

June 25, 2020 – Venture Heights Families

Hello Venture Heights families:

As summer approaches, we are sure you have millions of questions about what school will look like in the fall. Having spoken to many of you, I think I have a good understanding of what might be important to tell you at this time.

Most importantly, our school division is working closely with the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, other school divisions, and our own staff to develop safe and effective plans for school in the fall. Right now, Prairie Spirit School Division has developed lots of categories of tasks to tend to and are sending us information about each task. One example is they have determined that we will still be able to offer Shop and Home Economics classes, provided we are able to ensure physical distancing, proper hygiene, etc. This is an important piece of information for us as it assists us with scheduling and staffing.

Other items that we can tell you right now include:

1. School Sanitation - our school division is working hard at sourcing hygiene items, extra cleaning products, relevant supplies so we can have a sanitized building. It is definitely a priority for all of us!
2. Student Supply Lists – we have been asked to hold off on releasing these in case things change over the summer. We will put the lists on our website later in the summer. We have chosen not to do “shared supplies” this year because of the increased health risks. We plan to get the lists out to you before the crazy Walmart rushes!
3. Parent Survey From PSSD – our school division will be sending surveys to all families early in August.
4. Parent Conferences, Parents in the Building – at this point, the plan is to greatly minimize the number of non-students and non-staff in the building. We will develop plans for student conferences, parent volunteers (can any of you read to kids using Zoom???), and parent meetings as we know more.
5. Extra-Curricular – at this point, there will not be extra-curricular activities. Our big push on volleyball, cross-country, soccer and musical will pause until we hear more.
6. Safe, Caring, Loving School – I am ending with this, so it leaves an impression. Providing a nurturing, supportive environment is always at the forefront of our work at Venture Heights. This will be even more of a priority in the fall! We will endeavor to provide normalcy, safety, and listening ears to our children at Venture Heights.

As always, my email and phone(s) are always on... be sure to reach out with your questions.

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