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**Please Note: This message is for students who are attending in-class learning only and does not apply to students who have opted for our remote learning program. Information about the first day of remote learning will be communicated shortly.**

Dear St. Pius Families:

We are excited to welcome your child back to the classroom in September. As you know, our students will experience significant change when they arrive back at school. To make the transition easier and to ensure all students have a practical understanding of our enhanced health and safety protocols, we will be implementing a **staggered entry approach for in-class school start-up.**

A staggered approach to school start-up will provide the opportunity for all schools to review health and safety practices as well as new school protocols and routines with our youngest students before the full complement of students returns to each building. This approach allows for additional staff to be available to support our students’ successful integration into the new school environment. Our goal is to ensure students have the opportunity to develop comfort in their new routines.

Students returning to conventional school will begin staggered entry on Tuesday, September 8, 2020. (See chart below) Only one quarter of the school will attend each day for the first week (Sept. 8 – 11). The following week, half of the school will attend on Monday, September 14, and the other half will attend on Tuesday, September 15. All in-class students, JK to Gr. 8, will be fully returned to school on Wednesday, September 16. Students will be grouped based on the first letter of their last name. For children who may have a different last name but are in the same household, Mrs. Rudyk will be contacting you to discuss which day has been assigned to you. Staggered entry does not necessarily apply to students with significant special education needs. Our SERTs, Mrs. Fraser and Miss Hingston, will be contacting families to determine the best model of entry for our higher needs’ students.

If you are planning for your child(ren) to do remote online learning, the registration for this mode of schooling opened yesterday. Please check your email for notifications and our board/school websites for the link to register. The earlier link that was sent to parents was simply a survey to inform the Board of your intentions. You will need to register your child(ren) to participate in the remote learning option.

**St. Pius School Entry Schedule**

Students **attending in-person** are required to be at school on the following days:

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| Monday,Sept. 7 | Tuesday,Sept. 8 | Wednesday,Sept. 9 | Thursday,Sept. 10 | Friday,Sept. 11 |
| **LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY** | **JK – Gr. 8****Last names beginning with****A – E** **only** | **JK – Gr. 8****Last names beginning with****F – L****only** | **JK – Gr. 8****Last names beginning with****M – P****only** | **JK – Gr. 8****Last names beginning with****R – Z****only** |

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| Monday,Sept. 14 | Tuesday,Sept. 15 | Wednesday,Sept. 16 | Thursday,Sept. 17 | Friday,Sept. 18 |
| **JK – Gr. 8****Last names beginning with****A – L****only** | **JK – Gr. 8****Last names beginning with****M – Z****only** | **All students** | **All students** | **All students** |

As a community of learners, we are all looking forward to a healthy and smooth start to this school year. Wishing our Titan families many blessings as we venture into a new and different start to our school year together.

Warm regards,

Jennifer Rudyk

Principal