



ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE SCHOOL

Under the direction of the Basilian Fathers

October 1, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we mark the conclusion of our first month back at school, we would like to thank our students, parents, and guardians for your cooperation and support as we grow together with new routines and protocols.

We kindly ask that you review the following four updates:

1. Morning and after-school traffic flow.

As we experience a marginal increase in students being picked up and dropped off we would like to remind you that the driveway entrance north of the school off Bathurst is open and is an option for before and after school drop-off and pick-up. This is via the north gym entrance.

2. Daily screening

Our first week of transitioning to the Phoenix COVID-19 Wellness Check has been relatively smooth. We will continue to check student health daily with your support. As a reminder, here is the link to use each day your son is entering the school: (Parents/guardians were sent this link via Edsby). Your son's login information was sent to you via email on Thursday, September 24. Thank you for your patience.

3. October 7 Switch to Block 2 (Classes 5-8)

- October 5 is a regular schedule with all students attending online. (Block 1 Classes 1-4)
- October 6 is a Teacher Advisor Group (TAG) session only from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., attendance is required.
- October 7 is the first day of Block 2 (Classes 5-8) for Cohort A at school and Cohort B online.

4. Ongoing vigilance

- Our prayers and plans have always been optimistic that the pandemic environment we are living in would continue to improve. Unfortunately, this is not currently the case.
- With rising case counts in our region, we remind everyone of the necessity to remain vigilant in being responsive and responsible for keeping our students, staff, and community healthy.
- We have been fortunate so far and our communal efforts have allowed us to keep the boys at school and the doors open.

As much as we have put strategies in place, we know we are not immune to the risks we share in the community and we face this together. Although we do not anticipate any immediate closing of schools, we are aware that any outbreak or change in community health could have us transition back to a learning from home model, for the safety of all. Together, we will strive to keep students engaged, learning, and safe, as we build off of our successful start to the year.

As we celebrate the Feast of St. Michael this week, we pray for you and all those we love for the protection from all dangers of mind, body, and soul.

Sincerely,

Mr. James McKinnon
Principal

