



# ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE SCHOOL

Under the direction of the Basilian Fathers

October 28, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we near the midway point of our first academic term, and with the imminent onset of winter weather conditions, I want to inform you of four specific information items relevant to your son's day-to-day experience at the school. Please review with your son(s).

## 1. BLOCK CHANGE

Students revert to their Block One schedule (classes scheduled during periods 1, 2, 4A/B, and 3 on Edsby) the week of November 2.

Monday, November 2 is a designated 'Gap Day', during which students are not required to attend school, but will participate online in our Teacher Advisory Group (TAG) programme beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, November 3 marks the first day of Block One, during which all students will attend their classes online.

In-person classes will commence with COHORT B on Wednesday, November 4, and likewise in-person classes for COHORT A will commence on Thursday, November 5. Please note, there will be a shortened schedule on November 12 and no scheduled classes on November 13 to accommodate Parent/Teacher Conferences.

## 2. LOCKER ASSIGNMENTS – DAILY USE ONLY

Colder weather necessitates bulky winter outerwear. As such, lockers will be assigned and shared with students in the opposite cohort beginning November 4. Lockers will be sanitized daily as per our current COVID-19 protocols.

Students will store only their coats, boots, hats, and mitts in their assigned locker during the day.

As is the current practice, students will still be required to pack and carry all valuables, texts, school supplies, and lunch with them for the remainder of the day.

We are discouraging the use of locks, as locker areas are surveilled and supervised. This will assist to expedite traffic flow during entry and exit times. If your son prefers to secure his locker during the day, he may bring his own lock to do so. It must be removed at the end of each school day.

Any locks left on lockers after school will be removed at the owner's expense.

In order to observe social distancing guidelines, assigned lockers have been staggered by grade, and locker access during the school day will not be permitted.

### 3. WINTER UNIFORM

Commencing Wednesday, November 4, winter uniform requirements are in effect for in-person attendance. To review, students may wear:

- A plain (no script or logos permitted) navy long-sleeved shirt underneath their SMCS golf shirt,
- Washable khaki-style pants (no elastic bottoms or drawstring waist),
- A belt, socks, and casual close-toed shoes or runners.
- Additional options include the long-sleeved SMCS golf shirt or the SMCS zippered sweater-jacket (overtop of their SMCS golf shirt), which can both be purchased at the Mporium.
- Students will no longer be permitted to wear any other type of sweater, hoodie, or jacket while in school for the duration of the academic year.

### 4. LUNCHROOM SWITCH

Due to the colder weather, students previously assigned to lunch cohorts on the cafeteria terrace/courtyard will be reassigned to the theatre stage and arena as of November 4. Affected students will be sent an individual reminder prior to the scheduled switchover.

Just as we settle into manageable routines we need to adjust once again; such is the world of 2020. This does afford us the opportunity, however, to display the 21st century skills of adaptability, creativity, resilience, and optimism. Thank you for your support and continued contribution to keeping us safe, learning, and engaged at SMCS.

Best regards,

Mr. James McKinnon  
Principal

