Students will remain on the right side of the hallways.

### **Learning Commons**

- Our Library reopens this year. Students who wish to sign out books may do so from the library.
- Our librarian will continue to isolate books for 72 hours prior to them being reshelfed or passed along to another student.

- Students will be asked to sanitize upon entering the Library/Learning Common.

### **Recess and playground equipment (K - Gr 6 only)**

- Our recesses will continue to be staggered to reduce the volume of students outside at once.
- School staff will be supervising designated playing areas.
- We ask that anyone not associated with those staggered cohorts avoid using the playground during those times.

### **Lunch**

- Students have assigned staggered eating periods and will eat in their own classrooms.
- JH students may leave campus if their guardians have completed the form on PowerSchool. All students must return to campus prior to the warning bell in order to be back to class on time.
- Students are encouraged to keep their lunches in their backpack or in their locker. If they forget their lunch, the student should let the teacher know and make arrangements to have a guardian drop one off at the front office
- The school does not have any vending machines and 3rd party deliveries will not be permitted on the property. Eg. Skip the Dishes
- The office has some small pre-packaged items for students who are unable to get a forgotten lunch.
- Students are asked to clean their own eating area.

### **Masks (additional information can be found on [BLACK GOLD SCHOOL DIVISION Alberta Public Health Emergency](#))**

- Non-medical face mask use is mandatory in school for students in Grades 4 - 12 students and for all staff
- Masks are not required outside or while participating in a physical fitness activity or performance activity.
- All students in Grades 4 - 12 as well as all staff are required to wear face masks in all shared and common areas such as hallways and on buses
- It is strongly recommended that students in Kindergarten - Grade 3 wear a mask when physical distancing is not possible
- Please note that Kindergarten - Grade 3 students are required to wear masks on buses.