

January 8, 2021

Good Afternoon,

Happy New Year. I hope you have all had a healthy and restful break and am sure that your daughters were happy to see their teachers and their friends in their online classes this first week back to school. I look forward to speaking with you in person on Monday in our virtual parent meetings and to soon seeing your daughters at school.

In the meantime, and as you have no doubt seen in the media, Premier Legault and the Minister of Education have set an elementary school return date to in-school classes of Monday, January 11th, with a senior school return date of Monday, January 18th. In high school, classes will continue to be staggered in the same alternating fashion that was in place prior to the break.

Our Senior School Director, Ms. Briand will soon be sending a reminder to all senior school students and parents with regards to the staggered return schedule.

It has been made very clear to us that although The Study is an independent school, by law we must respect the current Ministry directive. In other words, all students must come to school unless they have certain specific health-related conditions or live with an individual who has such conditions.

However, we have been advised that if your daughter or anyone in your household, displays any sort of respiratory or flu-like symptoms, Santé Publique asks that you now not wait the previously recommended 24 hours, but rather, be tested right away. Please advise your respective Division Director if your daughter or anyone in your household is being tested, and while she is at home awaiting her or a family member's result, she will have access to online learning.

In addition to a successful academic fall term, we have been fortunate to have not had any in-school COVID transmissions this past term. The success of this upcoming winter term, particularly in light of the overall increased incidence of COVID cases in the province, depends again on our shared responsibility and our shared respect of the new government directives.

Since the beginning of the school year, we have implemented best practices, which surpass Ministry guidelines, such as the wearing of masks by all students, staff and faculty in the building, to provide a safe and healthy environment. In addition, we focused our attention on

the ventilation in each classroom prior to the start of classes. We installed high-quality ventilation equipment in each classroom, and we insisted that classroom doors be left open, windows be opened periodically throughout the day, implemented social distancing and maintained class bubbles. In keeping with the recommendations made today by Santé Publique, we will ensure the air quality in each classroom and that all ventilation-related equipment, including air purifiers are inspected by professional experts to ensure a high standard of classroom ventilation.

In addition to the procedure masks to be supplied by the Ministry for all high school students, we will also make available procedure masks for students in Grades 5 and 6 starting next week and we are currently attempting to purchase additional ones for all elementary students. In the meantime, we encourage you to have your daughter wear a procedure mask.

As always, we will communicate any changes to you as they emerge. To answer any further questions you may have, including questions related to evaluations and exams, please join us for our Parent Information Meetings as follows:

Monday, January 11th

5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. - Parents of students in Elementary School-

<http://meet.google.com/ubd-rhev-rkb>

5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. - Parents of students in Senior School –

<http://meet.google.com/wqk-dzgq-hop>

Thank you so very much for your ongoing cooperation. As we move forward, we will continue to depend on our mutual partnership as it is imperative to the health and safety of all members of The Study community.

Warmly,



Kim McInnes
Head of School