

Principal's Weekly Update – November 6th, 2020

Peace begins with a smile. (Mother Teresa)

As you are all aware, our city has been placed in the **Critical/Red Response Level Zone** by Public Health, while schools in Winnipeg have remained in the **Orange Response Level Plan**.

Public Health officials are advising the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region that anyone who is symptomatic must self-isolate, along with the entire household. The symptomatic individual needs to stay in their own room, and if possible, use their own bathroom and not use common areas. www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/updates/resources.html#collapse2

I have been in meetings this week regarding school planning in anticipation of being placed in the **Red Response/Critical Level Plan**. Therefore, I am sharing information provided by the government regarding in-school learning/remote learning, as it will look different than it did in the spring.

Here is how it will affect us at SCCS:

Gr. 7 & 8 students will be asked to remain at home to engage in daily remote learning. Students in Kindergarten to Gr. 6 will only be allowed in school if their parents fall under the Critical Services Workers Tier 1 or Tier 2 definition. I've included the government definition for your information.

Critical Services Worker (CSW) Definition

*In a Critical (Red) response level, schools and school divisions will endeavour to accommodate Kindergarten to Grade 6 children of CSWs **who cannot make alternative care arrangements**. Various limitations will affect the number of children of CSWs that a school can safely manage. It is understood that schools/school divisions may not have the space required to accommodate all Kindergarten to Grade 6 children of CSWs while maintaining two metres of physical distancing. Therefore, a prioritization system is needed.*

Priority access will be given to health care providers. Other CSWs will be eligible and prioritized by schools/school divisions as follows:

Tier One:

- **Health/Health Services**
- **Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education Providers (all teachers, administrators, and support staff)**
- **Child Care Workers**

- **Law Enforcement**
- **Corrections Workers**
- **Fire and Paramedic First Responders**
- **Direct Social Services and Child Protection Workers**

Tier Two:

Additional Critical Service Providers (This may include people who provide essential services to Manitobans such as front-line natural resource workers, gas station attendants, grocery store staff, and hospital/clinic support staff, such as those listed in I Essential Services Act at <https://web2.gov.mb.ca/laws/statutes/ccsm/e145e.php>.

Schools and school divisions may also use their discretion to accommodate high-risk students in order to mitigate serious concerns.

Therefore, I have already begun preparing our **Red Response/Critical Level Plan** in preparation for this possible move. If you are a parent of a Kindergarten to Gr. 6 child(ren), and fall under the Tier 1 category(1 or both parents), you will be contacted in the event of a shift to the new response level to see if you are not able to make alternative care arrangements and will be sending your child(ren) to school. Depending on parent Tier 1 response, Tier 2 category parents may also be contacted.

More information will be shared if we move to the **Red Response/Critical Level Plan**, and a detailed plan will be shared in regards to the remote learning structure for all grade levels.

As always, I will continue to be transparent in my communication as I learn more information and will work hard to make sure that this information is shared with the school community in a timely manner.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

THE WEEK IN REVIEW! 😊

- Monday was All Souls Day.
- Wednesday we celebrated St. Charles Day! (I had the wrong date in last week's update). St. Charles Borromeo is our patron saint, and each year we celebrate with an assembly and a special treat for the entire school. This year we began our day with our assembly and had Sargent Sundae ice cream in the afternoon! It was lots of fun!
- Thursday morning was the Gr. 1 & 2 Friendship Celebration. The students had a lot of fun sharing friendship through crafts, like rock painting and making special cards for their friends.
- Today was the deadline for all outstanding Middle Years assignments to be credited towards first term report card marks.

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK...

- Tuesday will be our annual Remembrance Day Assembly. As seems to be the new protocol, it will be done virtually that morning.
- Wednesday is Remembrance Day. There is **no school and no BASC** that day.
- Friday, November 13th is the last day of Term 1.

REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY

On Tuesday, November 10th, we will be having our annual Remembrance Day Assembly. It will be held virtually this year. Students will have an opportunity to make a poppy donation. Please send all poppy donations in to your child's teacher no later than November 10th. Thank you.

SOCK DRIVE

Congratulations to Torin, our Gr. 7 student who collected 680 pairs of socks to deliver to Siloam Mission last weekend! Torin and his Dad took all the socks to Siloam Mission and were able to witness the workers at Siloam Mission begin handing them out to those who needed them. We are very proud of you Torin for your wonderful leadership! You surpassed your goal of 500 pairs of socks! Again, thank you to all the students/families who sent in socks for this worthy cause. It feels good to share with others especially during these unprecedented times.

PATROL SAFETY

For the safety of our patrols and supervising staff, please drive carefully when dropping off and picking up your child. This week, I had multiple parents/staff share a very concerning incident regarding some reckless driving near our patrols, causing them to become frightened. *Please note: unsafe driving will be reported.*

ST. CHARLES VIOLIN AMBASSADORS

The St. Charles Violin Ambassadors is a group of talented young musicians from grades 6 to 8 who work together to pursue musical excellence. All eleven members possess a love of music and a dedication to making beautiful music together. To demonstrate the impressive versatility of these young violinists, we will be performing in a virtual format throughout the year with pieces selected by the students.

Our Violin Ambassadors have been busy practicing at lunch hours in anticipation of how they can share their love of the violin with others. Last week they created a YouTube video of one of their favourite songs. Click on the link below to listen to them play.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AECQi_p-iPY

PARENT PORTAL INFORMATION

If you do not have a Parent Portal account, you will need to complete the Parent Portal Waiver form. There are printable and digital versions available, just make sure that the form is signed and forwarded back to the school. You can also take a picture of the signed form and email to powerschool@stccs.ca. If you don't have a printer you can complete the fillable form with a digital signature or a pic of your signature attached.

If you have a Parent Portal account but cannot remember your password or user info., please email powerschool@stccs.ca and Mrs. Senderewich will reset your information for you.

BASC NEWS

- There is BLINE on Monday.
- The BASC Craft #1 is on Tuesday.
- There is no Cheer or POM scheduled for Tuesday.
- There is no school or BASC on Wednesday.
- Please submit payment for all outstanding days at BASC.
- November 16th there is **no school but full day BASC**. You must be registered by November 9th to attend. We staff accordingly.

Thank you Kim

OTHER

The Hot lunch meals on November 10th and 12th have been switched around.

Tuesday, November 10th meal will be Taquitos & Chips, on Thursday, November 12th the meal will be A&W Burger & Fruit Bar. Whichever meal you ordered you will receive on the new scheduled day.

Please make sure to send utensils with your child's lunch.

ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL CENTENNIAL - 1921-2021

Our school community will be celebrating our centennial in 2021; what a momentous milestone! Our Anniversary Committee is busy planning virtual events and in-school activities to mark the year. If you are an alumni of the school, or know someone who is, we want to connect with you! We are looking for old pictures and memorabilia that could add to our celebration or for former students and staff to share a story of their time here by emailing 100th@stals.ca. As well, find information on our upcoming events and check out our online photo archive at www.stalphonusschool.ca/100th-anniversary.

*As we continue to navigate this pandemic I'd like to remind you that staff are navigating the **Orange Response Level Plan** as well as can be expected. As we continue to implement new teaching techniques/strategies where necessary, please understand that changes may be made to accommodate a better way of doing things. We appreciate your support and patience during this time.*

*Have a terrific weekend!
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