



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

August 16, 2021

We are pleased to welcome you and your son/daughter to St. Joseph High School for the 2021-2022 school year and look forward to providing your child with an excellent education in a safe and caring environment. Our school mantra '*Palma Non Sine Pulvere*' (no glory without effort) speaks to the mission that students will find success through dedication in their studies and commitment to participating in this dynamic school environment. Through balanced learning and dynamic coursework, our Saints grow in their journey to becoming a knowledgeable and inquiring learner. With effort and dedication, all students, regardless of individual differences, can succeed. Here at St. Joseph, students will gain new insights, make new friends, and build connections that will last a lifetime.

Included in this letter is information as it pertains to school startup for the 2021-2022 school year. For any additional information please visit our school website at www.stjoseph.ecsd.net as well as review your [PowerSchool Student/Parent/Guardian Portal Page](#) for course details.

**All students are expected to formally register at St. Joe's during the following registration days:
August 25th (Grade 12 & 4th and 5th Year Students), 26th (Grade 11 & 4th and 5th Year Students),
27th (Grade 10 Only)**

Before attending the school site please be sure to use the [ECSD Daily Health Screening Questionnaire](#). These days are also scheduled as student picture days. If you are unable to register at the prescribed times due to extenuating circumstances, please contact the office. **Unfortunately, we are currently not able to have parents/guardians accompanying our students during their registration times and would like to thank you for your understanding.** If parents/guardians have any questions or concerns, please contact our General Office and/or book a meeting time to sit down with a member of our administration team.

Registration

August 25th: Grade 12 students & 4th and 5th Year Students

Last Name A-E	8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.
Last Name F-J	10:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.
Last Name K-O	11:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.
Last Name P-T	1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.
Last Name U-Z	2:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

August 26th: Grade 11 students & 4th and 5th Year Students

Last Name A-E	8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.
Last Name F-J	10:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.
Last Name K-O	11:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.
Last Name P-T	1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.
Last Name U-Z	2:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

August 27th: Grade 10 students

Last Name A-E	8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.
Last Name F-J	10:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.
Last Name K-O	11:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.
Last Name P-T	1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.
Last Name U-Z	2:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

During this time, students will be directed to pick up their timetable, get their ID photos taken and pick up textbooks. **It is recommended fees be paid in advance via the PowerSchool Parent Portal to expedite the registration process.** Students requiring course changes will be identified by administration and the required adjustments to the timetable will also be done at that time.

Lockers

To reduce touch points in the school, students at the beginning of the school year will not have access to lockers in any area of the school. Students are encouraged to bring only the materials required books/materials needed for the classes they are taking on any given day. This is because these materials will need to be carried with them in their backpack. We are confident that this will be temporary and that students will be able to start using lockers when it is deemed appropriate.

Lunch

Throughout the school year students will have access to individually prepared lunch items in our cafeteria. Students will have ample space to enjoy their lunch in the expanded common areas (cafeteria, courtyard, foyer and TA spaces) of the school. This will be reevaluated and adjusted as needed in responses to our unfolding COVID response protocols. Please note microwaves will not be available for use on site. Families preparing their own lunches must be mindful there will be no provisions available to heat lunches.

A Return to Near Normal

As stated in the letter sent out by our Chief Superintendent Robert Martin, we are pleased to announce the resumption of activities such as:

- Local and provincial field trips
- Athletics and extracurricular activities
- All fine arts and options classes
- Assemblies and special events
- Provincial exams
- Graduation and School Farewell activities
- School Council meetings

For more detailed information on ECSD's back to School Plan, [click here](#). They have also prepared a [FAQ](#) that will be updated as we learn more from the Government of Alberta. With increasing vaccination rates, we are hopeful a return to normal is near. Until then, we will continue prioritizing the health, safety, and well-being of our students and staff.

The Alberta Government released its guidelines on Friday, August 13. Below are links to their documents.

- [Alberta Education - 2021-2022 School Year Plan](#)
- [Alberta Health - Guidance for Respiratory Illness Prevention and Management in Schools](#)

Orientation Days for In-person and Online Gr. 10, 11, 12, Y4 & Y5

All new students will be involved in a comprehensive orientation program during the first several days of school. The importance of these orientation days must be emphasized. Student attendance at these orientation sessions is mandatory. Specific information about these sessions will be available during the registration process and is outlined in the student agenda book.

We thank you for your cooperation and patience as we navigate, assess, and make changes necessary to maintain a safe environment of our students and staff. We are looking forward to seeing our students return to school.

Our first days of school will be focused on orientation activities and will be staggered as follows: Wednesday September 1st for all in person and online students (Grade 10, 11 and 12 - 8:40A.M. – 1 P.M). Thursday September 2nd orientation activities continue for all our students with our opening Mass, TA time and a run through of Friday's schedule (8:40A.M. – 12:15P.M.). Friday September 3rd is the first day of regular class instruction for all our students starting at 8:40A.M.

Building Access

Similar to last year, we will have three entry points to our building (The main entrance at the front of the school, entrances 6 and 7 located in the staff parking lot at the north end of the building). **At each of these entrances' students will be asked to abide by the COVID-19 signage illustrating sanitization procedures and mandatory wearing of masks when in common use areas.** Currently, only registered St. Joseph students are permitted to enter the building. Parents requesting meetings with faculty are asked to do so remotely.

Parents are welcome to bring their child to school and to meet them for pick-up outside the school at the end of the day. A friendly reminder that parents and students are kindly asked not to park in the staff parking lot. Parking is available along 109th and 110th Streets.

The doors will be open to the school every day at 8:00 am. As we have three points of entry to the building (See diagram below).

8:00 AM - Students enter building through the Main Entrance, and will have access to the cafeteria and may sit in courtyard

8:25 AM - Main Entrance is closed temporarily

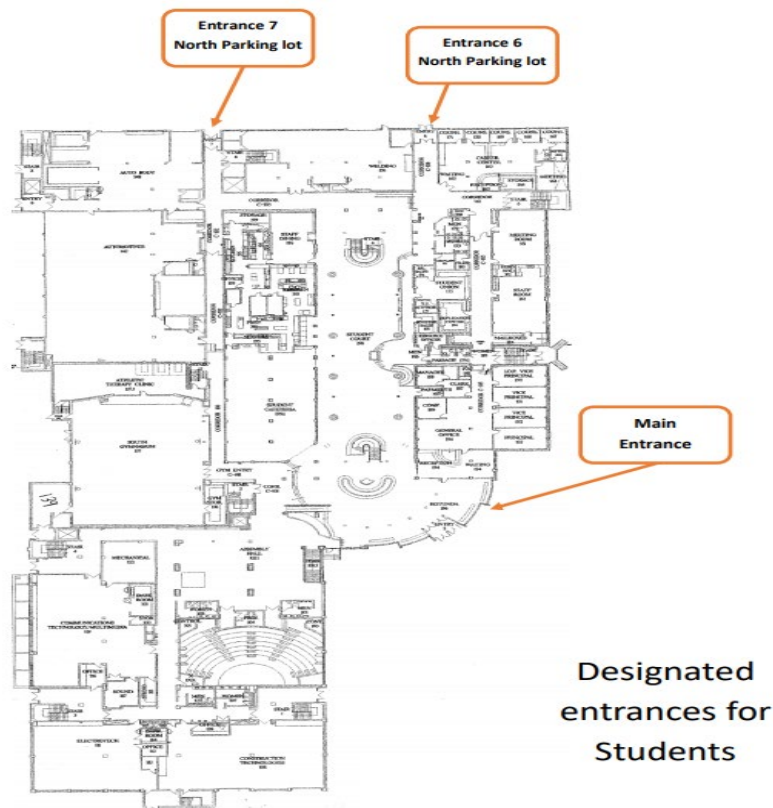
8:30 AM - All doors open and all students good to TA groups.

Grade 10s will use Entrance 6

Grade 11s will use Entrance 7

Grade 12s & Y4 and Y5 will use the Main Entrance

When students enter the building after 8:30 am, they will proceed directly to their designated Teacher Advisor's meeting area and will not be permitted to wander the halls. When students are in their classroom, they will sit in their assigned desk. There is currently no locker access.



I am looking forward to seeing you throughout the registration days and hope you continue to enjoy your summer holiday.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Ryan Feehan
Principal