

WMCI students and families,

WMCI staff are truly looking forward to seeing our students back at school next week. It's going to look different, due to the many guidelines put in place by Manitoba's authorities in Health and Education to protect the health and safety of our school community. Safety protocols are updated on an ongoing basis, therefore the following plans will be subject to revisions as the school year progresses.

- Parents and caregivers are responsible for screening all children for symptoms at the start of each school day. If unsure whether you or your child should be tested and self-isolate, please be directed to the COVID-19 Screening Tool at <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool>. All screening that identifies suspected cases of COVID-19 should be referred to Health Links-Info Santé at 204-788-8200 or 1-888-315-9257.
- Students and staff will be required to wear non-medical masks while in the school. (2 washable cloth masks will be provided, though you may want to procure your own comfortable masks for your child). Disposable masks will be available at the school if needed. Upon arrival at school, our students will be required to practice proper personal hygiene (hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette). Students will be required to sanitize their hands as they enter and exit each classroom. Students will not have access to a locker and will have to use a backpack to transport their belongings from class to class. While moving through hallways, students will be required to follow the directional arrows and follow two metre physical distancing guidelines.
- WMCI's grades 7 and 8 students will be attending every day, commencing September 8. Our grades 9-12 students will be using a blended learning model, which is a combination of traditional face-to-face classroom learning and online/remote learning. Two cohorts of 9-12 students will be developed where one cohort will attend school on Days, 1, 3, 5 and the other will attend on Days 2, 4, 6. Students will be given independent learning tasks to complete remotely on their at-home days.
Students with special needs or learning challenges may be scheduled to attend daily.
Parents of students in grades 9-12 will be notified before the end of the day on Friday, September 4th as to which days your child(ren) will be attending.
- We have been able to offer most of the electives we otherwise would have this year, though some of these courses will run differently than usual to meet health and safety guidelines. Band classes: Instruments will not be allowed at school therefore Grades 7 and 8 band will become music theory and appreciation, and grades 9-12 band will be theory and appreciation on in-class days and practicing playing on at-home days. Choir cannot be offered this year. Foods classes: Instruction and theory will occur on in-class days and food preparation will occur on at-home days.

As we move through the upcoming school year, please understand that our plans are fluid and may be adjusted or changed. School messenger will be used to communicate information as much as possible. In the meantime, please refer to the FAQ on the Pine Creek School Division Website at <http://www.pinecreeksd.mb.ca/> for more information.

We look forward to a successful year meeting our students' educational needs while working to protect everyone's health and safety.

Take care!