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PCS - Educational Excellence to the Glory of God

School Opening Plan Summary - Sept 2020

Dear PCS Community members,

As we have for 60 years, this September, the PCS community is looking forward to a new year of “Educational Excellence to the Glory of God.” Through God’s grace, we are entering a unique 60th season and preparing to serve approximately 500 families and 900 students! The impact of PCS’s version of Christ-centred education continues to be experienced in a wide array of alumni and in our enrolment as we see over 125 alumni currently sending their children to PCS. We pray God’s guidance for our families and also for our recent grads as they navigate some turbulent waters.



We have also been navigating these waters as a staff team for the past several months. This summer, we have been diligently working to develop safe, transformative back-to-school plans for September. This summary document points out some highlights of the plan as we know it to date. The complete plan is available at myPCS.ca/Covid19

Please continue to lift up the PCS team and community in prayer as plans begin to solidify and families prepare for the journey back to school!



Please note that due to today’s Min. of Ed. announcement re the option to offer remote learning, the plan, within our capacity, will have remote learning options added. Watch for a PCS Parent survey on Aug 27.

Highlights of the PCS Back-to-School Plan (prior to Aug 26 announcement)

- o This is a ‘High Level’ plan to allow for pivoting within fairly wide frames. For example, if we move to stage 3 or stage 2 parameters change we have built in flexibility
- o There will be staggered arrival and dismissal to the day. This might be as follows:
 - potential K-12 arrival times: last names A-I: 8:20 am, J-Q: 8:30 am, R-Z: 8:40 am
 - potential K-7 dismissal times: last names A-N: 2:45 pm, O-Z: 2:55 pm ~~2:40 and 2:50 pm~~
 - potential 8-12 dismissal times: grade 8-10: 2:30 pm, grade 11-12: 2:35 pm
- o As per the government guidelines, students and staff will wear face coverings in the hallways, bathrooms, library, and any other space in which members of different learning groups are present at the same time and where distancing is difficult
- o Students will need to move promptly to their classrooms once they enter the school
- o There are a significant number of health and safety requirements which are derived from the [Health and Safety Guidelines for K - 12 Settings](#) released by the Ministry of Education and the latest [guidelines from WorkSafe BC](#)



Mark your calendar:

Opening/Orientation Days

Tues, Sept 8 and Wed, Sept 9

myPCS.ca/Calendar

Watch for more information soon

Current gov’t approved PCS plan: myPCS.ca



Questions or concerns? Please be in touch!

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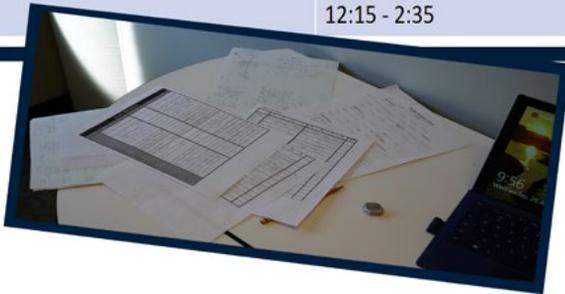
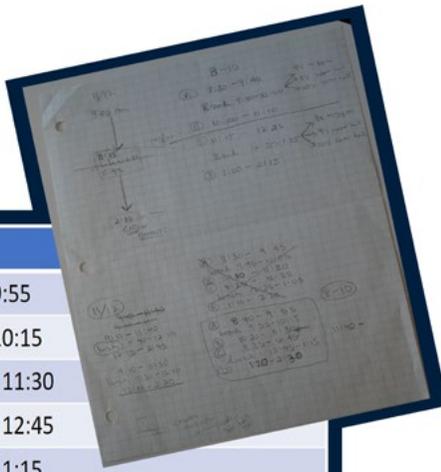
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Secondary Highlights

...some of the on-going scheduling work!

Grades 8 – 10 (Times are for illustration)	
A Block	8:40 - 9:55
Break	9:55 - 10:15
B Block	10:20 - 11:30
C Block	11:35 - 12:45
Lunch	12:45 - 1:15
D Block	1:20 - 2:30
Grades 11-12 (Times are for illustration)	
A Block	8:50 9:00 - 11:20
Lunch	11:20 - 12:10
B Block	12:15 - 2:35



- o Each grade level at the secondary will form a Learning Group (<90, well under the max of 120)
- o In a situation where a student is enrolled in a course outside of their learning group, physical distancing will be required
- o We will not be using lockers in the secondary building initially. In special circumstances lockers may be available
- o Students should only be at school when they have classes; if a student has a spare, they should only be at school for the class they are taking
- o There will be separate lunch breaks for Grade 8-10 and for Grade 11/12. Please note that these breaks are 30 minutes. Students should pack a lunch and should not plan to leave campus
- o Students will take their breaks outdoors as long as the weather permits.
- o Whether indoors or outdoors, there will be separate spaces designated for separate learning groups during breaks

- o Grade 8, students will stay with the same homeroom class (~22 students) for their Language Arts, Social Studies, Bible, Science and French
- o Grade 9 & 10 students will have 4 blocks each day, all within the Grade learning group. Three blocks will be before lunch, and one after lunch
- o Grade 11/12 moves to a quarterly-based system of instruction (2 classes/day)
- o Grade 11 & 12 students will take 2 classes in a quarter. One class will meet before lunch, one after lunch

Elementary Highlights

- o Elementary remains quite homeroom centred
- o Learning Groups (cohorts) will largely be restricted to the student's homeroom class size; options for classes to 'buddy' with another class remain
- o The playground equipment will be available under supervision during the school day

We need You to be Involved...



- Continue **praying for and otherwise supporting the staff at PCS** as they “nurture students in Christ-like living, critical thinking and joyful service to be faithful citizens in God’s world.”
- Help us to tell the story of God at work at PCS.** Please help us celebrate “Educational Excellence to the Glory of God”
- Be kind. Be Calm. Be Safe.

After today’s announcement, we are now able to plan for a remote learning environment for students. **We will be sending out a survey to all PCS families on Thursday.** Please watch for and complete the survey by Sunday night.

Thank you...and blessings on the journey ahead!