



Scott Collegiate

A Community High School

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

I want to start by thanking all of you for a fantastic start of the school year during this extremely difficult time. Things have been very positive and productive, and we are so grateful for the support from all of you! The students have been doing an amazing job navigating COVID-19 and all the added safety measures in the school. We are very happy for how well our Scott Collegiate students are managing!

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to challenge our city and our safety in schools. At Regina Public Schools, our focus is to minimize health and safety risks for students and staff. We have enhanced cleaning protocols, we are improving ventilation in all our schools and, as of November 9th, we are requiring all students, Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 12 to wear masks in schools, buses and in all learning spaces where physical distancing is not possible.

We have seen the number of COVID-19 cases rise in our schools and we are confident that the measures we have taken in the past have limited the spread, and have allowed our students to continue their learning, or return to learning as quickly and safely as possible.

The Government of Saskatchewan Safe Schools Plan provides the opportunity for further safety protocols. We are currently in Level 2 of the Saskatchewan Safe Schools Plan. Effective November 12, 2020, most Regina Public High Schools will be moving to Level 3. Most of Regina Public high school students will attend on alternate days in order to reduce the school capacity by approximately 50% each day. A calendar is attached to this letter explaining that we will be following a DAY1 (Orange) and a Day 2 (Blue) schedule.

Scott Collegiate, for the most part, will not be affected by these new safety measures. Most students will have the ability to attend regularly scheduled classes on a regular basis by adhering to the safety measures already working within our school. Due to our low class sizes we can accommodate staff and students safety by wearing masks regularly and social distancing during in-class time. Only four classes in the entire school will be affected by moving to Level 3. Those classes will follow the above procedure moving to a DAY 1 (Orange) and DAY 2 (Blue) schedule. Staff will be contacting every parent/guardian in the coming days to inform them if they will be affected moving to Level 3, and to answer any questions you may have.

What this will mean for our students who will be affected is that, generally, they will be attending school every other day. This will effectively allow for the following improved safety measures:

- Better ability to complete a quint for students in the event of an outbreak,
- Improved physical distancing in high schools,
- Reduction in the number of close contacts in high school, if there is a case of COVID-19, and
- Better ability for high school students to continue and quickly return to learning in the event of an outbreak.

The Saskatchewan Health Authority has recommended that this an appropriate safety measure for our high schools. We will continue to monitor our elementary schools and prepare for Level 3, if necessary. We understand that this change may create some inconvenience for school families, especially for those that may have students in both high school and elementary school. Our hope, however, is to ensure that your children and our staff can learn and work safely, and that there is as little interruption to learning as possible.

These changes may not apply to low enrollment congregated programs or low enrollment classes, as those programs already have a low number of students. Families in those programs may choose to have their students attend on a Day 1 or a Day 2.

I want to share this information as soon as possible with families to allow you to prepare. If it becomes necessary to move to Level 3 at our elementary schools, further communication will be provided.

Thanks in advance to your understanding.

Sincerely,

Seth Neuls
Principal
Scott Collegiate