

Message from Admin:

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year. Although the start of the school year may look different from years past, we are very excited to begin the year. As we all adjust to new procedures and protocols, we want to ensure families we are still here to support them and work collaboratively to ensure the success of all of our students. As we enter the year we are excited to welcome back our students along with all of our new families to SCS! We love when new families join the SCS team! Kindness, patience and understanding will be key as we move forward together making the 2020-2021 an amazing school year!

Transportation

- Students cannot ride the bus if they are sick
- Masks are to be worn for Grade 4-12 students
- K-3 students are encouraged to wear masks
- Seating plans will be mandatory
- Siblings will be asked to sit together
- Bus will be cleaned prior to each run

Handwashing and Sanitizing

- Everyone who enters the school will be required to use hand sanitizer or wash their hands immediately
- Students and staff will be required to wash or sanitize their hands every time they:
 - Enter or exit the school
 - Before they enter classrooms
 - Before and after they use shared equipment
 - Before eating

Please find the complete NGPS relaunch plan on the Division website at ngps.ca.

Staggered Start:

To help ensure all students feel safe and confident as we start the 2020-2021 school year, we will be starting the year with a staggered start. Start dates are as follows:

September 2 - Grade 3, 4, 6, 9 & half the Grade 1 Class Only September 3 - Kindergarten, Grade 2, 5, 7, 8 & half the Grade 1 Class Only September 4 - All Students to Attend

Screening for Illness/Staying Home When Sick

- Parents are asked to screen their child every morning to ensure they have no symptoms of COVID-19
- Families do not have to send the screening tool to school. It will be given to you to guide your decisions at home
- If students are sick, they must stay home
- If students show symptoms at school, parents will be contacted to pick up their child immediately
- Please ensure you have an updated emergency contact identified at the school if you are unable to pick up your child
- Any student with pre-existing conditions, should have a COVID-19 test completed before school to establish a baseline with a negative test. If symptoms, due to the pre-existing condition, do not worsen your child can remain at school.
- If a case is confirmed, NGPS will work with AHS to ensure contact tracing and to determine necessary next steps



Wearing Masks at School

- Kindergarten to Grade 3 optional use
- Grade 4-12 students must wear masks in areas where distancing is not possible (hallways, common areas, busses)
- All staff must wear masks in areas where distancing is not possible



Arriving at School:

- Bus students will arrive according to the bus schedule
- Once students arrive, they will be asked to head directly to their assigned door and line up in their assigned line
- Staff will then direct students to enter the building at staggered intervals of time
- Students will complete activities in their classrooms until classes begin
- Playground equipment will be off limits before and after school
- Parents dropping off students are asked to stay in or by their vehicles and outside of the school

Leaving School:

- Bus students will be dismissed at 3:35 and will be asked to head directly to their bus line
- Students being picked-up or walking home will be dismissed at 3:40 and asked to head directly to their loading zones
- Pick-up and drop off areas are the North and West areas of the parking lot
- Students will exit from their assigned door
- Parents picking up their child will be asked to stay in or by their vehicles and outside of the school

Volunteers and Visitors:

- Unfortunately, we will not be able to accept volunteers into the school at this time
- All individuals who enter the school must have an appointment. At this time, all school doors will remain locked throughout the day
- Once an appointment is confirmed, visitors may enter the school and will be asked to complete the COVID-19 visitor log
- Self-screening must be complete before arriving at the school
- Parents who have been contacted to pick up a sick child, may enter the building immediately

Parent and Family Communication

- Families are encouraged to stay contacted through email, Powerschool, and phone
- If you need to pick up your child early please call the school and we will make arrangements for them to meet you in the school parking lot upon your arrival
- If a student arrives late, please call the school once they have arrived and we will have them enter through the front door
- As much information will be posted digitally as possible. Please check our school website, facebook page, and twitter for updated information
- Teacher emails can be found on the school website
- School Phone Number 780-785-3431
- If you need assistance with Powerschool, please call the school
- All visitors must book an appointment to gain access to the school
- Individuals entering the school will be required to wear a mask

Student Materials

- All students will be asked to have their own school supplies
- Families may wish to leave extra supplies at home and bring them to school as needed as space may be limited in the classroom
- Shared equipment and supplies will be kept to a minimum
- Students are asked to bring their own water bottle. Students will be asked to use the bottle fill stations rather than the fountain
- Families are reminded to make sure students have everything they need for the day, including lunches, as parents will not be able to just drop by the school to deliver items to students





Student Lockers

- Students will access the hallway lockers for coats and backpacks
- Lunch kits will be stored in the classroom for easy access to snacks and lunches

Gym, Music, Library

- Students will continue to receive instruction in gym, music and library
- Gym:
 - Classes will take place outside when possible
 - Shared equipment will be limited where possible
 - Students will sanitize hands before and after use of all equipment
 - Equipment will be disinfected after use
- Music:
 - Activities will not include singing at this time. They will focus in rhythm and music appreciation
 - When percussion instruments are used, disinfecting will occur after each use
 - Students will sanitize hands before and after attending music class
- Library
 - Ms. Rilling will go to the child's classroom to promote literacy during library times



Recess & Lunch Breaks

The playground has been divided into areas so that students may remain with their cohorts during playtime.

All students will use an assigned door to ensure social distancing while entering and exiting the school.

Normal, For Right Now

Please take a moment to read the latest article from our Northern Gateway Public School Student Support Facilitator, Tammy Charko.

The link for the article can be found on the NGPS and Sangudo School websites.

Food and Treats

- At this time, students need to bring their lunch and required snacks for the day
- It will be hard for families to drop off lunches as appointments must be made for all visitors
- Unfortunately, we can not accept treats from home at this time such as birthday cupcakes, etc
- Staff will also not be able to hand out treats or snacks to students at this time
- The Snack Shop will operate with pre-orders taken each morning
- There will be no use of microwaves during this phase of relaunch