



St. Michael's School

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Dear Parents,

St. Michael's understands that in times of great uncertainty the need for the sharing of information becomes paramount. We recognize that you may have concerns and questions and we will provide you with information as it becomes available to us. We continue to receive updates from the Ministry of Education and from the Federation of Independent Schools. The following is a summary of what we know thus far:

The Government of BC has made a number of announcements regarding the start to the school year. You can see their full press release here: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020EDUC0054-001506>. The following are some key dates that the Ministry of Education has shared:

- **August 17** – government will share its operational guidelines with school districts to support their restart plans
- **August 21** – school districts are required to submit their plans to the Ministry of Education for review and approval
- **August 26** – following plan approval by the Ministry of Education, school districts are asked to make their plans public
- **We await confirmation from the Catholic Independent Schools of the Archdiocese about the official start date for our Catholic schools.**

The school is actively working on the plans for a return to school, with a priority on the health, safety, and well-being of students, staff, and the entire community. As we move forward together and receive further information from the government, we will continue to be in touch and post updates on our website: www.stmichaelschool.ca

This is all the information that we are able to provide to date. We must comply with ministerial orders and are required to follow the above set dates for the dissemination of information.

We would also like to announce the return of our principal, Mrs. Kennedy, beginning on the first of September. As Mrs. Kennedy is in the recovery stage of her treatment, she will return to the St. Michael's community on a gradual basis until her physician gives her the "Green Light" to return to her regular duties. We're hoping this proves therapeutic to her, as she has greatly missed the students, parents, and staff of St. Michael's.

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Pastor

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