

Herbert School



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Good Morning Families,

There are a couple of things that I need to message out to you all:

1. I want to thank all of you for your support during our reopening plans and implementation. I have seen students get used to wearing masks in the hallway, library and during partner work. I've even seen students choosing to wear masks in class to share a worktable with their friend.
 - a. Disposable mask usage - we have been supplying disposable masks for students who have forgotten theirs at home. Unfortunately, we will run out of these this week, if not today. Please ensure that your child has a mask before they leave for school. Masks are a requirement for students from grades 4-12 in Saskatchewan.
2. Student Absences - please inform the office when your child is absent or will be late for school. As you can imagine we need to be extra diligent in tracking absences this school year. If you reach the message manager, please let us know the reason for the absence and report any illness symptoms. You may also email Mrs. Francis (afrancis@chinooksd.ca). Again, please report any illness symptoms.
3. We are still working out the kinks in staggered entrances, exits, times and protocols for having students in certain areas at a time. Things have been working really well in the elementary side of the school. We are experiencing problems with the afternoon exit times and high school recess. Currently, our 7-12s are done at 3:15 pm and our K-3s are done at 3:05pm. Some days the K-3s have loaded the bus and are waiting 10-15 minutes before our high school students have got on at the end of the day. That's too long in a bus ride that can already take an hour. The other issue that our 7-12 afternoon recess possess is what to do with this amount of students for 15 minutes when we are not supposed to have them all in the gym or congregating in large groups throughout the school. It's not really fair to have to tell students they can't do this or that, when we don't have real options for them during this time.

We are going to eliminate the afternoon high school recess (for 7-12 students only), place a 5 sanitation break between fourth and fifth period and dismiss these students at 3:05 pm.

This will allow 7-9's to exit the main entrance, the 10-12's exit the parking lot entrance and the K-3's exit via either Kindergarten door, west front entrance and playground doors. Then the 4-6's will still be dismissed at 3:10 pm using two exits. This should alleviate the wait time on the bus at the end of the day.

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