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"Education, Spirituality, Discipline"

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Greetings, parents and guardians,

In keeping with the announcement of the Ontario Ministry of Education, Philopateer Christian College will, God willing, open on September 8, 2020 for regular school. While some procedures and practices will stay the same others will, of necessity, change. Our decisions and actions will be governed by the guidelines of the Ministry for smaller school boards, and the health and safety of our students and staff during this time will be paramount.

We look forward to your continuing support in implementing these procedures for the safety and well-being of all members of our PCC family.

With this in mind, these are some of the measures that will be put in place when we open. We hope that these measures will help to ease some of your concerns as we prepare our return to school. More details in this regard will follow in the coming weeks. Please continue to check our school website, pccnet.ca and our [Facebook](#) page for more information as it becomes available.

1. The School Day: We will follow a regular school day, five days a week.

2. The Classroom

- A maximum of 15 students will be accommodated per classroom. We have a sufficient number of rooms to accommodate all our students while respecting social distancing guidelines.
- Hand sanitizers will be located outside every classroom
- Seating will be spaced out in accordance with ministry guidelines
- Students will sit at assigned desks
- All students from grades 4 to 12 must wear a non-medical or cloth mask in common spaces, unless prevented by a medical condition. Students in Kindergarten to grade 3 will be encouraged, but will not be required, to wear masks in common spaces
- Movement between classes will be regulated

3. Enhanced safety measures. These will include:

- Protocols for screening and self-assessment – All students, staff and visitors are required to self-assess before coming to school. Before entering the school, students, staff and all visitors will be screened, and must wash or sanitize their hands.
- Protocols for visitors – Our preferred method of communication during this time is through email, via EDSBY, or by phone. All visits to the school, including for meetings with the Principal, Vice-Principal, and teachers, will be **by appointment only**. All visitors to the school will be required to sanitize their hands and wear a face mask. Please call the school office to book an appointment well in advance.
- Isolation protocols, if students or staff present with symptoms at school
- Mandatory use of non-medical or cloth masks for all students from grades 4 to 12 in common spaces, unless prevented by a medical condition. Students in Kindergarten to grade 3 will be encouraged, but will not be required, to wear masks in common spaces
- Staff will be provided with medical masks and other PPEs, including face shields
- Increased hand hygiene – Hand sanitizer will be available at all school entrances and in every classroom, including in gymnasiums.



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- Physical distancing measures (e.g. revised room set-up, limited sharing of classroom materials, signage for direction and distancing)
 - Enhanced cleaning of washrooms and all common surfaces, such as desks, door handles, railings, faucets, etc.
 - Additional health and safety training provided for all staff
- 4. School Books and Uniforms:** The [Canadian Book Exchange](#) (for books), and [R. J. McCarthy's](#) (for uniforms) are open for business. R. J. McCarthy's is located at 44 West Drive, Brampton, ON., L6T 3T6. Please contact them **as soon as possible** to place your orders for textbooks and uniforms. Keeping in mind the current situation, it is advisable to contact them sooner, rather than later.
- 5. School Buses, BASP, and Other Services:** More information will be made available over the next few weeks.

Thank you, once again, for your ongoing patience, understanding and cooperation during these unprecedented times. As we prepare to reopen our school in September, our priority will continue to be the health, safety and well-being of our students and staff. Please stay connected via our website and our Facebook page. We ask that you keep our PCC family in your prayers.

God bless you.

Mrs. Phoebe Wasfy
Principal