



HOLLISTON SCHOOL
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My place, your place, our place . . . a safe place!

Administrators' Message

We welcome everyone back to school. In this newsletter you will find more information regarding our school plan to keep everyone safe at Holliston.

Staggered start grades 1-8:

- Holliston School will start with a staggered start from Sept 8-11. Teachers will call each family to inform which days your students will attend.
- Students will attend alternating days (Tuesday/Thursday, Wednesday/Friday) with half the class on T/Th and other half attending W/F, students will attend for full days
- This will allow for students to see the space and learn routines alongside a smaller group of students
- Regular classes for ALL students will begin on Sept 14
- Busses will be running during staggered start

Kindergarten specific information:

- Staggered start information will be communicated from the teacher. More information will come to families from the Kindergarten teacher this week.

We look forward to seeing everyone soon!

Bob Braybrook, Principal & Sheena Hushagen, Vice Principal

Parent/Caregiver access to school

- Parents/caregivers are encouraged to contact the main office @ 306-683-7250 or email hollistonschool@spsd.sk.ca to make an appointment if they need to come into the school. At this point, we request that this occur only if necessary.
- Visitors must enter through the main front door. It displays the poster with the QR code and/or paper copies of the Covid-19 questionnaire that ALL visitors must complete prior to entry.
- ALL visitors must wear a mask
- Hand sanitizer will be provided at every door.
- Drop-off and pick up for parents will be at the doors assigned by grade which will be determined.

School day schedule

8:40 AM - Warning Bell/Classes begin
RECESS 10:10 – 10:25 or 10:30 – 10:45 AM
11:30 – 12:20 LUNCH
12:20 PM – Classes resume
RECESS 1:45 – 2:00 or 2:05 – 2:20 PM
3:05 PM Dismissal



The following information represents our school specific plan for a safe return to school at Holliston School. 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.

Flow of traffic through the school

- Direction arrows and social distancing decals have been placed in hallways and most classrooms to safely direct foot traffic. Students will have designated washrooms closest to their learning spaces with a limit of 3 students in any washroom at a time.
- Designation of washrooms for classes will be determined.

Entering the school

- Upon arrival, students should come to the playground side of the school where supervision is located. We will have 'meeting' places for students by grade prior to entering the school.
- Teachers will be there to greet students and provide direction for all students to enter.

Exiting the school

- Students will exit our school through the same assigned doors they entered.
- If elder students are picking up younger siblings, we ask that they exit through their designated door and come to the younger students' assigned door from the outside to meet them for pick up.

Recess

Our plan is to work to limit the number of student contacts so we will have the following:

- Two recess times in the morning (staggered) and two recess times in the afternoon, where half of the students will go out.
- Identified outdoor play zones and separate entry doors by grade will be assigned.
- Play equipment will be assigned to each class and sanitized daily.
- Students will wash / sanitize hands both on exit to recesses as well as re-entry after recesses

Lunch

- We are requesting for students to go home if possible.
- Students who have permission to stay at lunch will eat at their desk in their own classroom.
- Lunches need to be garbage free. Students will take home everything they bring in their lunch kits.
- We are a nut alert school – please do not bring nut products to school.
- Microwaves are NOT available to students due to COVID – please plan lunches accordingly.

Bussing

- Drop off and pick up remain the same – south exit doors.
- Upon arrival, students will go to the playground and move to meeting places at the bell by grade.
- Bus drivers will load students and guide social distancing and seating.

Parking and student drop-off/pick-up

- Please consider dropping off your child near the doors assigned to enter and exit.

Storage of student materials

- We ask students to store all supplies in their backpacks to be kept at their desks. Teachers will be asking students only to bring the supplies they need in the short term to begin the school year.
- Lockers may be used if proper distancing can be maintained.

Safety precautions

- If your child is sick, please keep them home. Please ensure that you call/communicate with our office.
- Reminder: if you wish to come into the school, all visitors MUST: come into Holliston School by appointment only, complete the visitors' health check form, wear a mask and sanitize your hands when you enter and exit. At our main entry there is a poster with a QR code.
- If a child is sick at school, we have an Isolation Room in our main hallway by the front office.
****Parents are expected to pick up their child(ren) right away.**

Mask usage

- ALL Grade 4-8 students are required to wear masks when appropriate physical distancing cannot be maintained.
- Masks are recommended for Kindergarten to Grade 3 students.
- Staff are required to wear masks at all times 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](#).

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
- Students.

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

Mental Health and Social-Emotional Supports

We want to make sure that families are aware that 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. The 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.

Hygiene

- Hand sanitizer will be provided at every door
- Students and staff will be encouraged to wash hands and sanitize regularly through the day
- Students will wash / sanitize hands both on exit to recesses as well as re-entry after recesses
- Classes are assigned to use washrooms located closest to their classrooms
- We will limit students to 3 at a time in any washroom. Floor decals for social distancing and traffic direction are placed throughout our school to guide flow

Practice safe handwashing

Use soap, scrub for at least 15 seconds, rinse and dry hands well. These steps all work together to remove germs.

