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To our Peacock Students and Families,

Further to our communication on August 14, we wanted to follow up with more extensive details regarding school start up. We were excited to welcome you back on September 1st, however, we will now be anticipating your arrival on September 8th, as per the announcement from our Provincial government. You should expect further communication this week through email and teacher home contact as we prepare for students to return on September 8.

Prairie South Priorities:

- Priority One: Safety, Cleaning and Hygiene
- Priority Two: Parent and Family Engagement
- Priority Three: #learningtogether for All Students
- Priority Four: Student Engagement Beyond the Classroom
- Priority Five: School and Community Management

Student Schedules - Block Scheduled Classes:

We will be running 2 classes per day, each 2 hours and 45 minutes in length. Classes will start at 8:44 a.m. and finish at 11:30. Lunch will be from 11:30 – 12:30. The afternoon block will run from 12:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. Each block will have a pre-scheduled 10-minute break. Breaks will be staggered with a plan to be shared with students when they arrive.

Based on pre-established timetables, we will be starting with what would have been periods 1 (morning) and 4 (afternoon). We will continue this model for the entire school year. The first block will begin September 8th and end on October 28th. More details on the block schedule will be posted in My School Sask for viewing when open to students and families.

- Block 1: September 8 - October 28
- Block 2: October 29 - December 18
- Block 3: January 4 - March 3
- Block 4: March 4 - May 4
- Block 5: May 5 - June 28

Grade 10 - 12 students: Watch video link to be posted on our social media and web site in the next 48 hours with a tutorial on how to read your new schedule.

Grade 9 Students: Your schedules are not finalized. They will be posted and available for viewing on My School Sask by September 2. You will receive an email with a video link and more information prior to the grade 9 orientation on September 3.

Schedule Changes:

For students requiring schedule changes our process will look a little different this year. Keep in mind that many of our classes are currently full and making changes this year may not be possible. We will do our best to meet your learning needs but preference for specific teachers and schedule convenience may not be met this year. Our guidance counsellor is scheduling phone appointments for reviewing student timetables beginning August 31. **To sign up for an appointment please check your email on August 28 for the link.** If the appointments are full please email Mrs. Lewis directly at lewis.corrie@prairiesouth.ca. We appreciate your understanding and patience as our response time may be slower this year due to new procedures.

Masks:

Due to the number of students entering and exiting our building, masks will be a requirement for students as they enter, leave and travel in the hallways and common areas (washrooms, lunch rooms, etc.). As per the directives sent out by Prairie South last week, masks must be worn in all classes occupied by more than 15 people (at Peacock this will be all classes).

Lunch Hours:

The lunch break is from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. If students are able, they are encouraged to leave the building over the lunch hour. The concession will be open to serve individual meals to students but seating in the school will be limited. We have created some extra spaces, both indoors and outdoors, for students to sign up to eat their lunches in cohorts if leaving the building is not an option. Staff supervisors will be throughout the building to ensure safe practices are occurring.

Entering and Exiting the Building:

To minimize contact between student cohorts, when entering the building students should report directly to their morning or afternoon classes. There will be no afterschool programming, so students are expected to leave the building following dismissal at 3:15pm. Currently, we are limiting public access inside the building and require visitors to sign in and wear a mask. We strongly encourage the use of phone, zoom, text, or email to contact the school.

Lockers:

Students will not be assigned lockers this year. If there is an extenuating circumstance, a locker may be assigned to a student. Please email arnott.tana@prairiesouth.ca if you have questions. Physical education classes will be provided physically distanced lockers.

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School Materials:

School materials can be provided by the school if needed. We ask that the minimum be brought. For example, a binder with paper, pens and pencils should suffice. For math courses, a calculator and ruler may be necessary but can also be provided by the school. For Wellness and Physical Education classes, appropriate gym wear and shoes should be brought to school. We will have physically distanced lockers available for gym clothes to be stored for those students in those classes if requested.

Grade 9's

Unfortunately, this year we will not be able to hold our traditional Grade 9 Welcome BBQ. However, we feel it is important to have all of our grade 9's come to the school prior to start up. We will offer a 30-minute informational presentation as well as a tour of the school. These tours will take place on Thursday **September 3rd** at 3:00pm to 3:30pm. All students are to wear a mask as they enter the building. They will then be directed to their period 1 classes and will receive the presentation in their morning class grouping. Unfortunately, parents will not be able to attend. We will, however, share our presentation and video with parents. If you have any questions your period 1 teacher will be contacting you next week to discuss further.

Note: Family groupings and final grade 9 schedules will be completed by August 31 and available for viewing by September 1. If you log into My School Sask you will not see a completed timetable yet.

Fees:

Normally school activity fees are \$50 and are used to support student activities such as clubs, sports, guest speakers and other culturing events. However, since many of these activities, such as a welcome BBQ, will not occur this year, we are lowering the fees. This school year the activity fees will be \$25. We also have an optional yearbook fee of \$35. Payment will be taken online through SchoolCash through the link on our website.

Extracurricular Activities:

Although an extremely important facet to our school, we are unsure as to which, if any, activities will be able to proceed at this time. We are keeping our fingers crossed that we will have some form of extracurricular programming to offer students. We will share once we know more details.

Important School Links:

Web site: www.peacockcollegiate.ca

Twitter: @AE_Peacock

Instagram: @aepeacockcollegiate

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/aepeacockcollegiate/>

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Again, we look forward to seeing everyone on September 8th. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we navigate a different looking start to the school year.

Sincerely,

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