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Dear SY Families,

Welcome Senior Year families to the 2020-2021 school year. The teachers and staff are excited to have students return to class to resume in-class learning. We find ourselves in unprecedented circumstances that present some unique challenges, as well as many blessings and opportunities to learn and grow. I encourage you to take some time to revisit the [Reopening Plan](#) with your children prior to September 8 so that they can be prepared for changes in protocol.

This letter will provide you with additional information regarding what learning will look like for Senior Year students. For ease of reference, click [here](#) if you would like to revisit the details provided in our letter to SY families on August 28.

First Day of School - Tuesday, September 8

Grade 9 to 12 students with the exception of Cohort 1 in Grade 12 begin on Tuesday, September 8. [Click here to see details on cohort arrival information, as well as homeroom locations and scheduled orientation chapels.](#) Upon arrival, students are to proceed to their assigned homeroom. Staff members will be there to welcome students and provide direction as needed.

Remember that SY students must put on their masks before entering the school and wear them while at school. We anticipate receiving advice from Public Health on mask-free time soon.

Cohort Electives Schedule

A four day colour coded Cohort Elective Cycle has been developed to bring clarity to where students need to be on a given day. All electives will proceed. Generally, students will attend their electives every other day allowing each cohort to have in class teaching.

Click here to view the [Cohort Elective Cycle](#). This cycle is colour coded to highlight the different days electives will be taught for the cohorts in semester one.

Each grade has a separate schedule which matches the Elective Cohort Cycle colours.

- [Grade 9](#)
- [Grade 10](#)
- [Grade 11](#)
- [Grade 12](#)

Students that do not have classes each day may choose to come to school to use their designated study room. Study rooms will be available to students on days that they have classes and days that they do not have in-class sessions.

Any students in a class that has both cohorts will be physically distanced to Public Health guidelines.

This will all be explained to students during their orientation assembly the first week of school.

Other

- **Regular school hours** for Grades 9 to 12 are 8:30 am to 3:30 pm.
- **Guidance for Mask Use - Grades 4-12**
 - Non-medical masks are required in schools for students in Grades 4-12, as well as for staff and visitors, when physical distancing of two metres is not possible. Parents/Guardians will choose whether students in Grades 3 and under will wear a mask.
 - It is recommended that students put their masks on prior to exiting vehicles in the drive through line up so they are not trying to affix their masks while walking into the building.
 - Homemade masks must have a minimum of two layers and fit securely with no gaps. Masks with ear loops are easier to put on and off.
 - Masks should NOT have any holes or respirator/exhalation valves that are open to the air. These allow droplets to escape and do not stop the spread of Covid-19.
 - Lanyards to keep a child's mask around their necks are not recommended as the mask can be easily contaminated.
 - Students should have a clean bag or container to store their mask when they remove them to, for example, eat lunch. Please send more than one mask for your child.
 - All teachers have a supply of disposable non-medical masks if your child should lose, break or contaminate their mask.
 - Teachers will regularly review mask protocol with students.
 - Click [here](#) for the province's *Guidance for Mask Use in Schools*.
- Policies regarding Attendance, Code of Conduct, Dress Code, Lockers and Technology Use are contained in the **LCS Student Handbook** on September 4, 2020. The Handbook will be accessible on our website via the Family Portal found at www.lindenchristian.org, password LCSOnline.
- **Returning students in Grades 9-11 are reminded to bring their school issued lock on the first day of school. For those students whose lock was left at the school at the conclusion of in-class learning, it will be returned to you on the first day of school.**

- The **Student Vehicle Policy** is being provided via Permission Click to students in Grades 11 and 12. Please review the policy, and if applicable, fully complete the form on Permission click by September 8, or as soon as your child begins driving a vehicle to school.
- **Family Portal** (www.lindenchristian.org – **Family Login password, LCSONline**)
- The LCS Dress Code, Technology Use Policy and Code of Conduct are contained within the LCS Student Handbook that is posted to the website. Please review these documents carefully with your child. It is important that you fully complete the **Acknowledgement of Understanding and Agreement(s) form** being shared via Permission Click under separate cover as directed by the first day of school.
- **Traffic Flow**
Adherence to traffic duty staff) is imperative to help ensure the safety of children transitioning to and from vehicles. If you have any questions, please ask our staff on traffic duty.
- **School of Fine Arts (SOFA)**
The School of Fine Arts offers private and group lessons in music and the arts. Registration Request forms can be picked up in the Main School Office or can be found on our website at lindenchristian.org/about/#6.
- **Performing Arts / MY Music**
Parents and guardians of students in Grades 5 through 12 involved in Performing Arts students will be advised when the Music Department Handbook is available on the website.
- **School Picture Day**
9-12: Tuesday, September 15
- **Professional Development Days** – click [here](#) to view.
- **Six Day Cycle Calendar** - click [here](#) to view.
- **School Supply List**
Click here to see the [Grade 9-12 School Supply List](#).

We realize that these are very challenging times for your students and your families. It seems like we need to be open to change at every turn. What has not changed is LCS's commitment to build relationships with your students, providing a Christ-centered education in a safe and caring learning environment.

Please know that, as our teachers, administrators, and support staff are preparing for "back-to-school", that we are in prayer for each student, trusting that God will provide and will keep each one in His care.

Thank you for your ongoing support.



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Principal and CEO



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