

September 1, 2020

Good afternoon Parents/Guardians,

I have become aware that there are a number of group-chats active in our community that may have either incomplete or inaccurate information surrounding what Saint Patrick's school is offering, in what capacity and what we are not offering. At this time, we are experiencing a constantly evolving and very fluid situation which is directly impacted by daily updates from the Ministry of Education, the Provincial Health Officer and from our own Catholic Independent Schools Vancouver Archdiocese CISVA.

I ask that parents and guardians please read all of the notices and communications from the Saint Patrick's administration team carefully as they will contain important information for your child and your family.

## Further updates to CISVA schools

### Option 1: RETURN TO IN-CLASS LEARNING

Students will receive instruction at school 5 days per week from their grade assigned teacher starting on September 10<sup>th</sup> 2020.

### Option 2: Homeschooling

Homeschooling is an alternative method of teaching offered outside the B.C. educational system. A family member delivers the entire educational program to children at home. **The school does not supervise the educational program nor provide the curriculum or any support. The education is entire the responsibility of the parent and not the school.**

Homeschooling programs are NOT:

- Supervised by a B.C. certified teacher
- Required to meet provincial standards
- Inspected by the Ministry of Education.

To enroll your child in homeschooling, your child must be withdrawn from school. As a result, re-acceptance back will be subject to registration requirements and available spaces.

Parents who choose to homeschool must register their child by September 30<sup>th</sup> of each year by contacting any one of the B.C. schools listed on the Ministry website <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/classroomalternatives/homeschooling> in order to complete the registration process. We have been approved to register students.

The school shall offer to the homeschooled child or the parent(s); Evaluation and assessment services normally offered to the students at the school. For example: Dibels Testing, FSA Testing (grade 4 and 7).

The school will NOT be offering to the homeschooled child or the parent(s); Special needs assessments, evaluations or IEPs. Also, the school will NOT be providing a progress report.

Educational resource materials (TEXTS ONLY) may be loaned at the school's discretion, should the school believe that they are sufficient to enable the child to pursue his/her educational program. There will be a charge and replacement fee to loan the text books out.

### Option 3: Distributed Learning

CISVA schools do not offer this type of learning.

Students will need to withdraw from school, and again, re-acceptance back will be subject to registration requirements and spaces.

### Option 4: Temporary Transitional Learning

As of now, the CISVA Temporary Transition will begin on: Monday, September 21, 2020. This will allow time for the teachers to prepare for this change for some students.

Re-entry dates for in-person learning:

Tuesday, October 13, 2020. One-week notice to administration is required by October 6, or, Monday, November 16, 2020, with one-week notice to administration required by November 9.

The CISVA will monitor the return to in-person learning throughout the fall to determine if a later re-entry date is required.

Students will be required to be familiar with Google Classroom.

Please note, that the students who are learning from home with the Temporary Transitional Learning Option will receive their school work up to one week later than the students who have returned to in-class learning.

There will be one 40-minute Zoom check-in meeting scheduled per week for students who are learning from home. This time will be communicated at a later date once scheduled.

Please note that the weekly Zoom check-in meeting will be during school hours. A staff member will be assigned to the Zoom check-in meeting; it may not be the classroom teacher as teacher assignment is subject to scheduling.

Regular tuition fees apply for the Temporary Transitional Learning.

Please feel free to email me at [dianesorochuk@spev.ca](mailto:dianesorochuk@spev.ca) if further clarification is needed or you would like to discuss learning options for your child.

God bless,

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