Welcome:

We look forward to welcoming students back on September 8th. We know there are numerous questions about school reopening and planning for the fall. It is our hope that this document will help answer some of those questions and serve as a guide as we bring students back to school. We will have a staggered start for students on September 8th and September 9th. The schedule for the start and for the school day is on Page 4. We will continue to provide updates to families as required and will provide ongoing communication. You can expect a newsletter in early September. Given the circumstances we should also expect that there may be more ongoing changes and adaptations made throughout the year than we would normally expect. We thank you in advance for your patience and support. We look forward to welcoming all students back to school and even though we acknowledge that this school year will look different we are confident in the preparations that have taken place and will work hard to support students and families throughout this school year.

Sincerely,

Rick Iverson  Candace Elliot-Jensen  Paul Janzen  Suzanne Zwarych
Principal    Vice Principal      Superintendent    Trustee

Parent and Caregiver Reopening Handbook

Please refer to the Parent and Caregiver Reopening Handbook for general information on Saskatoon Public Schools reopening plan. This parent handbook provides detailed information on many important topics including:

- Safety Precautions
- Curriculum and Assessment
- Support Services
- Food and nutrition programs
- Facilities
- Supporting Students.

The guidelines of the Parent Handbook will be adhered to by our school along with elements specific to our school.

The following information represents our school specific plan for a safe return to school at Evan Hardy Collegiate. Please note that the plan is subject to change at any time based on direction from Saskatchewan’s Chief Medical Health Officer. Changes will be communicated as they occur.
Safety & Hygiene:

- All parents/guardians and visitors are required to phone ahead and make an appointment to enter the school as well as complete an online declaration form. Please contact the school by calling the main office at 306-683-7700 or e-mail evanhardyschool@spsd.sk.ca for more information.
- In the event a student becomes ill, our nurse’s office located by the main foyer is available as an isolation room until arrangements can be made for the student to be picked up.
- All classrooms are equipped with hand sanitizer.
- All or our water fountains are for water bottle use only.

Mask usage:

At Saskatoon Public schools the health and safety of our students and staff are our number one priority. As indicated in the Parent and Caregiver Reopening Handbook:

- Grade 4-12 students are required to wear masks when appropriate physical distancing cannot be maintained.
- Masks are recommended for prekindergarten to Grade 3 students.
- Staff are required to wear masks when appropriate distancing cannot be maintained.
- When physical distancing is achievable, mask breaks may occur (i.e. outdoor learning).
- All students are required to wear masks while riding the bus.
- All visitors must wear masks.
- Saskatoon Public Schools will provide one reusable mask for each student. Additional disposable masks will be made available to students when needed and required.
- Students are welcome to bring their own masks.
- In some situations, wearing a mask may not be possible for a student. In these instances, school staff members will work with parents/caregivers to consider accommodations. More information can be found on the CDC website.
- Staff members will be provided with a reusable mask and face shield for use as needed. Staff members may also choose to use their own mask.
- More information about the proper usage of masks or face coverings is available from the Public Health Agency of Canada.
At Saskatoon Public Schools students are our number one priority. We want our students to be safe, healthy and excited to return to school and we want parents and caregivers to feel an equivalent amount of comfort with the reopening. In this current environment we need to practice new ways of being safe and happy at school. To this end our schools will be setting up a staggered start so that we all have an opportunity to practice and refine our new routines and procedures with the students.

Staggered starts: Students will go to the am class for approximately one hour to meet their am teacher and review the reopening procedures

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September 10th- Regular schedule starts

School day schedule:

To support the health and safety of students and staff members, all collegiates will be adopting a block schedule for 2020-21. The school year will be divided into five learning terms or “quints.” A student will take two courses in each quint, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. The updated school year calendar can be found here (LINK).

Breaks will be staggered within each block. Students will be asked to maintain social distancing and wear a mask during this time. Note: Early start and late start classrooms will be communicated to the students during the staggered start days.

Period 1
Early Start: 8:50am -11:40am (including a health & hygiene break between 10:00-10:30am)
Late Start: 9:00am -11:50am (including a health & hygiene break between 10:30-11:00am)

Lunch

Period 2
Early Start: 12:30pm -3:20pm (including a health & hygiene break between 1:30-2:00pm)
Late Start: 12:40pm -3:30pm (including a health & hygiene break between 2:00-2:30pm)
**Lunch:**

During the lunch break, students are encouraged to go home wherever possible. Students bringing their own food to school should use clean containers and bring their own utensils. If students remain in the school, they will be eating their lunch in their morning classroom. Over the lunch break, students will either be in their classroom/designated space or be asked to go outside weather permitting.

- Our server will still be available to students.
- There will be no microwaves available for student use.

**Entering/Exiting the School:**

Where possible, schools will assign groups of students or classroom specific doors to enter and leave the school. There will be appropriate door signage to ensure those entering the school have done a self-health check.

To avoid hallway congestion, students are encouraged to arrive no sooner than 15 minutes before their first class and should move directly to their class upon arrival. Teachers will open classroom doors 15 minutes prior to the beginning of morning classes.

- Students are asked to enter and exit the school using the exterior door that is closest to their period 1 or period 2 class.
- All external and internal doorways are clearly marked with arrows.
- There will be a designated space for those students who arrive early i.e. commons. Mask requirements and physical distancing guidelines still apply.

**Busing:**

Information from City Transit will be coming soon.

**Lockers:**

Lockers will be available upon request. Please see student services for more information.

**Flow of traffic within the school:**

Directional arrows to support safe movement in schools will be used. Social distancing decals will be installed on floors where necessary.

- Stairwells are now designated as ‘up’ or ‘down’ to help maintain social distancing.
- Hallways are all clearly marked with directional arrows to help maintain social distancing.
Parent/Caregiver access to school:

We will continue to welcome parents and caregivers however there will be some guidelines that will need to be followed.

Parents/caregivers are encouraged to contact the main office to make an appointment if they need to come to the school. At this point, we request that this occur only if necessary.

- Parents/Guardians are asked to please not enter the building during the day without an appointment. If parents/guardians need to drop off items or pick up students, they are asked to meet outside of the building. Please contact the school to book an appointment at 306-683-7700 or e-mail evanhardyschool@spsd.sk.ca.
- Please enter the school using the main entrance.
- Entry permission posters are located at the main entrance and the gym entrance. Paper copies of the Covid-19 questionnaire are located at the main office.
- We request that anyone entering the building please wear a mask.

Extra-Curricular Activities:

Another important update to share is in regards to in-person extracurricular activities for the fall. The decisions regarding extracurricular activities was made to ensure the health and safety of students and staff members, and to protect the class cohorts we are creating in collegiates by limiting student interactions.

Performing arts activities such as musicals, plays, and band concerts, are postponed. With regards to sports, the Saskatoon Secondary Schools Athletic Directorate (SSSAD), in collaboration with Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools and Saskatoon Public Schools, has decided that the following sports will not be offered in high schools this fall:

- Cross Country
- Football
- Soccer
- Volleyball

As the situation evolves, the plans for extracurricular activities will be reviewed and updated. We will continue to provide updated information as it becomes available.
Learning Options:

Students best engage in their learning through connection with their teacher and with fellow students. However, in-person learning may not be the best option for every student in the fall. Students will have a choice between in-class learning or online learning.

As families choose between in-class and online learning, school staffing may be adapted and classroom assignments may change early in the school year. We appreciate the patience and understanding of families as we work through these issues.

For the 2020-21 school year, Saskatoon Public Schools Online Learning Centre (OLC) is offering K-12 curriculum online. Please call 306-683-8313 for more information.

Mental Health and Social-Emotional Supports

In addition to the section in the Parent and Caregiver Reopening Handbook on supporting students we want to make sure that families are aware of that as always, students who need additional support for their well-being may receive support from the school counsellor. Parents who believe this support may be necessary can reach out to their teacher or administrator to discuss. The counsellor will work with the team to determine appropriate supports, which may include direct support and/or assisting students and families to access other services in the community.

Well-being is one of our four student goals in our school division strategic plan. Opportunities to learn about and practice well-being exist across multiple curricular areas.

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