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Sending Our Kids Back to School

There have been many conversations among families about returning to school. My daughters are going into grade 3 and 4 this year and both my wife and I work in schools. Between the three schools, we will collectively share space with over 2000 students and 200 staff. We are not foolish; we know there are risks. At school all of us will wear masks, sanitize our hands and we will stay home if we feel ill and then get tested. But we also know that our own children need what a Catholic school provides - the social and intellectual interactions to help them learn and grow. We feel that school will be the best place for continued learning of our Catholic faith, academics, and social/emotional skills. They are excited to attend, but they know school will be different. As educators, my wife and I know that the best learning is through relationships and they are so excited to connect with their teachers and their friends. Even with masks on, sanitizing hands every few minutes and trying to maintain distance, school will still be a magical place that makes learning and growing happen! Of course, all parents need to make their decisions about school that best meets their family's needs.

As the principal of ABJ, I want to share that we will do our very best to ensure our school is as safe as possible for your children as they return to school. During the first week of school with our staggered entry, we will introduce the new procedures at school around classes and our timetable, enter and exiting the school, personal protective equipment, sanitization processes, and screening protocols. This will help your child understand all of the ways they will help keep our school community safe, while still engaging in the excellent educational opportunities that our students expect here at ABJ.

Sincerely, Mr. Dumont (josephd@eics.ab.ca)



Upcoming Events

August 27

First day for all Teachers and EAs

September 1, 2, 3 & 4

Staggered Entry by Surname

September 7

Labour Day – No School



ABJ's Bell Schedule

830 – First Bell

8:35 – 11:20 – Block AM (1)

Grade 9/10 11:25 – 12:25 – Lunch

Grade 11/12 11:20 – 12:20 – Lunch

12:25 – 3:10 – Block PM (2)

Note: ABJ's will using 6 entrances to allow students to enter the school closest to their classrooms. Teachers will inform their students of this process during staggered entry. Doors will be open from 8:20-8:45 a.m. daily to allow students to enter the school and head to their classroom. Anyone arriving late will need to ring the daytime doorbell and check in with office staff.

Extra-Curricular Activities

For the first quarter of 2020-2020, all extracurricular sports and school sports teams – elementary, junior high and senior high are postponed. Extracurricular sports and school sports team restrictions are reviewed quarterly throughout the school year.

Staggered Entry Week

During staggered entry, students will be asked to enter the school at the front entrance and head directly to DAY X - AM class. (Students will change to their DAY Y class at 10:00 am or 1:45 pm where applicable). Staff will direct students as needed in the hallways. Students will attend on one day according to their last name based on the guide below (exception is Pathway students). Teachers will use this time to meet their students, explain and review the new protocols at ABJ this year to promote the well-being and safety for all.

- Sept 1 - A - E
- Sept 2 - F - K
- Sept 3 - L - P
- Sept 4 - Q – Z

Note: We are asking that parents/guardian do not enter the school unless they have made an appointment.

Lunch Time Procedures

ABJ is encouraging all students to remain at school during lunch to maintain the integrity of their cohorts. Students will be offered the opportunity to eat lunch in their AM classroom, therefore students will need to pack their lunch and snacks/water bottle. Students who do leave the school will not be permitted back in the building until 12:15 p.m. and will be expected to follow the re-entry protocols of sanitization and mask wearing.

Declaration that Daily Screening Protocols are Completed!!

When a parent completes the daily screening protocol with their child and then they send them to school, they are declaring that their child is healthy. This daily task is essential for ABJ to ensure that our school is as safe as possible for students and staff. If a child becomes ill while at school, the child will be isolated, parents will be notified, and they will be required to pick their child up within 1 hour. We are asking that daily screenings are done thoroughly every day before leaving home.

COVID-19 INFORMATION

Screening Questionnaire

COVID-19 ALBERTA HEALTH DAILY CHECKLIST

PARENTS/GUARDIANS/STUDENTS MUST USE THIS QUESTIONNAIRE DAILY TO DECIDE IF THE STUDENT SHOULD ATTEND SCHOOL

The tool is meant to be used to assist with assessing attendees who may be symptomatic, or who may have been exposed to someone who is ill or has confirmed COVID-19.

Attendees should fill out this checklist prior entering school daily. If an individual answers YES to any of the questions, they must not be allowed to attend school. Children and youth will need a parent to assist them to complete this screening tool.

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve, this screening tool will be updated as required.

Screening Questions

1.	Do you, or your child attending the program, have any of the below symptoms:	CIRCLE ONE	
	• Fever	YES	NO
	• Cough	YES	NO
	• Shortness of Breath / Difficulty Breathing	YES	NO
	• Sore throat	YES	NO
	• Chills	YES	NO
	• Painful swallowing	YES	NO
	• Runny Nose / Nasal Congestion	YES	NO
	• Feeling unwell / Fatigued	YES	NO
	• Nausea / Vomiting / Diarrhea	YES	NO
	• Unexplained loss of appetite	YES	NO
	• Loss of sense of taste or smell	YES	NO
	• Muscle/ Joint aches	YES	NO
	• Headache	YES	NO
	• Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye)	YES	NO
2.	Has the attendee travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
3.	Has the attendee had close contact* with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
4.	Has the attendee had close contact with a symptomatic** close contact of a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the last 14 days?	YES	NO

* Face-to-face contact within 2 metres. A health care worker in a occupational setting wearing the recommended personal protective equipment is not considered to be a close contact.

** 'Ill/symptomatic' means someone with COVID-19 symptoms on the list above

Course Change Requests Closed on Sept 4th

It was shared with students back in April that their course selections would be adhered to as best as possible. Our timetable is very tight with very little room for additional students. For any students who completed course selections and received their course requests, we will not be making changes to their timetable unless they have an extenuating circumstance or completed an online course in summer school. We need to know if a student is dropping a class so we are able to make room for other students, so please make a course drop request if that is the case. Priority for course requests will be made for students who need a course for graduation purposes or post-secondary programming needs. Course changes can be requested by completing the following form online: <https://forms.gle/7zSCF1V9AAc8nKaRA> Deadline for any requests is Sept 4th

Quarter Start Dates and Exams/Diplomas

Quarter start dates are listed below. All final exams, Provincial Achievement Exams (for grade 9) and Diploma Exams will occur at the end of each quarter: November, January, April and June. Students should be familiar with their exam schedules as outlined in their course syllabus and should ensure they are able to attend their exam dates (as long as they are healthy). Students should also be familiar with our assessment policies found here – <https://abj.eics.ab.ca/about/school-policies>

Quarter Start Dates:

Q1 - Sept 1 Q2 - Nov 16 Q3 - Feb 1 Q4 - April 21

School Fee Payments

This year, the preferred method of payment is **online**. The website address for PowerSchool is powerschool.eics.ab.ca. When you are in the Parent Portal, goes to the “Fees” section to make payment with a Visa, Visa Debit, MasterCard or Interac Online. You may also choose to join our payment plan (click on the cart), which will divide fees over a 10-month period. If you join the payment plan later, it will divide by the number of months left in the school year. Please ensure your credit card information remains up-to-date when joining the payment plan. Also note that fees DO NOT appear on student accounts, only parent accounts.

Photos/ID Cards

Icon, our school photographer, will be at school from Sept.1-4 to take school photos and produce ID cards. ID cards are needed to sign out textbooks, to write exams, and typically to pick up transit passes. Weather permitting, photos will be taken outside. Otherwise, they will occur in one of the gyms.

Parking Tags

Grades 10-12 parents will receive a Google Form questionnaire where they will fill out the information required to receive a parking tag. ABJ student parking is first come, first serve, so the tag does not guarantee a spot, but it must be displayed in order to park in student parking. Bylaw officers do check for this tag. Tags will be distributed the second week back to school in class, so please have your student fill out the Google Form (<https://forms.gle/DsJZds21fssTKsxp9>). If requested, a \$2 fee for the tag will be charged to student accounts. This fee covers the cost of making the tag.

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How to Read Your Child's ABJ 2020-2021 Schedule

In our attempt to keep our students safe and in cohorts as much as possible for the 2020-2021 school year, ABJ moved to quarters for both semesters. We understand that your child's schedule looks much different than the 2019/20 school year. Below we have provided information on how to decipher your child's schedule. We hope this helps families prepare for the upcoming school year.

THE FACTS

A 'Quarter' means a class runs for approximately 2.3 months for approximately 3 hrs per day (AM or PM). The difference between options and core subjects in a 'Quarter' is that options run every second day while core classes run every day. At the end of the 'Quarter' the student will begin new classes. With this schedule the previously familiar 'Day 1, Day 2' has been replaced with 'Day X, Day Y'.

X	20-21	S1	Q1	English 10-1 (5) AP Boake, Jaimee Room: 189	Mathematics 10C (5) Reg Rice, Stephen Room: 190
			Q2	Science 10 (5) AP Montgomery, Erin Room: 230	Social Studies 10-1 (5) Reg Coull, Kennedy Room: 146
		S2	Q3	Chemistry 20 (5) Reg Schnepper, James Room: 232	Advanced Athletic Perf 10 (0) CTSH Jennings, Andrea Room: Upper
			Q4	CALM 20 - Online Gateways (0) Sched Z, Teacher Room: 170A	
Y	20-21	S1	Q1	English 10-1 (5) AP Boake, Jaimee Room: 189	Mathematics 10C (5) Reg Rice, Stephen Room: 190
			Q2	Science 10 (5) AP Montgomery, Erin Room: 230	Social Studies 10-1 (5) Reg Coull, Kennedy Room: 146
		S2	Q3	Chemistry 20 (5) Reg Schnepper, James Room: 232	Art 10 (3) Reg Tiano, Michelle Room: 164
			Q4	Personal Fitness 10 (0) CTSH Jennings, Andrea Room: Upper	Physical Ed 10 (3) Reg Parker, Helena Room: 171a

In the above example:

1. 'X' could refer to Mon, Wed, Friday while 'Y' would refer to Tues, Thurs (or the reverse). This is known as a 'Two Day Schedule'.
2. Classes on the left hand column are **AM classes**, right hand column is **PM classes**.
3. **E.g. English 10-1** would be every day (X,Y) for quarter 1 in the morning.
4. **E.g. PE 10** would be every second day (Y) for quarter 4 in the afternoon.
5. **E.g. Science 10** would be every day (X,Y) for quarter 2 in the morning.
6. **E.g. Personal Fitness (Day Y) and CALM (Day X)** would alternate mornings in Quarter 4

2020-2021 MASTER SCHEDULE BY BLOCK

ARCHBISHOP JORDAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL									
A M	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4		
	X	Y	X	Y	X	Y	X	Y	
P M	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4		
	X	Y	X	Y	X	Y	X	Y	

ABJ's Grade Level Coaches

The ABJ Admin Team will serve our students as grade level coaches for the upcoming school year. If students or parents have questions or requests, they may connect with their grade level coaches. We always recommend that students and parents connect with teachers first whenever a situation arises concerning the classroom. Our assistant principals are ready and willing to support any students and parents once that initial step has happened or if you have any other questions or concerns. Our principal, Mr. Dumont, is also available to support students and families as needed and he may be reached by email at josephd@eics.ab.ca.

Grade 9 – Mrs. Tymko, ruthb@eics.ab.ca

Grade 10 - Mr. St. Jean, marcs@eics.ab.ca

Grade 11 - Mr. Lakeman, gregl@eics.ab.ca

Grade 12 - Mr. Starko, chad.starko@eics.ab.ca

School Supplies Information

- Due to COVID-19 protocols, we are asking that students bring hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes to assist them in their personal hygiene during class whenever needed. Sanitizer and disinfecting spray will be available in all classrooms, but students may want to bring their own supply to minimize movement in the classroom.
- Students are recommended to acquire school supplies based on their courses and respective teacher expectations. Generally, students require a binder, loose leaf paper, pens, pencils, eraser, etc. for most courses. Any supplies beyond the basics will be directed by their individual teacher, based on the nature of the course.
- Students are required to bring a water bottle during the day, as all water fountains will be closed and beverages will not be available for purchase. Water bottles should be clearly labelled and should never be shared between students.
- Students will also need a lunch/snack container, cutlery, serviettes as needed.
- Students taking Math 10C require a TI84+ calculator.
- Students will not be permitted to use a locker this year as a COVID-19 strategy to prevent students from congregating in the hallways. Students will need to bring their materials to and from school each day.
- Students are invited to bring a device to school as part of our “One to One Project”. ABJ recommends that students bring a device that will work best for them and their learning style. The device should be compatible with Google Apps for Education (also known as the Google Suite) – Google Docs, Google Drive, etc. We recommend that the screen is large enough for a student to complete assignments, take notes, and edit work, etc. The amount that a student may use the device will vary depending on the nature of the course and their teacher’s expertise. **Students will not be permitted to use a smartphone as their One to One device.** Please also note that students are expected to follow the One to One User Agreement - <https://www.eics.ab.ca/download/100432>.

Transit Pass Information

Strathcona County Transit passes will be distributed in class the week of Sept.1-4. Only students on the list provided by Transportation will receive one. If you are new to ABJ, once Transportation adds your student to the list, then they are able to receive one. See the Strathcona Transit flyer at the end of this newsletter for more information.

Yellow Bus Pass Information

These will also be distributed in class from Sept.1-4, as indicated by Transportation's master list.

Yearbook

New this year.... we have an online form where you can "opt out" of the 2020-2021 yearbook if you so choose. Just click on the form and follow the instructions. If you would like a yearbook, you do not have to do anything. If you change your mind and would like to "opt in" again, please contact the Business Office (wendyp@eics.ab.ca).



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Go back to school with Transit

New service schedule starts August 30

A photograph of four students walking on a sidewalk next to a white and green transit bus. The bus has "TAKE PART TAKE TRANSIT" written on its side.

COVID-19 Update:
Even though the students depicted above are not wearing masks, masks are now required on Transit and in County buildings, and physical distancing is still encouraged.

Transit service for students attending Archbishop Jordan

Getting to ABJ

- Students take their local route to the Bethel Transit Terminal.
- From the terminal, students will take **Route 430** to school.

Getting home

- Students will catch **Route 431** across the street from ABJ to the Bethel Transit Terminal
- At the terminal they will transfer to their local route home.

How to find your local route

Use google transit:

1. Go to google.ca/maps
2. Select "directions" bent arrow at the top of the top of the screen
3. Select the transit icon from the menu
4. enter your starting point and desired destination

You can also:

Call **780-464-RIDE** (7433) and speak with one of our helpful Customer Service Representatives, Monday to Friday 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. or Saturdays 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. (closed for lunch 12:15 - 1:15p.m.)

Transit schedules are available at strathcona.ca/transit

We encourage you to access our schedules online regularly, rather than using paper schedules as they may change from time to time due to the COVID-19 situation.

More information:
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strathcona.ca/transit

