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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Welcome to the 2020/2021 school year at O.M. Irwin School! On behalf of the O.M. Irwin staff, we want to welcome and give a “Hoo Haa Ice Rocks” shout out to our amazing students. We have really missed the students and we are very excited to welcome them back to school. The O.M. Irwin and Chinook SD staff have been working diligently to prepare for a safe, healthy, and enjoyable 2020/2021 school year for students at O.M. Irwin School.

We want to thank each of our parents and guardians for your tremendous work to support your child’s learning at home and for your support of the school’s staff as we work through these uncharted waters. Your effort and support has meant a lot to the staff and we are excited to continue working with you to meet needs of your child(ren) for the 2020/2021 school year.

This letter and the attached **O.M. Irwin School’s Reopen Plans** document will outline the procedures we are implementing for a safe and healthy reopening of O.M. Irwin School for the 2020-2021 school year. While many things will be the same for students at school regarding their enjoyable daily classroom learning experiences from our dedicated, caring staff members, there are some changes to daily school procedures in our school’s reopen plans that will guide our collective work in planning for student, parent, and staff safety.

In addition to the school’s reopen plans, the following information will also help you and your child(ren) prepare for the start of the school year:

- **Staggered Start Grade 1 to 8 Students**– to help ease students into the school year, we have staggered their start dates.
  - Grade 1 to 8 students with last names starting with the letters **A to L** will attend for a full day on **Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**;
  - Grade 1 to 8 students with last names starting with the letters **M to Z** will attend for a full day on **Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**; and
  - All Gr. 1 to 8 students will attend on Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.
  - Note: Chinook Buses are running the regular routes on Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> for the staggered starts.

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- **Staggered Start for Kindergarten Students** – Kindergarten teachers Mrs. Dyck and Mrs. McWillie have contacted their parents regarding the extended staggered start for K students.
- **Parent/Guardian and Visitor Access to the School** – The staff has really missed our students and their parents/guardians. We highly value our relationships with our parents and guardians. We encourage parents to contact your child’s teacher or administration if you have any questions or concerns. Staff will make contact with parents by email, phone calls, See Saw etc. In order to limit the number of people visiting our school, please call the school to arrange an appointment if necessary. Parents will be required to answer Covid 19 screening questions before they will be able to enter the school.
- **Changes to the Timetable** – To provide students with more time to work on Mathematics and Language Arts, we have paused teaching K-8 Core French and Gr. 6 Career Education. Teachers will use this time to provide additional Math and Language Arts instruction and support to students.

Our school's reopen plans will guide our work to create a safe environment for students, parents, and staff and help our students have positive learning experiences at school. The school's reopen plans may change during the school year and we will inform you of these changes.

Another resource the school has created to support parents/guardians for their' child's return to school is a video on what to expect the first day of school. We will share this video with you this week. In addition to the resources provided by the school, we are providing you a copy of the **Safe Schools Plan** created by the Saskatchewan Ministries of Health and Education.

The staff is very excited to start the school year and in welcoming the students next week. Each staff member is committed to work diligently to ensure the students have a safe, enjoyable year at O.M. Irwin School. We look forward to working with you and your child(ren) and we will have a great 2020/2021 school year together! Please do not hesitate to call the school if you have any questions.

Kindest Regards

**O.M. Irwin School Administration Team**  
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