



ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE SCHOOL

Under the direction of the Basilian Fathers

SMCS Update and Action Required

August 25, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are two weeks away from the first day of school on September 8, 2020. As we continue to prepare for re-opening, we recognize this will be a September like no other. We continue to navigate the uncharted territory of bringing our students back to some routine while adhering to rigorous hygiene and distancing protocols to prevent the spread of COVID-19. We recognize the closer we get to opening our doors and welcoming back our students, that there will be anxious moments and questions that we will continue to address. We will be deliberate, moving forward slowly, and growing into our new routines which will include, walking two metres away from friends, not touching or sharing personal belongings, wearing masks, moving deliberately from one room to the next with few detours or visits. It will feel different, but we will be together in growing into it. In this update you will find:

1. Information regarding a required parent/guardian return to school acknowledgement form
2. Orientation week schedule and details
3. Link to pictorial update on the over two million dollars in upgrades to the school facilities to enhance safety and the future of learning.
4. Link to Frequently Asked Questions
5. Link to a short parent/guardian survey regarding school logistics and feedback.

Parent/Guardian Acknowledgement and Daily Screening form:

The first key step to keep our community safe is to reduce the risk of a COVID-19 infected individual entering the building. If your son is not feeling well, please keep him at home. We ask that all families complete an acknowledgement of understanding our published plan and attestation that your son is healthy, to the best of your knowledge when entering the school.

Parents and Guardians will receive via Edsby a COVID-19 screening consent form. We kindly ask that you complete the form to acknowledge that you have received it and understand our return to school protocol. For those new to Edsby, you will need to log in to Edsby, however, we will mail a hard copy this week in our summer mailing. It should be returned to school before September 8.

Orientation week

As we hear of schools around the area discussing delayed returns and staggered start-ups we continue to prepare for our orientation week, September 8 to 11. Please review further details regarding orientation week activities planned for the different grade levels. This will also be posted in the river on Edsby. Our priority in orientation week is to allow students to meet all of their teachers once before entering the two-block, 16-day cycle of all eight of their classes. Orientation week will also allow students to see their classmates and get introduced to new standards of health and safety protocols at school.

Grade 7 and 9 students have been sent specific details on their respective orientation programmes.

Schedule for Week 1 – September 8-11:

| Grade | Tuesday | | Wednesday | | Thursday | Friday |
|-------|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| 7 | All students – onsite orientation | | All students – onsite orientation | | All students – online orientation with SMC and ALIVE | All students – online orientation with SMC and ALIVE |
| 8 | Cohort A (A-Klub) in class – Block 1 (pd's 1-4) | | Cohort B (Klug-Z) in class – Block 1 (pd's 1-4) | | All students – online class – Block 1 (pd's 1-4) | All students – online class – Block 2 (pd's 5-8) |
| 9 | Cohort A (A-Klub) Onsite orientation | Cohort B (Klug-Z) Online orientation | Cohort B (Klug-Z) Onsite orientation | Cohort A (A-Klub) Online orientation | All students – online orientation with SMC and ALIVE | All students – online orientation with SMC and ALIVE |
| 10 | All students – online class - Block 1 (pd's 1-4) | | All students – online class - Block 2 (pd's 5-8) | | Cohort A (A-Klub) in class – Block 1 (pd's 1-4) | Cohort B (Klug-Z) in class – Block 1 (pd's 1-4) |
| 11 | All students – online class - Block 1 (pd's 1-4) | | All students – online class - Block 2 (pd's 5-8) | | Cohort A (A-Klub) in class – Block 1 (pd's 1-4) | Cohort B (Klug-Z) in class – Block 1 (pd's 1-4) |
| 12 | All students – online class - Block 1 (pd's 1-4) | | All students – online class - Block 2 (pd's 5-8) | | Cohort A (A-Klub) in class – Block 1 (pd's 1-4) | Cohort B (Klug-Z) in class – Block 1 (pd's 1-4) |

| Schedule A 55 min. pd's | | | Block 1 | Block 2 |
|----------------------------|-------|-------|------------|------------|
| P.1 & HR | 8:30 | 9:35 | 1 | 5 |
| P.2 | 9:45 | 10:40 | 2 | 7 |
| P.4a | 10:50 | 11:45 | 4A | 6A |
| P.4b | 11:45 | 12:40 | 4B | 6B |
| P.3 | 12:50 | 1:45 | 3 | 8 |

** Students in grades 7, 9 and 11 will have lunch in 4A or 6A and class in 4B or 6B
 ** Students in grades 8, 10, and 12 will have lunch in 4B or 6B and class in 4A or 6A

Investment in Community Safety.

The school has been very busy securing and introducing several safety and performance-related upgrades to our facilities including: UV light HVAC filters, multiple plexiglass barriers, signage, sinks, water bottle filling stations, picnic tables, tents/umbrellas, fogging sanitizers, face masks, hand sanitizing stations, new classroom furniture, classroom camera technology, thermal cameras upon entry, a school nurse, personal fitness bags, among many other upgrades.

Please follow the link below to see first hand many of the additions in place to support the students, staff, and community in our joint responsibility to community health.

<https://www.stmichaelscollegeschool.com/about-us/back-to-school-2020/hygiene-sanitization/safe-at-school-photo-gallery>

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Please find an updated and ongoing list of frequently asked questions posted on our website at:

https://www.stmichaelscollegeschool.com/uploaded/About_Us/September2020/smcs-back-to-school-faq-aug25-WEB.pdf?1598369574109

