



Parent Summer Bulletin #2 – August 26, 2020

August 28, 2020

Dear Parents,

We are excited to start another school year at Centennial Christian School on Wednesday, Sept 9 (half day). Our restart plan has been approved by the provincial government and we are ready to return to 100% full time in class instruction at CCS. Dr. Bonnie Henry, BC's Provincial Health Officer, and the Ministry of Education have put together a plan for the safe return of students to BC schools and we are positioned extremely well to carry out this Stage 2 BC school restart plan. As noted in the Summer Parent Bulletin #1, students and staff at Centennial Christian will be placed in one of four learning groups with slightly staggered start/end times that we have established. These learning groups are:

Pre-school students and staff - 9:00am start – 11:40am end; 12:30pm start - 3:05 end

Kindergarten – Grade 3 students and staff – 8:40am start - 2:55pm end

Grade 4 – Grade 7 students and staff – 8:50am start - 3:05pm end

Grade 8 – Grade 12 students and staff – 8:40am start - 3:05pm end

Learning Groups are a recommended public health measure to help reduce the risk of transmission of Covid-19 and limit the number of different interactions students have while at school. Students will still primarily be with their one teacher, educational assistants and classmates during the day; however, they could be near other members within their learning group in hallways, lobbies and common areas. Learning groups will have slightly staggered starts and ends to the day to minimize congestion and to avoid contact with other learning groups. Students will be assigned seats as far apart as possible in their classrooms and that will be their spot for the foreseeable future. Outside for recess and lunch, learning groups will have designated areas on the playground; however, students can socialize and play with students from other learning groups provided they are physically distant. There is a **FAQ** section at the end of this Parent Bulletin which we hope answers the majority of questions you might have about Centennial Christian School's restart plan.

Due to our small school and small class sizes (average anticipated class size is 18), Centennial Christian School is positioned extremely well to be back full time for all our Pre-K-12 students. The Covid-19 positive case numbers in the North remain extremely low with only one new case in all of Northwest BC in the last two weeks. However, we will remain vigilant in our hand hygiene when entering and exiting the building and throughout the day. Extra cleaning measures that we started in June will continue and learning groups will be kept away from one another. We will continue to closely follow the Covid-19 Public Health Guidelines for K-12 Schools in BC.

We have purchased re-usable masks for all students and staff at Centennial Christian School. Students in grades 6-12 will be required to wear masks when they are in common areas (hallways, library, bathrooms, art room, computer lab) where they might be unable to stay 2m away from students in another learning group. At this time, non-medical masks are not recommended for elementary students (Pre K – Grade 5) due to the increased likelihood they will touch their face and eyes, as well as require assistance to properly put on and take off their mask requiring increased personal contact from school staff. Wearing a non-medical mask, face covering, or face shield in

*“Train up children in the way they should go: and when they are old, they will not depart from it”
Proverbs 22:6*

classrooms and within learning groups is a personal choice for students and staff and the decision to wear a mask or not wear mask will be respected by everyone in the school.

It will be of utmost importance that students (with parent help) and staff complete a **daily health self-assessment checklist** and understand their responsibility to complete this Covid-19 symptom checklist every morning. We have attached a form to this parent bulletin that provides families with the daily health checklist and we will require this form to be signed by both students (gr. 6-12) and parents indicating they have read the form and checklist and will complete this self-assessment every day **before coming** to school. Forms will be sent home with students the first day of school and we will be required to be back the next day on Thursday, Sept 10. We want to keep our school safe!

We know that you probably have many other questions about the re-start of Centennial Christian School, so we have compiled another FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) section at the end of this parent bulletin. Please read through it carefully. We thank you for your trust in our school and its plans. We are committed to making this a great school year for your children and our community. We firmly believe that our strength and wisdom come from our God who makes all things new. We look forward to continuing to integrate faith and faith formation into the entire learning environment, equipping students to become transforming agents serving in God's world. Head, Heart and Hands: Learning In and With Community!

Yours in Christ,

Edgar Veldman, Principal

Ella Ringma, Assistant Principal

**** New ** - Frequently Asked Questions -**

Q: What is the protocol if there is a positive test for Covid-19 at Centennial?

A: If a student or staff member is confirmed to have COVID-19, Northern Health will do an investigation to confirm if any staff or students have been in close contact with that person and need to self-isolate. Northern Health will then inform the school principal if there are close contacts of a confirmed case within a learning group and advise if any communication is necessary within the school community.

Q: Will masks be required at school?

A: We have purchased re-usable masks for all our students and staff. Currently, masks are only mandatory for gr. 6-12 students in common areas outside of their learning group. Masks are not recommended for elementary students, however, wearing a mask within a learning group or classroom is a matter of personal choice for all students and staff and this choice will be respected. Masks and isolation will be required for any students who become ill at school while they wait for parents to pick them up.

Q: What is the protocol if a student or staff member becomes sick while at school?

A: If a student or staff member becomes sick while at school they will be required to put on a mask, isolate themselves from others (office sick room), and make arrangements to go home. The area that the student or staff member was in will then be carefully disinfected.

Q: Can parents or visitors come into the building?

A: If necessary, parents may come to the front office (limit of one person in the office at a time) through the main lobby doors but should not go into the other parts of the school. All visitors to the school who are supporting learning must check in with the front office and provide their name, date and phone number for contact tracing.

Q: What about the playground before and after school?

A: Families should drop off their children right before their scheduled start time and pick them up promptly at their scheduled time. Our playground will remain closed before school and after school to promote this needed punctuality and keep areas clear during our staggered start and stop times.

Q: Will CCS support my child if they are sick or isolating?

A: Yes, we will support students who are ill or isolating at home. Teachers will contact students who are ill or isolating and will email assignments and work home to students and provide video support when necessary.

Q: Will there be extracurricular activities for my child, like sports?

A: At this time schools are not allowed to engage in any athletic competitions or events with any other school. This will be re-evaluated throughout the year and we

will inform you when any changes are made. However, we can organize activities and sports within learning groups, if

physical contact is minimized, at our school. Plans are being made for this and your children will be informed of these opportunities as they become available.

Q: What will be the protocols around shared spaces?

A: There are areas within our school that will be shared by all the learning groups like the library, gym, and art room. Learning groups are allowed to share spaces in the school if hand hygiene is practiced before and after entering the space, and if social distancing is maintained between members of different learning groups. If this is not possible, masks must be worn. We do not plan to have two different learning groups in any one space at a time, however if it does occur masks will be worn.

Q: What about recess and lunch?

A: The K-3 and 4-7 Learning Groups are staggered 10 minutes apart to avoid meeting in the hallways and coat hook areas. Once outside students from different learning groups can interact, provided they stay physically distant. This is very difficult for younger students and hard to monitor, so each learning group will be given an area of the school fields and playground to play on. A weekly schedule will be made and explained to the students on the first day of school.

Q: Are we required to do a health self-assessment check on our child(ren) before sending them to school?

A: Yes, we are requiring all staff and students (with parent help if needed) to complete a daily health self-assessment before coming to school. Forms with this checklist will be sent home with students the first day of school and must be returned on Thursday, Sept 10 signed by parents and gr. 6-12 students acknowledging that this will be done daily before school.

Q: Has the scheduled changed for High School Students?

A: No, we were able to follow our usual high school schedule with grade 8-10 students taking linear courses all year and grade 11-12 students taking a combination of linear and semesterized courses.



Dear Parents,

Due to the current COVID 19 pandemic the BC Ministry of Education requires that a Health Check must be completed verbally **every** morning with each of your school aged children before they come to school. A copy of the Daily Health Check is on the back of this form for your reference.

Please sign below indicating that you are aware of this requirement and will complete a verbal health check daily. Once completed, return this form the school on the first full day of classes on Thursday, Sept 10, and keep the second copy for you reference. Forms will be sent home on Wednesday, Sept 9 with your child.

Thank you,

Edgar Veldman and Ella Ringma

- I have read the Daily health check and understand what it is requiring.
- I will complete the health check with my school aged children before they come to school each day.
- I have discussed this with my grade 6-12 children, and they have agreed to do this health check as well and will sign below indicating that they understand what is expected.

Write the names and grades of your school aged children below. Please have any students in grade 6-12 also sign behind their name that they understand what is required:

- _____ signature: _____

Name of parent/guardian: _____

Signature of parent/guardian: _____

Date: _____

Daily Health Check		
1. Does your child have any of the following symptoms?	CIRCLE ONE	
Fever	YES	NO
Chills	YES	NO
Cough or worsening of chronic cough	YES	NO
Shortness of breath	YES	NO
Sore throat	YES	NO
Runny nose/stuffy nose	YES	NO
Loss of sense of smell or taste	YES	NO
Headache	YES	NO
Fatigue	YES	NO
Diarrhea	YES	NO
Loss of appetite	YES	NO
Nausea and vomiting	YES	NO
Muscle aches	YES	NO
Conjunctivitis (pink eye)	YES	NO
Dizziness, confusion	YES	NO
Abdominal pain	YES	NO
Skin rashes or discoloration of fingers or toes	YES	NO
2. Have you or anyone in your household returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
3. Are you or is anyone in your household a confirmed contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19 (You have been contacted by the Public Health unit and told you were a contact)?	YES	NO

If you answered “YES” to any of the questions and the symptoms are not related to a pre-existing condition (e.g. allergies) your child should **NOT** come to school.

If they are experiencing any symptoms of illness, contact a health-care provider for further assessment. This includes 8- 1-1, or a primary care provider like a physician or nurse practitioner.

If you answered “YES” to questions 2 or 3, use the [COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool](#) to determine if you should be tested for COVID-19.