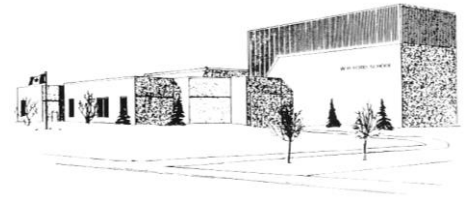


# W.H. Ford School



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Dear Families,

There are a few things we wanted to share with you as our school reopening plan continues to evolve.

1. Lockers: students will have access to lockers. In some cases, this will mean students share a locker, but they will share with the same person throughout the year.
2. Masks: everyone is doing great with wearing masks and following the Covid protocols. As Covid numbers in the province spike it is a timely reminder to keep up the good work in this regard.
3. Gym: our gym is reopening to all classes. Mr. Dahl has developed protocols to ensure that equipment is sanitized after each use. Grade 4-8 students and all staff will also be expected to wear masks while in the gym.
4. Picture Day: Lifetouch will be here Monday Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> for picture day. We will take individual pictures only so, at this time, there will be no class or group pictures taken. Retakes are the morning of Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>.
5. Extra-Curricular: we have made the decision to focus on reopening our gym for classes so extra-curricular sports are on hold for now. This will be reviewed in January.
6. Clubs: clubs may operate, provided they meet virtually to avoid students mixing in different cohorts.
7. Conferences: we will be using Conference Manager software to book conferences on November 12 (3:45-5:45) and November 13 (8:00-12:00). More information about booking conferences will come in a separate letter. These conferences are 10 minutes long and typically involve your child in goal setting and discussing the year to date.

**\*\*\*Please note there is no school for students on Friday, November 13\*\*\***

8. Halloween: students can wear their costume to school on Friday, Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> if they wish. Please note that costumes MUST be school appropriate and NO outside Halloween treats or food can be brought into the school. Staff may choose to give out treats and these will be prepared in accordance with SHA guidelines. Grade 4-8 students must still wear their regular mask, even if their costume has a mask as part of it.
9. Lates: we are seeing an uptick in the number of students who are late for school. Your child's teacher will be reaching out to discuss this with you and we will offer any support we can to get our students here on time. It is amazing how much time can be lost in a year if a student is 10 minutes late each day.

**\*\*\*School starts at 9:08\*\*\***

Your admin team,

David Gillingham and Doug Dahl

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