**To our wonderful parents!**

We are very thankful for you and your willingness to stick through these interesting times with us. As we head into the 2020-2021 school year we are excited to be back in the building while realising that it cannot be “business as usual”. Due to COVID-19 we want to ensure that any person entering our building is safe and can remain that way for the duration of their time here.

Here is a brief overview for your perusal.

**School Entry**

Students will not have access to the building until **8:00 am** (after staff worship) when we will take temperatures, sanitize hands and ensure students are wearing masks. We will have some masks on hand, but please send your child equipped with a mask for their days at school. **As per the government, masks are required while in our school building.**

While we love our wonderful parents, we ask that you limit your access to the building and try to keep your communications to phone calls where possible.

The front doors will be the only entrance to the building but will remain locked at all times. There is a doorbell available to alert us when someone needs access to the building giving us the chance to screen individuals. The back door is now just an exit door and will remain locked at all times as well.

**Please note that if a student leaves school premises at any time during the day, they will need to go through screening again upon their return.**

**School Day**

In order to cut down on students congregating in one area, we are providing three student lounges (one for each grade) where students can eat their lunches, leave items (not valuables as there won’t be lockers) and study during spares if they so wish.

Classes will proceed as normal, however we’ve slightly changed the schedule to add 5 extra minutes to the class blocks giving teachers time to sanitize between classes.

**Illness**

If your child has any of the COVID-19 symptoms they will not be permitted to enter the building. Please help up keep our school a safe place for our students. We know student illness and absenteeism will be higher this year and as a result we are working with our teachers to ensure lessons are recorded with zoom classrooms open to make sure those who need to stay home don’t need to fall behind in their classes.

**Sanitizing and Cleanliness**

We know some of our parents are concerned about the safety of their children while at school. So these are the measures we are taking to ensure their safety:

1. Screening every person before they enter the building (temperature and hand sanitizing)
2. Hand sanitizing stations are set up at the door of each classroom
3. Teachers will sanitize tables and chairs after one class leaves and before permitting entrance to the next class.
4. Masks are required for every single person in the building at all times (unless eating)
5. We are cohorting the grades to reduce interactions between students and limit the number of people they come in contact with each day
6. Each bathroom will have sanitization tools for students to use before and after each use of the bathroom with deep cleaning done daily
7. Student Lounges will be supervised during lunchtime to ensure social distancing while students aren’t able to wear their masks
8. Daily sanitizing of the school

**Edsby**

Edsby is a great tool we will continue to use to host our assignments and any communication between students and teachers. Please ensure your parent account is functioning properly. If you are new to our student body, once the new school year is set up, you’ll receive an email inviting you to create your parent accounts. If you need any assistance with this, please don’t hesitate to contact our office (office@paa.ca).

**Exciting things to come**

During difficult times, it is important to help students to focus on something exciting. So we are working on an exciting year-long initiative centering around survivor style game play. We will keep track of points earned by the different grades, have team colours, present challenges centered on service, academia, and relationship building throughout the year. A culminating year end party (with a big prize) will help to motivate students to strive to earn the most points for their grade as possible towards the big prize at the end! There are more details to come, but we hope to keep our amazing school culture alive through these difficult times.

**Parent/Guardian Permission Form**

In order for your child to return to school in the fall, we need parent permission prior to the first day of school. This permission form can be filled out and signed any time between now and registration day and sent back to the office. Thank-you for taking the time to do this now.

**For a more in-depth look at our re-entry plan, please see below**

**PAA REENTRY PLAN**

**2020-2021**

**\*\*A strict “stay home if sick” policy must be followed for both students and teachers.\*\***

**Cleanliness**

1. Building entry will be through the main entrance and exit will be through the second-floor doors throughout the school day. Both doors will be for exit once the day is done.
2. Bathrooms are to have only one person using the restroom at a time.
   1. Install locks on the upstairs restrooms similar as basement restrooms
   2. Bathrooms will be sanitized by a staff member/student worker at lunch and after school.
   3. Equip each bathroom with a sanitizer bottle to clean prior to and/or after each person uses the facilities (by the person using the facilities)
3. All building occupants must wear masks at all times (unless eating)
4. At the end of each class, desks and chairs will be wiped down and disinfected for the next class to use
5. Drinking fountains
   1. Cover bottom portion (mouth piece) and only use the touchless bottle refill station
   2. Students must provide their own water bottles
6. Deep Sanitizing will be completed by janitorial staff

**Other Measures**

1. No hot lunch
2. Remove seating from hallways
3. Visitors to the school will be expected to follow the same protocols as the students who enter the building. They will be expected to be symptom-free, sanitize upon entry and practice social distancing.
4. Parent Building Access: By Appointment only

**Student Experience/Expectations**

1. Students arrive and line up using social distance. Temperature taken and admitted to the school. All building occupants will wear masks at all times. Masks will be provided by the school. Two people taking temps. at the front doors from 8:10-8:20
   1. Front and back doors will remain locked at all times. Those wishing to enter the building must ring the doorbell on the front door.
   2. Back doors will be exit only.
   3. No student entrance until after staff worship in the morning @ 8:10
2. School divided into three Cohorts
   1. Grade 10 cohort (Mrs Kay’s classroom as student Lounge)
   2. Grade 11 Cohort (Kitchen as student lounge)
   3. Grade 12 Cohort (current student lounge with all fabric surfaces removed)
3. No Lockers
   1. Students will not use lockers and will keep their books and book bags with them at all times during the school day.
   2. If needed, personal belongings can be left in cohort lounges, but no valuable items should be left in the lounges
4. Classroom Supplies
   1. No in-class sharing of pens, pencils, calculators, books, clothes, food….
   2. Supply Lists will go out with parent letter
5. Hallways
   1. Students cannot loiter in the hallways. If you are not in class (or waiting to go into your next class), you are in your cohort lounge.
6. Flex Block
   1. If you are not in a particular classroom, you will spend flex block in your cohort student lounge.
   2. Stay in your cohort section in the teacher classrooms during flexblock
7. Lunchtime
   1. Students must eat in their cohort lounge and cannot share food
   2. Class Sponsors will monitor student lounges during lunch to ensure proper social distancing is maintained
8. Rapid Response Plan
   1. Students who get sick during the day will be placed in the former Digital Photo studio (Now the sick room).
      1. Rapid Response form is to be filled out by accompanying staff member
      2. The parent will be asked to come and pick up their child but the parent cannot come into the building.
      3. Students will exit out through the shop doors.
      4. The sick room will be deep cleaned after use to prepare for the next use.
9. Parent Teacher Interviews
   1. Interviews will be organised at the call of either the parent or the teacher and scheduled via zoom or phone call.
   2. No specific day is scheduled for interviews. If you would like to speak to a teacher, please email that teacher (via Edsby) to schedule an appointment.