



SACRED HEART SCHOOL

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May 8, 2020

Dear Sacred Heart Parents,

I hope and pray that you and your loved ones are well, healthy, and looking forward to the warm weather. This past Wednesday afternoon, Premier Horgan held a press conference to announce the gradual reopening of the BC economy. One part of that staged reopening is a gradual return to face-to-face instruction in BC classrooms.

The health and safety of our children, and their families, as well as our school staff, is the most important consideration regarding when and how we return to being in school together. Currently, we have very few specifics and guidelines about how this should take place. Until we know these protocols, it is extremely difficult to provide information about what this could look like to our families. All the public school districts, along with the CISVA and the Federation of Independent Schools, are seeking clarification with regards to questions such as how many students can be in a classroom at the same time and how are we to keep physical distancing in place with very young children?

We ask for your patience as we gather additional information before announcing a plan, including a potential start date for having children back in the school on a part-time basis. As we receive more information and we are able to make decisions and finalize our plans, I will pass on that information to you as quickly as possible. For additional information, please see the attached letter from our Superintendent of Catholic schools.

On a happier note, I would like to wish the mothers a happy and joyful Mother's Day. I appreciate the hard work you have done with your children, especially over the past several weeks, during this period of remote learning. You are all in my prayers. I am grateful for all you do for your own families as well as for our school community.

God Bless,

Kelly Kozack

Important Notice: Please see the notice below from the superintendent's office.

Reminder: 7:00-8:30 webinar.

What do our kids need from us and how are we meant to lead them through this pandemic?

While we have not faced times like these before, we are equipped to give our kids what they need to survive. Join Dr. Deborah MacNamara, Faculty member at the Neufeld Institute, who will walk around what it means to be resilient, how to deal with children's emotions, and practical strategies for caring for our children when so much has changed. Using developmental science we will look at the power of human relationships and play to preserve us

Dr. Deborah MacNamara is the author of the best-selling book *Rest, Play, Grow: Making Sense of Preschoolers (or anyone who acts like one)*, is on Faculty at the Neufeld Institute, and is the Director of Kid's Best Bet, a Counselling and Family Resource Center. Deborah is a national and international speaker who makes developmental science come to life in the everyday context of home and classroom. She also provides counselling services to parents and professionals to make sense of learning, behavioural, and developmental issues in kids – from babies to teens.

For more info and registration, please go to:

<https://rcav.org/event/parenting-in-a-pandemic-what-matters-most/>

Parish News

Confessions will be heard again from 10-11am on Saturdays in the Chapel. We ask that you follow all safe distancing regulations and the signs that will direct you for lining up etc.

All are invited to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday's from 9am to 5pm in front of the Church.

We invite everyone to join our new **Facebook** account. Please search for: Sacred Heart Parish Delta - Keep up to date with current parish news and events and Fr. Francis.

Please see the below for the bulletin.

Useful Contacts

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Catholic Independent Schools of Vancouver Archdiocese

Office of the Superintendent

May 8, 2020

Dear parents, educators, and students,

On Wednesday, May 6, Premier John Horgan announced [BC's Restart Plan](#), which is designed to move BC through the next steps of the COVID-19 pandemic. It is important that everyone in our province be aware of this Plan and understands what Dr. Bonnie Henry, our Provincial Health Officer, calls our "new normal." Premier Horgan made it clear that this is not a return to normal and that the Plan will be implemented in a careful, step by step manner, so that what we have gained through our hard work to limit the spread of the virus will not be undone.

In the area of education, our administrators, teachers, education assistants, office and clerical staff together have done an outstanding job of delivering on-line continuity of learning in an environment that ensures the safety of both teachers and students. Our students are to be congratulated for taking on the challenge of continuing to grow through this new form of learning and for the expressions of love and concern many of them have shown for their educators. Staff members who are providing in-school support for Emergency Service Workers are doing an exceptional job. Along with these successes however, we are also aware that educating students at home is creating great challenges for many families. The plan addresses this:

*"An announcement on a phased approach to resuming in-class instruction will be made in the coming weeks. This will not be a return to normal. With weeks left in the school year, we anticipate many kids will not return to the classroom until September. But we are also exploring ways to safely get some kids back to school before the summer, to allow more parents to return to work. How these changes unfold are the focus of intensive discussion among Ministry of Education officials ... and other education sector partners."*¹

CISVA schools will continue their current practice of delivering on-line learning to students until we receive further guidance from the Ministry of Education and the Provincial Health Officer on how we can safely move forward. Our priority is to provide a safe environment for the return of our staff and students. The Superintendent's Office, together with our principals and teachers, will work together over the next weeks to move us safely into Phase 2 of the Provincial Plan, and you will be provided with details as this work progresses. This pandemic continues to be a great challenge for all of us and we pray for the continued guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Yours in Christ,

Deacon Henk Luyten
Superintendent

¹ BC'S Restart Plan. Next Steps to Move BC Through the Pandemic, p. 16.