



Welcome Back to School!

September 2021

We are looking forward to seeing students back at school in the coming days! Families recently received an email from Prairie Spirit School Division that outlined back to school plans ([Click here for the PSSD letter](#)).

We are confident that with your continued support and all we have learned through the past year we will be able to continue to offer a safe and engaging learning environment for all Titans! We hope this newsletter will provide additional school-specific information that will support a smooth transition back to school for Traditions students and families next week.

Before the Start of the Year

- Re-orient children on wearing a mask. Masks must be worn by all inside our school (unless eating or drinking).
- School supply list information can be found on our school website (traditions.spiritsd.ca).
- Ensure that your child brings a water bottle to school each day. Classrooms have sinks and water bottle filling stations are located throughout the school to refill these as required.
- School will begin with small group starts for students in Grades 1 –5 on September 1st and 2nd. Families with a surname beginning A-L will attend school on Wednesday, September 1. Families with a surname beginning M – Z will attend on Thursday, September 2. All students in Grades 1- 5 will attend school on Friday, September 3.
- Kindergarten teachers have contacted the parents of their students with arrangements for school visits and small group starts the first few weeks of September.
- The Welcome Back Open House planned for Monday, August 30 has been postponed.

Arriving At/Departing School

- On the first days of small group staggered starts (September 1 & 2), students will be met by their homeroom teacher at a designated line up location adjacent to the child's assigned boot room door between 8:40 and 8:50AM. Parents may drop off their child with the homeroom teacher at these locations. Students arriving at school on their own should be given instructions to look for the teacher and line up spot beside their boot room door.
- Beginning Friday, September 3 students should line up at the designated spot on the playground at 8:50AM to be met by a staff member who will ensure that classes enter the school in an orderly fashion.
- Masks should be donned before entering the school.

- Signage has been posted on each student door to indicate which boot rooms are for each homeroom classroom. A map of the boot rooms showing the location of student entrances is attached to the end of this newsletter.
- We encourage you to visit the school playground before the first day of classes to locate your child's boot room entry.
- Parents should not enter the school through student boot room entries.
- Parents and caregivers picking up students at the end of the school day are asked to do so outside.

Before Attending School Each Day

- Staff, students and visitors shall be fit and well to enter our school. Review the list of symptoms daily and if you/your child have any of the symptoms below, please stay home and contact 811.

Do you have any new onset (or worsening) of the following symptoms?

- Fever
- Cough
- Headache
- Muscle and/or joint aches and pains
- Sore throat
- Chills
- Runny nose
- Nasal congestion
- Conjunctivitis
- Dizziness
- Fatigue
- Nausea/vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Loss of appetite
- Altered sense of taste or smell
- Shortness of breath
- Difficulty breathing

Becoming Ill at School

- We will continue to follow the procedures described in [PSSD Admin Policy 432 – Illness in Care](#) in the event a student presents with symptoms at school.
- Parents/caregivers will be expected to pick up an ill child from school promptly.

Take note of some changes to our school day for 2021/2022:

School begins at 8:55AM
Lunch break from 12:15-12:57PM
Afternoon classes begin at 1:00PM
Student dismissal 3:10PM

Recess Time

- Kindergarten –Grade 2 classes will have morning recess from 10:15 – 10:30.
- Grade 3 -5 classes will have recess from 10:30-10:45.
- Teachers will escort their students in and out of the school at recess breaks to limit contact with students from other cohorts.

Noon Break

- Students staying for lunch will eat in their classroom at their own desk.
- The noon break will be broken into two blocks. Grade 3-5 classrooms will eat first, then go outside for a recess break. Kindergarten- Grade Two classrooms will go outside for a break first, then return to the classroom to eat during the second half of the noon break.
- Classroom cohorts will be escorted between classroom and outdoors by noon supervisors.

Parents, Volunteers and Visitors

- Parents wishing to visit the school are asked to use the front doors of the school and must follow COVID protocols. Calling ahead to make an appointment is very much appreciated. Parents and other visitors should not enter our school through student boot room entrances.
- Volunteers are not permitted in PSSD facilities to begin the school year.

Transportation to the School

BUSSING:

- ✓ Bus passes will be distributed to students on their first day of attendance. Students will NOT REQUIRE a bus pass to ride the bus to school on the first day.
- ✓ Bus passes will be affixed to the right shoulder strap of student backpacks. Urban bus students must display their bus passes in order to board school buses at the end of each school day.
- ✓ Bus students will be expected to follow school bus rules.
- ✓ All bus students are required to wear masks.
- ✓ Urban school bus maps and schedules have been updated. Details can be found at <https://www.spiritsd.ca/buses/> under the *INFORMATION* tab.

PEDESTRIANS:

- ✓ Students who are walking/biking to school are encouraged to maintain social distancing from others not in the same household.

PRIVATE VEHICLE DROP-OFF:

- ✓ Help us avoid traffic congestion on 1st Ave N and Traditions Boulevard. We had working with the City of Warman to develop access options. Drop of children on Clubhouse Blvd westbound and have students walk north on 1st Ave to the school. Enter Settler Crescent at the west entrance and drop children off at the pathway to the park behind the school. Avoid left hand turns from 1st Ave N – quicker access is available on newly opened Thompson Road in you follow Clubhouse Blvd westbound.
- ✓ Please see additional information from the City of Warman at the end of this newsletter.

Summer Photos

If you have a photo of your child or family from the summer that you would like to share with us to display on our hallways TV monitors, please email this tes@spiritsd.ca by September 3.

A Message From Our Partners at the City of Warman:



With a new school year rapidly approaching, traffic congestion and pedestrian safety are once again top of mind at schools city-wide, particularly in the area surrounding Traditions Elementary School and Holy Trinity Catholic School.

Parents are asked to consider planning ahead if dropping your child off at either school. Due to congestion during peak times (student drop-off and pick-up) in this area, the City is again providing some options to consider.

To assist in avoiding the congestion collectively we are recommending the following, if you plan on dropping your child off or picking them up at the schools:

- Use alternative drop off spots to avoid Traditions Blvd (see map below). This includes drop off areas outside of the Traditions area (approx. 2 blocks away) allowing the student to utilize the park pathways to access the school. The pathways are marked by the blue dashed line.
- Utilize Clubhouse Blvd extension (west) which is now complete to get to Thompson Rd which provides access to Hwy 305 or Central St. (red arrows on the map) and avoid turning left onto Clubhouse Blvd when leaving the area if possible.
- Expect delays so plan ahead by finding the best route that will work for you and your family members.
- Allow a few extra minutes when dropping off at peak times.

The enclosed map shows alternate drop off spots which can be utilized at peak times to avoid congestion directly north of the schools or at the intersection of Clubhouse Blvd and 1st Ave.

Some new safety measures will be implemented to ensure greater pedestrian safety. The City of Warman will be appointing individuals to be present and assist and educate children crossing the street. Warman RCMP has also committed to an increased presence during peak morning and afternoon hours.

It is also the City of Warman's understanding that construction on Augusta Blvd between Centennial Blvd and 1st Ave N will have progressed to the point Augusta Blvd can accommodate motorists in 2021. However, this will not occur prior to the start of the school year. Once open to motorists, this will allow for a second access point to the schools, and has the ability to reduce traffic congestion and concerns at the intersection of 1st Ave N and Clubhouse Blvd W.

Parents are also encouraged to review Canada Safety Council back-to-school tips with their children:

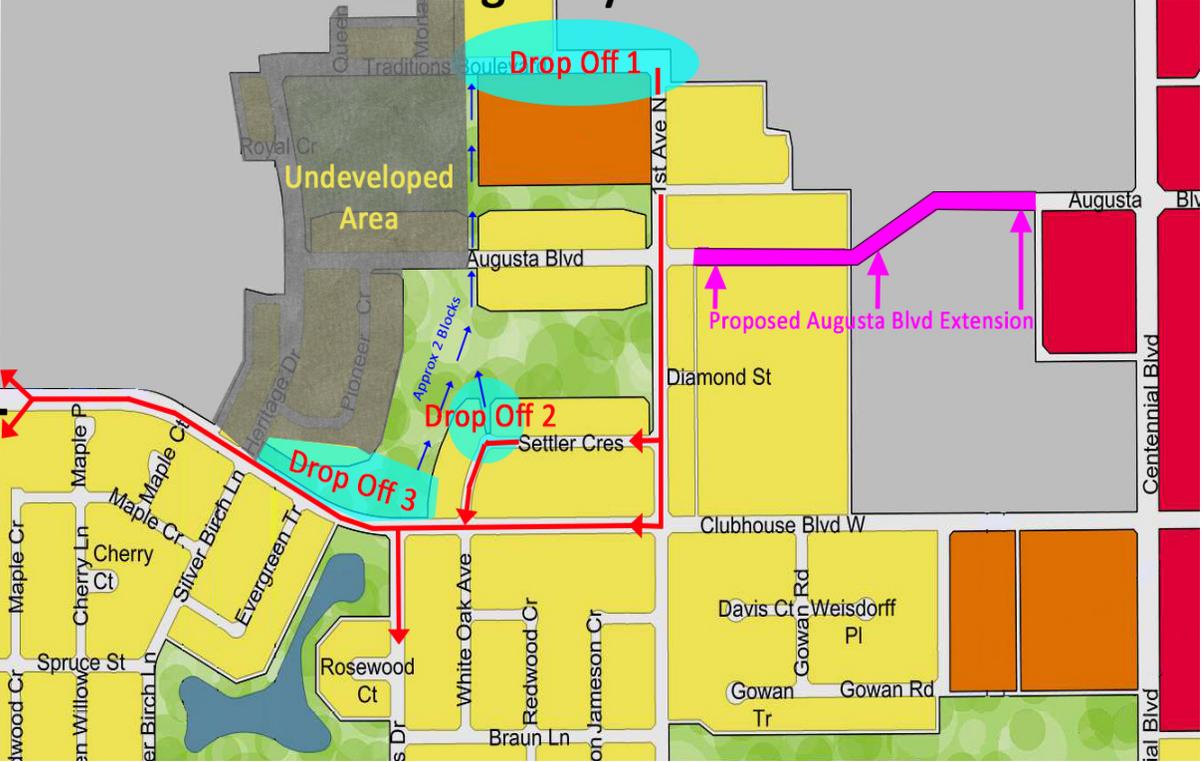
- Find a safe and direct route to school with the help of their parents. Hazards should be identified (train tracks, busy intersections, etc.) and a designated route with safety rules should be established.
- Stay on sidewalks whenever possible. If there is no sidewalk, use the left side of the road facing traffic.
- Cross streets only at crosswalks and learn to look to the left, the right and then left again before proceeding, even at intersections with pedestrian walk signs.
- Wait until traffic comes to a stop before crossing. Make sure drivers see you before you cross.

The CSC's full list of back-to-school safety reminders can be found by visiting the following webpage: <https://canadasafetycouncil.org/safety-reminders-back-school-0/>.



Highway 305

Thompson Road



Traditions Elementary Entry and Exit Map 2021-2022

