



Welcome Back, RAVENS!

The staff at RTCS is excited to be welcoming students back into the building on September 10th for the 2020-21 school year!

We know that you have been eagerly awaiting news regarding how school is going to be organized and structured. We also appreciate your patience and understanding as the district took some time to ensure that we have strong [Health and Safety Protocols](#) in place for students and staff. These district protocols have been created based upon the [Provincial COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidelines for K-12 Settings](#).

For RTCS students and parents, we have created a detailed document outlining our [RTCS Opening Plan](#) that refers to all aspects of school life. Please take time to go through this plan with your children. Their health and safety is our top priority.

Here is what you can expect during the first week back:

Tuesday, September 8th – Wednesday, September 9th:

- Students will not be in attendance these days.
- All staff will be going through detailed Health and Safety Training.
- Homeroom teachers will reach out to families. They will welcome their students to their class (there is a small chance this may change), and let them know where to enter and exit the building.

Thursday, September 10th – 8:00 am—10:00 am

- Students being dropped off by car:
 - After completing the [health check](#) at home, please drop off your child in the drop off lane without getting out of the car. If you need to get out of the car, please do so in the parking lot and walk your child to the front. We expect an increase in traffic, so please make sure you keep the drop-off lane moving.
 - If you need to access the school, please call and make an appointment in advance: 604-794-7124.
 - **Elementary Students:** will play out front (designated areas) and will line-up and enter through their exterior classroom doors.
 - **Middle Students:** will enter through the front doors **wearing a mask** and will head directly to their Homeroom Class where they will handwash/hand sanitize. In their classroom, they have the choice to wear a mask.
- Bus students and students who are walking will need to receive a health check by a parent or guardian before they leave home. They will follow the same directions listed for **Elementary and Middle Students** once they arrive.
 - **Elementary Students** – masks are not required on the bus.
 - **Middle Students** – masks are required.

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- Once students are in their learning groups, staff will welcome them, work through some community building activities along with beginning the Health and Safety Training Process.
- Dismissal is at 10:00 am. Please observe physical distancing if you are picking your child up.
 - **Middle Students** – will be required to wear a mask as they exit the building and until they get in their car, off the bus, or off school property.

Friday, September 11th – 8:00 am—2:00 pm

- Please make sure to do the Daily Health Check.
- We will follow the same procedures as Thursday.

A Few Other Updates:

Cafeteria:

- The Ravens Nest cafeteria will be open for lunch on Monday, September 14th by pre-order only – pre-order applies to all grade levels (K-8). Families are encouraged to use [Munch-A-Lunch](#) to place their orders. Students (K-8) will also be able to place their orders in a cafeteria container in their homeroom first thing in the morning.

Breakfast and Lunch Programs:

- Our amazing PAC has come up with a plan that will allow for all students to access our breakfast and lunch programs in a safe manner. Snacks will be delivered to every classroom for students to take as needed. These snacks will be replenished throughout the week.
- Bowls of Hope is also working through their own health and safety procedures and should be up and running before the end of September.

Yearbooks:

- Yearbooks will be given out in class on September 10th.
- Students who have left RTCS and moved on will be contacted about pick up by Wednesday, September 2nd.

We anticipate that our Health and Safety protocols will be tweaked as the year progresses and we will do our best to keep you informed. Parents, we ask that you spend some time each morning going over the [health check](#). Together we need to understand the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 in order to stop the spread. When your child is not feeling their best, they must stay away from school.

During this time, we are going to miss seeing our parents in the building, our PAC cooking breakfast, and our classroom volunteers. Please know we value our parents and want to keep our lines of communication open. If you have questions or feedback please reach out and connect with us by email, phone, or by booking an appointment to meet in person.

We are excited to begin our new school year and welcome our RAVENS back!

Take care,

Ms. Erin McAstocker & Mrs. Brooke Janzen (RTCS Admin Team)

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