



## Dates for the Staggered Start to the First Day of Classes

August 28, 2020

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

The Ministry of Education is permitting school boards to stagger students' entry as they transition back to school this year. A staggered start allows for a gradual return of students, and provides time for learning and adapting to new routines and safety practices. The additional time also allows for the adjusting of timetables as students are moved in or out of regular school and distance learning.

Students attending school this September will begin school according to the start date outlined in the schedule below. **Students will continue to attend school full-time as per usual practice following their start date.**

### Elementary Schools:

| Return Date                             | Grade  |
|---|--|
| September 8, 2020                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Grade 1 – 3 students</li><li>● Learning Assistance Centre (LAC) students enrolled in Grades 1-3</li></ul>  |
| September 9, 2020                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Senior Kindergarten students</li><li>● Senior Kindergarten students in LAC</li><li>● Grades 4 – 8 students</li><li>● LAC and Learning Skills Classroom (LSC) students enrolled in Grades 4-8</li></ul> |
| September 10, 2020 – September 15, 2020 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Junior Kindergarten students</li><li>● LAC students enrolled in Junior Kindergarten</li></ul>  |



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**St. Joseph-Scollard Hall:**

| <b>Return Date</b> | <b>Grade</b>                          |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------|
| September 8, 2020  | Grade 9 students and all LAC students |
| September 9, 2020  | Grade 12 students                     |
| September 10, 2020 | Grade 10 and Grade 11 students        |

**Distance Learning Elementary:**

Students who are enrolled in distance learning will also transition back to school in a staggered format. Students will receive a communication from a member of our staff during the week of September 8 - 11, to outline their start date, provide more information and arrange for distribution of technology, if required. **All students enrolled in distance learning will begin no later than Wednesday, September 16, 2020.**

**Distance Learning Secondary:**

SJSH students who choose distance learning will be working with school administration to develop a timetable based on available courses through distance learning and e-learning. Detailed information will be forthcoming to students and families who have chosen this model.

We are looking forward to welcoming all students back to school this fall, and connecting with our students learning at home!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anna Marie Bitonti". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Anna Marie Bitonti,  
Director of Education