

Shevchenko School Re-opening School Plan

August 31, 2020

BLSD released and posted our divisional re-opening plan on Monday August 17, 2020. The following information is a supplement to that plan to provide additional information for schooling at Shevchenko School.

After careful consideration of the health and provincial education guidelines, we have made the decision to maintain as much of our regular programming as possible in a schedule format that students are familiar with. To help with the transition back to school we are staggering the start of all our K to 8's for the first two days, half will start on September 8th and the other half on the 9th (someone from the school will be contacting you as to what day your child will start. Starting September 10th all our grade 1 to 8's will be back in the building, Kindergarten students will continue their staggered start for the 10th and 11th.

Our high school students will be divided into two groups based on their last name; A to M - attend on odd days and N to Z – attend on even days. With high school students attending on alternating days; one day will be in school learning and one day of at home learning is expected.

Other notable changes for September 2021:

- Students will be welcomed back gradually so they can be oriented to the space and the health and safety rules.
- The school day hours will be the same.
 - Cohorts will be established and used whenever possible. These cohorts are critical to Public Health for the purpose of contact tracing. A cohort is a group of students who remains together for their school day and has limited interaction with other groups of students. Students may belong to a classroom, bus and recess cohort.
- Some high school students may be asked to attend every day for recovery learning.
- Special Needs Students will attend 5 days per week for in-person teaching and learning.
- Students are encouraged to go home for lunch whenever possible.
- Microwaves may not be available at school, so please plan accordingly
- Hand washing and/ or sanitizing stations will be located at each entrance.
- Screening information must be followed by all families before coming to school.
- Masks must be worn by all students in grades 4-12 when on the bus and when physically distancing isn't possible at school.
- Children will receive a cloth mask from the school division.
- All visitors must self- screen, hand sanitize, wear a mask and sign in at the main office.
- Water filling stations are available for filling water bottles, but the water fountains will not otherwise be available.
- Lockers in hallways will not be used, and students will be required to carry their belongings from class to class.
- Students will not spend extended times in the hallways.
- There will be no private music lessons until further notice.
- At this time all extra-curricular athletic events are on pause – both High School Zone and 5-8 events
- Designated entry and exit doors will be used for the following grades:
 - K to 3 – East doors
 - Grades 4 to 6 SW doors
 - Grades 7 and 8 NW doors
 - Grades 9 to 12 Front doors
 - Hallway traffic will be by arrows marked on the floors.

If you will be home schooling your child/ren this fall, please contact the school as soon as possible.

I hope this provides some preliminary information to help you prepare for the upcoming school year. You should anticipate additional emails with more information, as it becomes available. I am excited to welcome students back into the building. The office will open on Monday August 31st for phone and email communication. If you need to visit the school in person, please contact us first so appropriate arrangements can be made. For more information please visit the BLSD website at <https://blsd.ca/> and the following Government of Manitoba website at <https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/restoring/rss-practice-guidance.html>.

Thank you,

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