

Principal's Weekly Update - October 23rd, 2020

The one who is from God listens to God's words. (John 8:47)

The last 24 hours have certainly prompted a lot of changes at SCCS to prepare for our students coming back to class on Monday. As shared with all SCCS families yesterday,

The following learnings from Public Health and Education have informed our planning and decision-making:

- **There has been minimal school-level transmission among the K–12 schools with confirmed cases.**
- **Cohorts and other public health measures have been effective in mitigating the risk of transmission and informing contact tracing.**
- **Schools, including administrators, teachers and staff, have implemented the public health measures consistently and have handled confirmed cases in schools with responsiveness, confidence, and a great deal of professionalism.**

- **While minimal transmission is occurring in schools at this point, these additional public health measures are critical to ensure that the schools respond to the current risks and conditions given rising community transmission. If more measures are needed they will be implemented.**

- **As of Monday, October 26, 2020, schools in the Winnipeg Metro Region, Northern Health Region and in Churchill will be operating in regions that are in the Restricted level (orange) of the #RestartMB Pandemic Response System. These measures are one more layer of protection to keep students and staff safe.**

- **Schools have been preparing for a restricted level since the summer. Some schools may not see significant changes as these measures have already been applied by some divisions and schools. The extent of changes at an individual school will depend on the measures that have already been implemented to date. For example if 2 m is already achieved there won't be many changes to classrooms. If extracurricular has already been suspended to find additional space, this will not be new.**

Staff have been working hard today to make the necessary changes in their classrooms and the school to ensure all Restricted Level Orange measures are met.

The Restricted Level (Orange) measures for K-12 schools can be found online at <https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/restartmb/prs/index.html>

THE WEEK IN REVIEW! ☺

- Last Saturday morning, many of our families showed up for Spruce Up the School. Thank you so very much to all the families that participated and worked so hard to make the outside of our school look so nice! We certainly appreciate it! A special thank you to our Board Chair, Robyn Powell, and Mr. Schoenberger, from the Building & Grounds Committee for organizing this event. Next Spruce Up the School will be held in the spring.
- Mrs. Barnes officially began her maternity leave on Monday. We wish her all the best as she begins this very special time in her life. She has promised to let me know when Baby Barnes has arrived. Stay tuned for updates!
- We had our second School Mass of the year on Tuesday morning. Thank you to Msgr. Comeault from Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish for celebrating with us.
- Snow was a big excitement for many of our students this week! Wednesday recesses were lots of fun, and many of our younger students were overheard talking about Christmas coming soon. 😊
- Wednesday and Thursday evening teaching staff participated in Parent Teacher Interviews. Thank you to our SCCS parents for respecting the time limit to help keep on everyone on time for both evenings.
- Thursday was our Staff Appreciation Luncheon. A very special thank you to Grs. 3, 3-4 & 4 families for your generosity in making this a wonderful luncheon for all staff to enjoy! It was greatly appreciated and is something that staff truly look forward to. Thank you to Roscoe's Catering for the delicious food.
- Today was an Inservice Day and all teaching staff, and some support staff, had planned to participate in various workshops throughout the day. However, due to the government's announcement yesterday, many of our staff were at school preparing so that they can be ready to welcome all our students back on Monday!

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK...

- On Tuesday, October 27th, in the afternoon, our Gr. 8 students will participate virtually in their annual Gr. 8 Retreat. A group of young adults from Kids for Christ and Couples for Christ will be leading the retreat. Thank you to Mrs. Prettie for organizing.
- Many of our staff are participating in CPR/First Aid courses this week. All our staff at SCCS are certified, and we do this on a rotation basis. Due to the pandemic half of the course had to be done online, and the rest will be done in very small groups with social distancing in place.
- Friday will be our annual Black & Orange Colour Day at SCCS. This is always a fun day for students and staff.

MASKS

Just a friendly reminder that we love seeing our students wearing masks, however, please make sure that your child's mask is appropriate for school, especially since Halloween is just around the corner. Thank you.

SOCKS

Students are working very hard to collect socks for Siloam Mission! We are nearing the end of the sock drive. If you would still like to donate a pair or two of socks, please send them in by Wednesday, October 28th. Thank you for your support.

PARKING

I have received more complaints from our neighbours further down Augier Avenue this time. Multiple neighbours are upset with parents parking in front of their driveway, blocking the lane, and in one case, actually parking in the person's driveway. There is no best solution, and we work with what we have, but please remember to be respectful and kind.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Friendly reminder!

Please be advised that raffle ticket stubs must be returned to the school no later than October 26th to be included in the draw. You can start sending them back now either in your child's agenda or by dropping them off in the mailbox outside the front door. Any stubs not returned by October 26th will not be included in the draw.

Thank you,

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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.

BASC NEWS

- There is BLINE on Monday.
- There is Cheer & POM on Tuesday.

- The Craft is on Wednesday.
- Check for November & December forms. Limited spots for events.
- November 11th no school & no BASC
- November 16th there is no school but full day BASC. You must be registered by November 6th to attend.
- When dropping off or picking up students for BASC please **TEXT** when you are on the sidewalk or at the doors.

Thanks Kim

OTHER

- Please make sure to send cutlery for your child's lunches.
- If ordering Tim's or A&W lunch, forms must be handed in by November 2nd.

ST. CHARLES PARISH NEWS

There will be an internment at St. Charles Parish on Friday, October 30, 2020 from 2:30 to 4:00 pm.

Please park along the river or on allowed streets so that the center of the Parish parking lot can remain available for families.

Thank you.

I hope that you all have a restful, peaceful weekend. Thank you for all your unending support and understanding during these extremely difficult times. You can be assured that the staff at SCCS are absolutely amazing and working very hard to keep your children as safe as possible during this pandemic. It has been a difficult road for all of us, and we are truly in this together. I am very proud of my staff, my students, and of our parent community.

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