Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

We are looking forward to having you a part of the Feehan family! Student timetables will be available online on September 1\textsuperscript{st}. We will email students through their GSCS accounts to provide instructions on how to access their timetable.

**Gradual Re-Entry of students**

In order to support students and staff in adjusting to new protocols and expectations we will be starting the year with a staggered start. Please find the schedule for the first two days below. As you can see, students will begin with their Period 1 and 4 classes.

**Tuesday, September 8** – Grade 9 students only, 8:40 - 11:35am
8:40 – 10:30 – Period 1 and back to school orientation
10:35 – 11:35 - Period 4

**Tuesday, September 8** – Grade 10 students only, 12:35 – 3:00pm
12:35 – 1:55 – Period 1 and back to school orientation
2:00 - 3:00 - Period 4

**Wednesday, September 9** – Grade 11 students only, 8:40 - 11:35am
8:40 – 10:30 – Period 1 and back to school orientation
10:35 – 11:35 - Period 4

**Wednesday, September 9** – Grade 12 students only, 12:35 – 3:00pm
12:35 – 1:55 – Period 1 and back to school orientation
2:00 - 3:00 - Period 4

Gradual re-entry will allow for careful relationship building and mental wellness as well as smaller groups to teach and practice new COVID-19 procedures. This gradual re-entry is not without implications and challenges for families and we are thankful for the patience and flexibility of students, parents and caregivers.

**Thursday, September 10** - Regular classes begin with full days for all students, 8:40 – 2:30pm

Once regular classes begin on September 10\textsuperscript{th}, we ask that students do not come to school prior to 8:25am and when they arrive they must go straight to their Period 1 classroom. Students are not allowed to wander the halls or socialize and hang out in groups. If your child must be dropped off earlier than 8:25am, you must call the school at 306-659-7550 to book a spot in our socially distanced cafeteria. Your child will be assigned a seat in the cafeteria to work on school work until they go to class at 8:25.

At the end of the day, students need to exit the school at 2:30 after Period 4, unless they have an assigned LAT or EAL tutorial or are accessing student support from 2:30 – 3:00pm. Students will be assigned student support if they are behind in the course work. We will communicate to students what teachers/rooms are offering support. Students in the tutorials must leave school directly after the session is over. If your child needs to stay in the building past 3:00pm waiting
for a ride, you must call the school to book a seat in our socially distanced cafeteria. The school is closed at 4:00pm.

**Distance Learning Option**
Distance Learning Plans were sent out on August 18th. If you choose online learning through GSCS cyber school, please register with E.D. Feehan and contact the office to let us know you are interested in online learning. An Administrator or counsellor will discuss this option with you. It is important to remember that if you choose on-line learning and later wish to return to face to face learning, this will need to be coordinated at the school and will only be available at the start of each new block where there is availability.

**First Week of School**
As indicated in the Division communication, we have asked all parents not to enter the school. Please email or call the school or teacher if you have any questions. If you would like to schedule an appointment, we ask that you email or call to set up a time in advance.

Students should bring all materials with them in their backpack as they will be returning home with them at the end of the day. Students will not be assigned hallway lockers. Students will need a binder with paper, pen, pencil, eraser, mask, and water bottle. The teacher will let students know if any other materials are required as it depends on the class.

Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools has purchased masks for students who need them. They will be distributed on the first day of school and also available at the main office. Students are asked to attend with a water bottle and we have filling stations at the school. Water fountains will not be open at this time. GSCS will provide a water bottle for students who would require one. They are available at the main office.

**Block Scheduling**
Block scheduling has students work on two classes at a time (one in the morning and one in the afternoon). The students will be working with a different teacher and a different cohort of students in each block. This will significantly reduce the number of interactions that staff and students will experience in a typical school day.

- School day scheduling has changed to ensure our students stay within cohorts. Our school breaks will be staggered to avoid large gatherings at these times.
- The use of multiple entrances/exits will assist our school in keeping our students in cohorts. On the first day of each block, teachers will instruct students on which entrance and exit to use.
- Our school has determined specific plans to ensure the use of washrooms as well as our common space is scheduled to allow for sanitizing and limiting student contact. Washrooms will have limits on the number of people who can access and will be cleaned regularly throughout the day.
- Common spaces will be booked by one class at a time and cleaned after use.
Health and Safety of our School Community

The health and safety of our students and staff is of utmost importance. Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools (GSCS) and the Medical Health Officers (MHOs) have collaborated on a plan to facilitate communication to report and track ill individuals and establish protocols in the event of a positive Covid-19 case identified within our schools. The following procedures all support both our schools and the SHA:

Parents and caregivers must assess their children daily for symptoms of common cold, influenza, COVID-19, or other infectious respiratory disease before sending them to school. Anyone showing symptoms listed on the GSCS self-screening tool must remain home and call 811 for direction.

Should your child become ill throughout the day, parents are expected to have a plan to pick up their child immediately once they have been contacted by the school.

Our school has a detailed plan that requires students exhibiting illness to self-isolate under the guidance and supervision of a staff member. Individuals sent home will be asked to contact 811 and seek Covid testing.

When individuals call 811, they should let the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) know that they are a student or an educational staff member. This will prioritize their testing.

Our school will be required daily to share the names of individuals who go home ill from our facility with the Medical Health Officer (MHO).

**Negative Test Results**

All ill individuals need to be symptom free for 48 hours prior to returning to our schools.

If individuals are being tested due to contact tracing (they have been deemed by SHA to be a close contact to a person who has tested positive for Covid-19), this isolation time increases to 14 days even if they test negative.

**Positive Test Results**

The SHA will contact the individual to inform them of next steps. The SHA will also contact the school division.

The division, alongside the SHA will send out communication to families regarding next steps. These next steps will include:

- Ensuring the privacy of individuals is of utmost importance.
- Case and contact management plans (who needs to be tested and how this can take place)
- Environmental cleaning plans
- Alternative education delivery model for those impacted (distance learning)
- Any decisions to temporarily close classrooms or schools.
School Safety Measures

We are implementing several safety measures and protocols. A few are listed here, and more detail is available in the Division plan. Please note that these are subject to change pending guidelines or direction from the Government of Saskatchewan and/or the Chief Medical Health Officer.

Masks and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- Because it will not be possible to physically distance, Grade 9 – 12 students are required to wear masks at school.
- All students are required to wear masks while riding the bus.
- All visitors must wear masks. Phone, e-mail or virtual meetings are preferred.
- Accommodations will be made for students and staff who are unable to wear a mask due to medical or other needs with documentation.
- Students wearing reusable masks will be instructed to bring them home daily for cleaning.

Daily Personal Screening

- Staff and students are not to attend when ill. Students are required to do a daily, at-home screening. A screening questionnaire will be provided.
- Ill students will be isolated and need to be picked up by parents right away or drive home with parent permission. They will not be transported by staff.

Enhanced Cleaning Procedures

- High touch areas cleaned often
- Hand sanitizer will be provided in multiple locations in the school
- Equipment sanitized between cohort use

Lunch

- Students are encouraged to go home for lunch when possible
- Students remaining at school will eat lunch in their morning classroom in their assigned desk with the same cohort of students
- We will not be able to accommodate friend groups for the lunch break
- Microwaves will not be available for student use.
- Cafeteria services will not be available until at least September 14th. Details and protocols will be shared at a later date.
• If students leave the building for lunch, they can re-enter the building at 12:30 to go to their Period 4 class

School Partners
Our school has a few school partnerships that operate within our building. The school administration has met with each partner to review GSCS safety protocols.

Choir
Based on the guidelines within the Re-Open Saskatchewan Plan August 2020, GSCS will not be offering choir as a course or as an extracurricular activity until further notice.

Band
• Band classes will continue as scheduled.
• No ensemble playing (large or small) on school premises at this time.
• Band 10/20/30 credits will still be offered
• Four of the five Foundational Objectives in the Band curriculum can be met during in-class time: Aural Skills, Musical Literacy, Interpretation/Appreciation/Decision Making, Attitudes/Values.
• Instrumental technique objectives will be met virtually for the time being, with accommodations for students who do not have access to technological devices.
• These guidelines will be reviewed periodically, prior to the beginning of each new block, and as research evolves and guidelines change.

Library
• A specific plan regarding the safe exchange of books and use of technology is under review and will be shared out shortly.

Extra-Curricular
• All extra-curricular activities are postponed at this time including all fall sports and performing arts.

As the school year progresses and school plans require change, we will keep families up to date. We look forward to working with families in creating a safe and faith filled learning environment for all of our students.

Please contact the school at 306-659-7550 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Krista Hayes
Principal, E.D. Feehan High School