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Education Built on Relationships

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Dear LCS Families of SY Students,

Linden Christian School's commitment to delivering a Christ-centred education with a commitment to excellence in a safe learning environment is reflected in the learning plan for SY students. Priority has been given to the safety, health and well-being of students, staff and families with due attention to directives provided from the Government of Manitoba and Public Health.

We are pleased to be welcome SY students back to school for in-class learning. Students in Grades 9 to 11 will attend in-class learning each day of the six-day cycle. In-class learning for Grade 12 students has been arranged to the greatest extent possible and is subject to course electives and timetabling.

As you are aware, Manitoba's *Restoring Safe Schools Plan* includes the grouping of students into cohorts to limit contact with others.

At LCS, the SY cohorts are as follows:

Grade	No. of Cohorts	Homeroom or Other Grouping
9	Cohort 1 Cohort 2	9A and 9D 9B and 9C
10	Cohort 1 Cohort 2	10A and 10B 10C and 10D
11	Cohort 1	<i>Total number of students in Grade 11 does not exceed 75.</i>
12	Cohort 1 Cohort 2	<i>Grade 12 cohorts are <u>not</u> based on homeroom assignments.</i>

It is important to note that requests for changes to course selections may not be possible because of the requirement to protect the integrity of cohorts.

Please refer to the following information on what a day at school will look like for students in the SY division.

Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
<p>IN-CLASS LEARNING: Students will be in class each day of the cycle.</p>	<p>Students will be in class each day of the cycle.</p>	<p>Students will be in class each day of the cycle.</p>	<p>Students will generally be in class on alternating days* of the cycle.</p> <p>Cohort 1 will attend their classes on Day 1,3,5, while Cohort 2 will attend their classes on Day 2,4,6.</p> <p>*Exception applies: students enrolled in <i>Precalculus, Chemistry, Cinema as a Witness to Modern History and Western Civilization</i> need to attend these classes daily.</p>

ELECTIVES:

All high school electives are scheduled to proceed and the majority of electives for Grade 9, 10 and 12 (which are comprised of more than one cohort) will be split among their respective grade cohorts, alternating so that students have one day in-class with an out-of-class component for the next class. Creative solutions for some electives, particularly in Grade 12, have been developed to respect the integrity of the cohorts and will be communicated to students during the first day of classes and affirmed through the use of a separate online (Google) calendar.

PhysEd:

- When possible, it is likely that classes will occur outside.
- Appropriate activities will be planned with provincial Public Health guidelines being adhered to and equipment used will be subject to increased cleaning and disinfecting.
- Volleyball, Basketball and the Fitness Academy will proceed with Public Health guidelines in place for student safety.
- Sports teams will continue as permitted under *Manitoba’s Restoring Safe Services Sports Guidelines* and *MHSAA’s Return to Play* protocol.
- Grade 12 students who are in regular PhysEd have been asked to express their preference for completing PhysEd activity hours on or offsite. PhysEd staff will review and discuss expressed preferences with students as needed.

Choir and Band:

- Choir classes will be modified from a traditional choral class to comply with *Manitoba’s Restoring Safe Services Guidelines for Vocalists and Instrumentalists*.
- The Band Room provides ample space so that adherence to Public Health guidelines can be achieved.
- Classes may include music history, appreciation, conducting, composing, instrumental and/or production. Creative ways to engage students are being developed by the Performing Arts Team.
- Administration will keep apprised of Public Health guidelines related to vocalists and instrumentalists and adapt changes as permitted.

ASSESSMENT AND EXAMS:

- Students will be assessed on their work and receive continued progress reports throughout the school year following a similar reporting period as other years.
- Exams for students in Grades 9 through 12 will take place at the end of Semester 1 and then again at the end of Semester 2.
- As per *Manitoba's Welcoming Our Students Back: Restoring Safe Schools Questions and Answers (August 20, 2020)*: A decision about Grade 12 provincial tests will be made and communicated by the end of September. This will depend on the public health situation and the extent to which students are able to access classroom learning.

LOCKERS:

Each student will be assigned a locker. Locker areas will be grouped into grade cohorts, allowing as much space as possible between cohorts. Students need to ensure that their school materials are well organized and necessary class supplies travel with them as locker visits will be reduced.

Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
STUDY ROOM(S): Assigned to cohorts to complete assignments or projects: Cohort 1: B33, B35 Cohort 2: B37, B39	Assigned to cohorts to complete assignments or projects: Cohort 1: Room 246, Stairwells and Hallway overlooking Gym Cohort 2: East Balcony	Assigned to cohort to complete assignments or projects: Library	Study rooms will be available to students on days that they have classes and days that they do not have in-class sessions. Assigned to cohorts to complete assignments or projects: Cohort 1: Room 144 Cohort 2: West Balcony Note: the South Hall / Grant Memorial Cafe area will <u>not</u> be available to students.
LUNCHROOM(S): Assigned to cohorts: Cohort 1 - B33, B35 Cohort 2 - B37, B39	Assigned to cohorts: Cohort 1: Room 246, Stairwells and Hallway overlooking Gym Cohort 2: 702, 704	Assigned to cohort: Room 177, 178, 179	Assigned to cohorts: Cohort 1: Room 144 Cohort 2: Room 176, plus one TBC Note: the South Hall / Grant Memorial Cafe area will <u>not</u> be available to students.

We appreciate your continued support as we work together to create a meaningful and safe experience for our SY students. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact afast@lindenchristian.org or by calling 204.989.6733.

In His Service,



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