



August 24, 2020

Dear Bedford Road Students, Parents and Caregivers,

As August draws to a close there are many questions in our community about what the school year will look like for students. Student and staff health and safety is essential as we return to an in-school experience. This letter is intended to share information regarding changes to our practice and procedures. We look forward to working with our students once again and providing an environment where learning is once again the primary focus.

Please refer to the [Parent and Caregiver Reopening Handbook](#) for general information on Saskatoon Public Schools reopening plan. This parent handbook provides detailed information on many important topics including:

- Safety Precautions
- Curriculum and Assessment
- Support Services
- Food and nutrition programs
- Facilities
- Supporting Students.

The guidelines of the Parent Handbook will be adhered to by our school along with elements specific to our school.

The following information represents our school specific plan for a safe return to school at Bedford Road Collegiate. Please note that the plan is subject to change at any time based on direction from Saskatchewan's Chief Medical Health Officer. Changes will be communicated as they occur.

Safety & Hygiene

Enhanced sanitization. Bedford Road Caretaking staff will be following an enhanced schedule for sanitizing common areas and important touch points in the room and the school. We have added an additional staff member during the school day to facilitate this process. Each room will be equipped with spray bottles to sanitize desks and hand sanitizer for class use.

Visitors. Any visitors to the school will be required to complete a mandatory safety questionnaire, wear a mask and sanitize before being allowed into the building.

Ill Staff or Students. Students or staff are asked to remain at home if they exhibit symptoms outlined in the Parent/Caretaker Handbook. In these cases, the impacted individual or family are asked to contact 811 to pursue testing. Students who are sick at school will be isolated in a designated space and the family will be contacted to pick up the student. School Administration is required to report incidents of illness at the school involving staff or students to the Saskatchewan Health Authority for follow-up. Please refer to the Parent/Caretaker Handbook for specific details regarding symptoms or illness in care processes.



Limiting Shared Material and Equipment. Students will not be permitted to share materials in the same manner that they may have in the past. Any shared equipment will need to be sanitized before use by another student or staff member.

Mask Usage

At Saskatoon Public schools the health and safety of our students and staff are our number one priority. As indicated in the Parent and Caregiver Reopening Handbook:

- Grade 4-12 students are required to wear masks when appropriate physical distancing cannot be maintained.
- Masks are recommended for prekindergarten to Grade 3 students.
- Staff are required to wear masks at all times when appropriate distancing cannot be maintained.
- When physical distancing is achievable, mask breaks may occur (i.e. outdoor learning).
- All students are required to wear masks while riding the bus.
- All visitors must wear masks.
- Saskatoon Public Schools will provide one reusable mask for each student. Additional disposable masks will be made available to students when needed and required.
- Students are welcome to bring their own masks.
- In some situations, wearing a mask may not be possible for a student. In these instances, school staff members will work with parents/caregivers to consider accommodations. More information can be found on the [CDC website](#).
- Staff members will be provided with a reusable mask and face shield for use as needed. Staff members may also choose to use their own mask.
- More information about the proper usage of masks or face coverings is available from the [Public Health Agency of Canada](#).

At Bedford Road we are asking students to wear masks at all times in classrooms or transitions in the hallways.



Staggered Start:

At Saskatoon Public Schools students are our number one priority. We want our students to be safe, healthy and excited to return to school and we want parents and caregivers to feel an equivalent amount of comfort with the reopening. In this current environment we need to practice new ways of being safe and happy at school. To this end our schools will be setting up a staggered start so that we all have an opportunity to practice and refine our new routines and procedures with the students.

Bedford Road Staggered Start Schedule:

September 8th

9:00 – 10:00 am	Grade 12
10:30 – 11:30 am	Grade 11
1:00 – 2:00 pm	Grade 10
2:30 – 3:30 pm	Grade 9

Students will find their assigned homeroom at the entrances to the building. They enter the school based on last name in alphabetical order. Entrances will be clearly marked for students.

Student Schedule:

Bedford Road will be using a “Quint” schedule in order to reduce exposure to other people during the school day. We will be offering two classes per term for five terms. Students will be able to complete 10 classes during the school year. Each class will last 159 minutes with a scheduled break during each class. Our staff will be working to plan meaningful and engaging lessons during each period. One of the benefits of a longer class period is the opportunity to engage more deeply with the content. A sample schedule for a Grade 10 student is shown below:

Q1 Sep 1 - Oct 23	Q2 Oct 27 - Dec 17	Q3 Jan 4 – Mar 2	Q4 Mar 4 – Apr 30	Q5 May 4 – Jun 23
ELA10	WLM10	MWA10	ELB10	FOO10
LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
SCI10	NS10	CAC10	MFP10	PEN10

Please use the following link for a detailed calendar for the 2020-2021 school year:
<https://portal.spsd.sk.ca/sites/sa/cal/Documents/2020-2021>



Daily Schedule:

The daily schedule can be viewed below. Students will be provided with one 10-minute break during each session. These breaks will be staggered by class to reduce students contact but students are required to maintain social distancing and wear a mask during this time.

8:45 am	Classrooms open
9:00 am – 11:40 am	AM Class (with 10 minute break)
11:40 am – 12:25 pm	Lunch (In AM classroom)
12:25 pm – 3:05 pm	PM class (with 10 minute break)
3:05 pm	Dismissal

Lunch:

During the lunch break, students are encouraged to go home when possible. Students bringing their own food to school should use clean containers and bring their own utensils. If students remain in the school, they will be eating their lunch in their morning classroom. Over the lunch break, students will either be in their classroom/designated space or be asked to go outside weather permitting. Unfortunately, a microwave will not be available for student use.

We are currently organizing our nutrition program and food service at Bedford Road. The “Redhawk Roost” will continue to provide food for sale and we are working with the staff on mechanisms for pre-order of food along with delivery to classrooms.

Bedford Road will continue to provide nutrition options to students who are not able to bring or purchase food at the school. We will continue to provide nutrition before school and at noon.

Entering/Exiting the School:

Where possible, schools will assign groups of students or classroom specific doors to enter and leave the school. There will be appropriate door signage to ensure those entering the school have done a self-health check.

At Bedford Road, students will be assigned an entrance based on proximity to their classroom.

Students are encouraged to arrive no sooner than 15 minutes before their first class and should move directly to their class upon arrival. Teachers will open classroom doors 15 minutes prior to the beginning of morning classes.

Students will be required to leave the building immediately after their final class.



Busing:

Information from City Transit will be available soon.

Lockers:

Lockers will be available upon request. Lockers will impede the flow of traffic and lead to crowding in our hallways so we ask that any requests are intended to reduce significant challenges for students.

Flow of traffic within school:

Directional arrows to support safe movement in the school will be used. Social distancing decals will be installed on the floors where necessary.

At Bedford Road, we will use these arrows to support two-way movement in our hallways. Narrower stairwells have been designated as “one way”. Classrooms will have designated washrooms that students will be required to use. Our gender-neutral washroom will be open for student and staff use regardless of assigned washroom.

Parent/Caregiver access to school:

Parents and caregivers have always been welcomed at the school, but we ask that an appointment be made and that visits during the pandemic occur only if necessary. Please contact the Main Office at (306)683 – 7650 to make an appointment.

All visitors to the school will be required to:

- Use the main door on Avenue H.
- Complete the CoVID-19 Questionnaire (using smartphone QR code or paper copy)
- Wear a mask while in the school
- Use hand sanitizer at the front door

Please consider other options for contact and communication before requesting an appointment.

Extra-Curricular Activities:

Another important update to share is in regard to in-person extracurricular activities for the fall. The decisions regarding extracurricular activities was made to ensure the health and safety of students and staff members, and to protect the class cohorts we are creating in collegiates by limiting student interactions.

Performing arts activities such as musicals, plays, and band concerts, are postponed. With regards to sports, the Saskatoon Secondary Schools Athletic Directorate (SSSAD), in collaboration with Greater Saskatoon



Catholic Schools and Saskatoon Public Schools, has decided that the following sports will not be offered in high schools this fall:

- Cross Country
- Football
- Soccer
- Volleyball

As the situation evolves, the plans for extracurricular activities will be reviewed and updated. We will continue to provide updated information as it becomes available.

Learning Options:

Students best engage in their learning through connection with their teacher and with fellow students. However, in-person learning may not be the best option for every student in the fall. Students will have a choice between in-class learning or online learning.

As families choose between in-class and online learning, school staffing may be adapted and classroom assignments may change early in the school year. We appreciate the patience and understanding of families as we work through these issues.

For the 2020-21 school year, Saskatoon Public Schools [Online Learning Centre](#) (OLC) is offering K-12 curriculum online.

Mental Health and Social-Emotional Supports

We understand that the return to school is difficult for many students and families. At Bedford Road we are proud to offer exceptional supports for students built on strong relationships.

Student Services. Our Student Services Office provides students with course selection, graduation planning, personal counselling and referral to outside agencies.

Craig Schumacher – Grades 10 & 12 (IB Counsellor)

Faye Laliberte – Grades 9 & 11 (AEWS Counsellor)

Indigenous Advocate. Nahanni Olson supports Indigenous students at Bedford Road Collegiate along with supporting classroom teachers with content or ways of knowing.

Restorative Action Program. Brittney McFadden is the RAP worker at Bedford Road Collegiate. RAP provides students with positive and proactive strategies for their relationships in the school. Please check out the RAP website for more information: <https://restorative-action-project.websitepro.hosting/>

Please contact the school if you feel that your student needs in school supports or information regarding supports in our community.

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