

Pierrefonds Community High School

Principal's update to Parents



August 25th, 2021

Dear PCHS community,

I hope that you have enjoyed your summer vacation and have taken the opportunity to relax and unwind. It was certainly a challenging year for everyone last year and our students and staff members deserved the summer vacation. I am looking forward to my second year here at PCHS. Today we had the opportunity to welcome back the teachers and some support staff back into the building. We are all hoping for a gradual return to normality whilst ensuring that we keep our community safe and healthy.

My objective is to send information and updates to you periodically via email, and will be sure to send any modifications to health and safety protocols as we receive them.

Please take note of the following information items:

First Day

Tuesday August 31st - All Secondary 1 Students and all CFER students. Day One.

Wednesday September 1st - Secondary 2, 3, 4 & 5 students and all CFER students. Day One.

Thursday September 2nd - All students. Day Two.

Health & Safety

I wish to remind PCHS parents to continue to be cautious and monitor your child's health. If your child or a member of your family develops symptoms please keep your child at home. If a member of your household has been exposed to a positive case of covid or if a member of the household is waiting for the result of a covid test your child must remain at home.

If your child tests positive or develops Covid like symptoms you must report this to the school immediately and keep your child at home.

We will consult with Montreal Region Public Health Authorities and they will inform us of the protocol we must follow this year when positive cases are reported to us. At this time, we are waiting for clarification on student isolation and testing requirements.

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Together, we will continue to be vigilant and keep everyone as safe as possible.

Key Points

- Classroom bubbles are not in place this year.
- Students must wear procedural masks (provided by the school) in the classrooms and whilst transitioning inside the school.
- Masks must be worn on the school bus and assigned seating must be respected on the bus.
- Students will sanitize their hands upon entry to the school and classrooms.
- Staff will be wearing masks in school.

Vaccinations

PCHS will be hosting a vaccination clinic on Thursday September 2nd, any student who requires a vaccine can receive one at school on that day. I must provide Public Health with an accurate number of doses required ahead of time. If your child wishes to receive a vaccine at school please complete the following survey: <https://forms.gle/2hpXB377jjg7R1BP8>

You may continue to book appointments for vaccines at the Clic sante website: <https://portal3.clicsante.ca/>

Extra-Curricular Activities

The Government has given consent for schools to commence extra-curricular activities this year. PCHS will be making decisions on what we are comfortable offering our students this year. We will certainly continue our academic support program after school.

The Government has indicated that certain sporting activities require students to be fully vaccinated. We are waiting on clarification regarding the types of sports and the protocols and procedures. At this time we have very little information. We will be having students sign up for clubs and activities they are interested in at lunch on their first day.

Student Schedules

Student schedules will be made available on the Mozaik Portal on **Saturday August 28th**. Students homeroom number will be their Day 1 Period 1 classroom. On the first day of school they should report to this classroom.

School Fees

School fee payment will be made available for online payment as of **September 15th**. A personal invoice will be released on the Mozaik portal indicating your child's school fees. Payments via cash or

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cheque are accepted and if a payment plan is required please contact an administrator or Ms Thibault in the main office.

Transportation

- Student bus passes will be available on the Mozaik portal, I am not aware of the date of release for the bus passes, please check periodically.
- Students must wear a mask on the school bus and will be assigned seats.

Return of Technology

Students who were loaned a school chromebook last year and failed to return it in June should bring the device to school on their first day and bring it to the main office.

Late arrival and early dismissal

Students who arrive late to school or have an early dismissal should report to their level secretary:

Grade 7 & 8 - Ms Mackay in the main office

Grade 9 & 10 - Ms Thibault in the main office

Grade 11 - Ms Chantal in the reception

A note in the agenda for a late arrival or early dismissal is required. Students who are sick and need to call home should do so from the appropriate office and sign out with the secretary.

School & Opus Photos

School photos will be taken on **September 3rd and 9th**

Opus card photos will be offered on **September 7th**

Lockers

Students will be provided with a school locker to use. Students must use a personal combination lock on their locker. Homeroom teachers will assign lockers to students on the first day.

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Cafeteria & Breakfast Club

A full cafeteria service will resume as of **Thursday September 2nd**

We will continue to offer a Breakfast Club program for those students who require a free breakfast before school.

PCHS Clothing

PCHS clothing orders may be placed online using the following form, we will also be opening our school store at lunchtimes for students to buy PC gear during the school year: [PC GEAR ORDER FORM](#)

School Supplies

The PCHS staff created a sample school supply list to guide parents, here is the suggested list of school supplies: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/122xI9PYqdZVyQRn3qODlj7sQOLcGXlco/view?usp=sharing>

Dress Code

The large majority of PCHS students come appropriately dressed for school. It is important for parents to verify that their child is not wearing ripped clothing and that their top meets their pants. I consider school their place of work and expect a certain standard of dress from 100% of our students.

Curriculum Night

Our Curriculum Night or "Meet the Teacher" evening will be held in a virtual formation **September 14th** this year, more information will be shared with families regarding the time and platform of our Curriculum Night.

Course/Program change request

Administration will consider course change requests from parents during the first few weeks of the school year. If your child wishes for Administration to consider a course change parents must complete the following online request form: <https://forms.gle/M14LTGjpW1ib19zJ8>

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Equity and Inclusion

PCHS will be continuing to take positive steps to address the recommendations made by the LBPSB Task Force. We have made a commitment to create our own Equity and Inclusion committee which we are seeking parent representation for and will continue the professional development sessions we began last year. If you are interested in being part of this committee please contact Mr Hayter.

Help and support

The staff at PCHS are committed to helping PCHS families during these difficult times. If your family or a member of our school community is in need of support, whether this be food, clothing, financial or mental health support please let us know. We will work with our CLC and community partners to help as much as we can.

Contact us

If you have any questions feel free to contact the Administrative Team:

Sec. 1 & 2 - Mr. Swirsky bswirsky@lbpsb.qc.ca

Sec 3 & 4 - Mr. Oliphant poliphant@lbpsb.qc.ca

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