



First Week Success



1 - SEPT 2020 NEWSLETTER

Well we did it. I can tell you we were nervous, a little apprehensive but with all of our COVID protocols in place the first two weeks have been.....remarkable. Students we truly thank you for following the one way hallways and utilizing the hand sanitizing stations. We thank the team of teachers who have been cleaning throughout the day to ensure safety for all. We thank parents, guardians for checking your student child before coming to school. It is because of all of this the school is running and running smoothly.

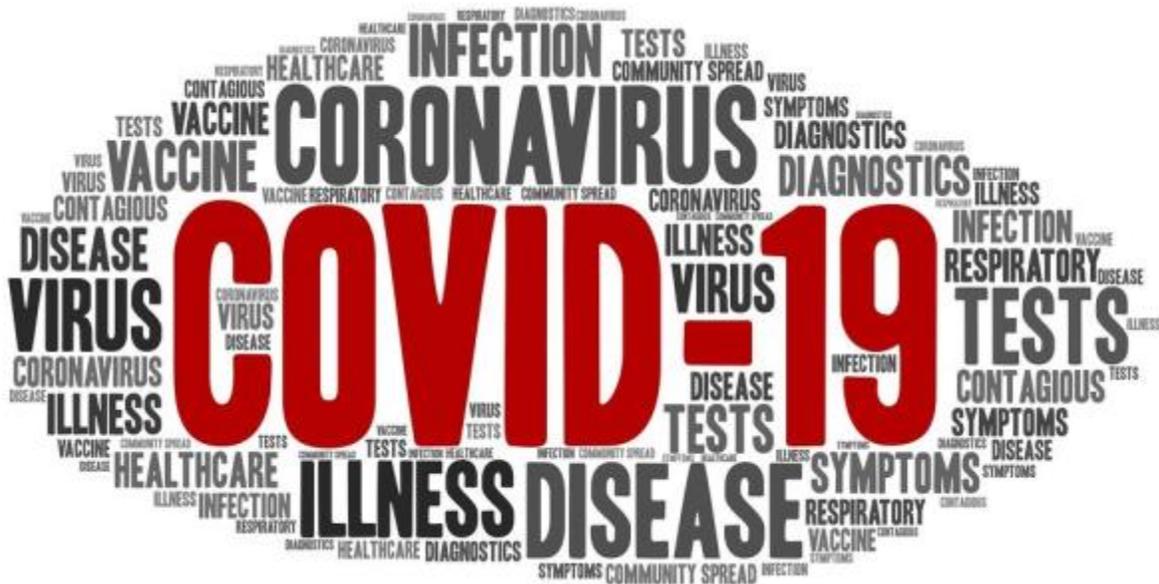




COVID WEEKLY UPDATE



IT TAKES EVERYONE TO KEEP US SAFE!



[Preparing for a Case of COVID-19 at St. John's Academy](#)

As you have likely heard, there are confirmed COVID-19 cases linked to schools in other schools in Metro Vancouver. We continue to take direction from the Ministry of Education and Provincial Health Office when it comes to the management of illness and confirmed cases.

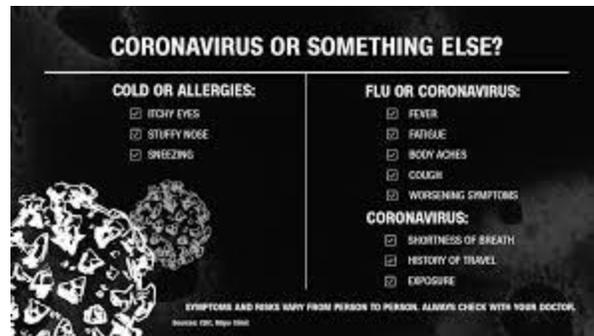
Current protocol following a confirmed case of COVID-19 in our school community is as follows:

- Fraser Health Authority will interview the impacted individual to initiate the contact tracing process.
- Fraser Health will determine how the individual was infected and who they were in close contact with.
- Fraser Health will determine what steps close contacts should take. This may include self-isolating or self-monitoring for symptoms for 14 days.

- Only Fraser Health can determine who is a close contact.
- Our School and Fraser Health will work together on a communications plan to let staff, students and their families know when there is confirmed case at the school and if it impacts them.

We will follow the health authority's guidance.

The key point for families is to remember is that Fraser Health will connect directly with any individuals who may have been exposed with further instructions via phone call or letter. If you are contacted by Fraser Health, please follow their advice carefully.





COVID-19 affects different people in different ways.

Most infected people will develop mild to moderate illness and recover without hospitalization.

Most common symptoms: fever, dry cough, tiredness

Less common symptoms: aches and pains, sore throat, diarrhoea, conjunctivitis, headache loss of taste or smell a rash on skin, or discolouration of fingers or toes

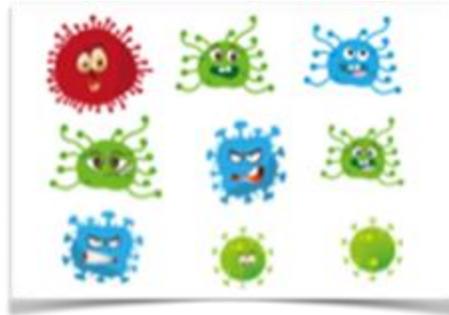
Serious symptoms: difficulty breathing or shortness of breath chest pain or pressure loss of speech or movement.

Seek immediate medical attention if you have serious symptoms.

Always call before visiting your doctor or health facility.

Daily Health Check

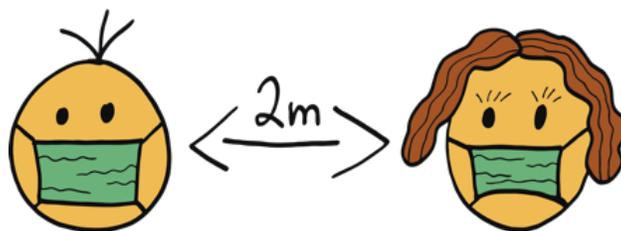
We will continue to check temperatures each day as students and guests enter the building. We also appreciate families completing the daily health check at home with your child before they get to school. This is the first line of defense to help keep everyone in our community healthy and safe.



Covid Kindness:

We practice Covid Kindness!

- We Stay Home if we are sick or experiencing any Covid 19 related symptoms.
- We wear a mask to keep each other safe. All staff, and students must wear a mask while inside the school.
- We wash our hands or sanitize several times a day.
- We practice social distancing and try to keep 2 metres between us and others at all times inside and out.
- We practice cough and sneeze etiquette and make sure that we cough and sneeze into our elbow or a tissue.



Graduation



Our August graduation was a HUGE success!! This day, graduation day, is the most important day in our academic calendar. Seeing you, our new graduates, in your gowns, cross the stage after all your hard work is a proud moment for us all, as I'm sure it is for all of you, and for the family and friends here who support you.

I am sure that today is an event that evokes different feelings and emotions for students: excitement in anticipation of beginning a new phase of life;

sadness in leaving a place that has nurtured you;

trepidation in contemplating what lies ahead;

for some, there will be regret for what could have been and what you should have done;

and for others, joy and satisfaction for what has been achieved.

It is to this success that we wish for you. To all of our students here, the future is where you will spend most of your lives. The real power of creating and being responsible for your own future is unlimited. You will hopefully experience enormous joy in creating this journey for yourself and enjoy the benefits of it too. Of course, there will be challenges ahead however when you are determined to succeed you will make the right choices for you! I encourage you to put all your energy, your faith, your talent and time into each opportunity that comes your way.

It is to this success that we wish for you.

Follow your dreams

Follow your passion

Believe in yourself.

Life is an endless process of self-discovery

Congrats to some of our 17 grads who have received university or college offers!

Mona – offer received at UAL, Nottingham and Birmingham

Chloe – Offer received: (1) Sprott Shaw College: Early Childhood Education

Sophia – Offer received: (1) Fraser International College – Environment

More info to come.....

Dec 2020 Grads

It is of utmost importance that you connect with Mr. Schei around graduating in December.

We want to ensure that everything is done for you to graduate on time!

Have you started applying to universities yet? Need help? He is the man to ask!!!!

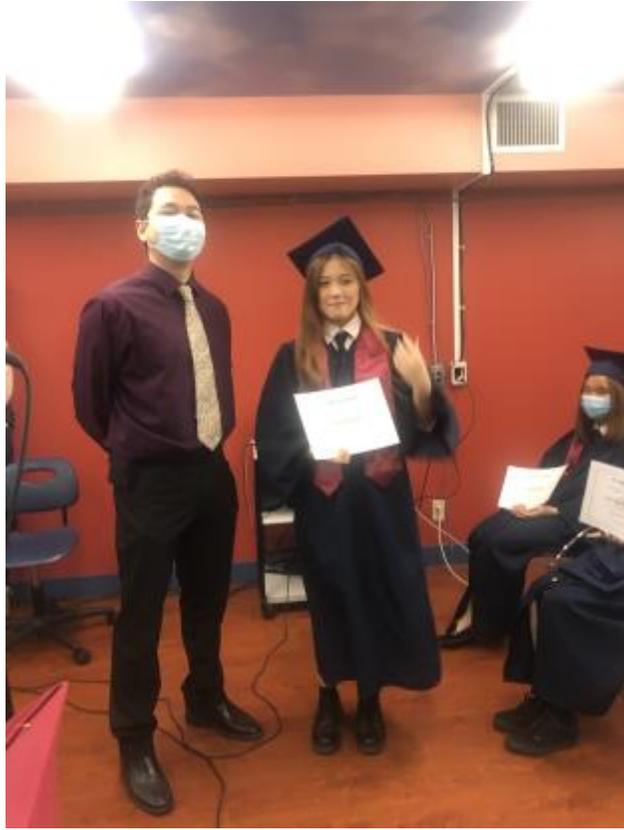
So if you are

1. Expecting to graduate
2. Expecting to delay graduation

3. Expecting to take extra online courses AFTER graduation

Reach out to Mr. Schei for discussion. Counsellor@stjohnsis.com











APPLY FOR A SPOT ON THE STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL



Represent your fellow students. Learn about the initiatives taking place behind the scenes.

Apply to be a member of Student Advisory Council for the 2020 academic year! Represent the students' voice; provide feedback and input on the Student Services initiatives. Make a real difference in the activities and services that directly impact students.

This is a great volunteer opportunity for those looking for a low time commitment. Meetings are twice per month and opportunities are wide spread depending on your interests. If interested, sign up in the front hallway.

TUTORING



Peer Tutors can provide one-on-one help with course content, and pass along useful study strategies, but they will not do a student's homework or assignments.

Peer Tutoring gives you:

- Help preparing for quizzes, tests and exams.
- A study partner who can help you understand and remember your material.
- The perspective and support of a student who knows how to be academically successful.
- The opportunity to build confidence in your own academic skills.

Other clubs available are



Knitting club

Movie Club

Science Club

Homework help Club

Games club

Check out the front hallway and sign up!



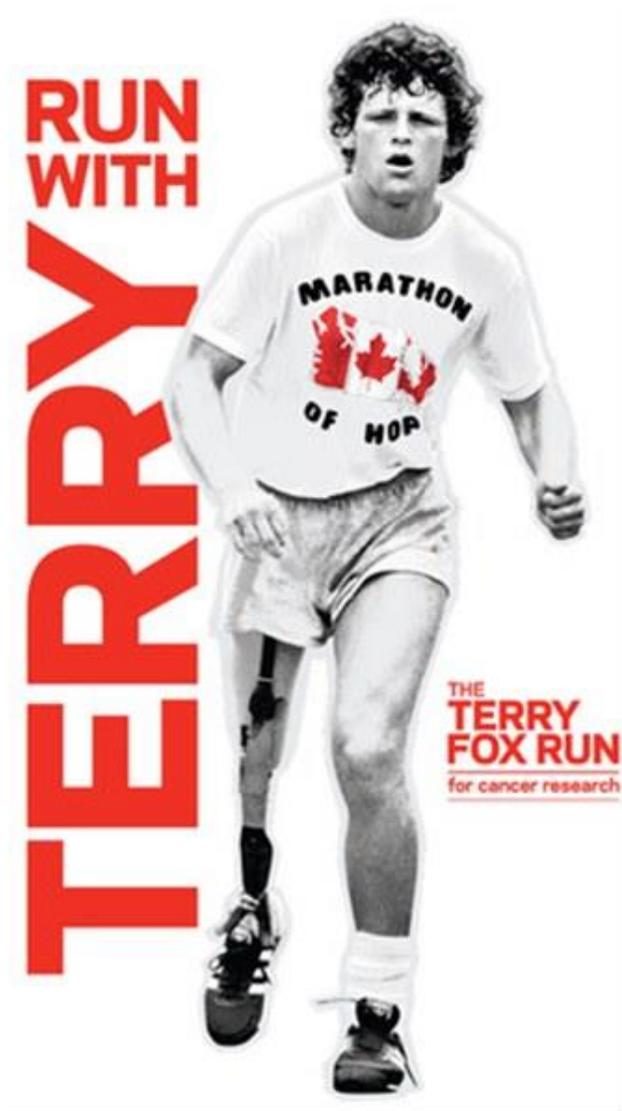
Calendar





September 14-18	School Clubs Sign Up Period
September 18	Last Day for New Student Enrollment
September 21	After School Tutoring Begins (Week 3)
September 24	Anti-Smoking Day Campaign
September 28	School Clubs Begin (Week 4)
September 28	School Improvement Day – No School
October 9	Thanksgiving Day Event
October 12	Thanksgiving (No School)
October 13/14	MIDTERM EXAMS
October 16	Half Day - Report Card Writing
October 21	Mid Term Reports go home





2 - TERRY FOX RUN

September 21st, 2020

Terry once said, "Anything is possible if you try." He was an innovator, attempting to run across Canada on one leg on a humanitarian mission we had never seen before. Today, 40 years later, we will have to innovate as well – we can't think of anything that Terry would appreciate more.





ANTI- SMOKING DAY



St. John's Academy supports the Anti Smoking Day campaign. We are an advocate for policies to reduce tobacco consumption through education about the health and other risks associated with tobacco use.

Protecting youth from industry manipulation and preventing them from tobacco and nicotine use.

We seek to:

- Debunk myths and expose manipulation tactics employed by the tobacco and nicotine industries, particularly marketing tactics targeted at youth, including through the introduction of new and novel products, flavours and other attractive features.

- Equip young people with knowledge about the tobacco and nicotine industries' intentions and tactics to hook current and future generations on tobacco and nicotine products.
- Empower influencers (in pop culture, on social media, in the home, or in the classroom) to protect and defend youth and catalyze change by engaging them in the fight against Big Tobacco.

TEACHER OF THE MONTH



YES- Congrats to Ms. Grainger. Ms. Grainger has been a foundational teacher for our school. She has been here for many years, have seen and been part of the many improvements that St. John's has accomplished. She is lead of the Health and Safety Team, on the Interventions Team, Uniform Guru and more. Your contributions to St. John's Academy is truly appreciated. Your dedication to the students is OUTSTANDING.

WE THANK YOU!

RIDDLE ME THIS.....RIDDLE ME THAT





PLEASE EMAIL ANSWERS TO DR. MEADOWS TO WIN A GET OUT OF CLASS FREE CARD!!!!!!

I'm so fast you can't see me, though everyone else can see straight through me. I don't stop until the day you die. What am I?

You live in a one story house made entirely of redwood. What color would the stairs be?

I am not alive, but I grow; I don't have lungs, but I need air; I don't have a mouth, but water kills me. What am I?

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