Welcome back everyone. It has been so long since we have seen our wonderful students and we are excited to finally be back together as the Father Robinson Family. 2020 will be a year that we will never forget because of the changes we have all had to endure. Rest assured that we have worked together as a staff planning and preparing to the best of our ability for a safe return for all. I have heard from many of you that your child(ren) are anxious and unsure of what to expect this year as there are so many unknowns. Please reassure them that they can expect some new procedural and routine changes such as mask wearing, hand sanitizing stations, specific entrances/exits etc. Your child’s teacher sent a welcome email yesterday which should have clarified this information specifically for you. That being said, your children need to also know that we are embarking on a new journey together where safety and learning will be our priorities and where the staff will do their best to support your children emotionally, academically, physically and spiritually. We may not be able to do things the same way as we did before, but we are finding creative and innovative ways to ensure students are engaged and excited about learning in a safe faith filled environment. These are unprecedented times, but I am confident that together we will all rise above the challenges that lie ahead as together we are better. Communication between the home and school is more important now than ever as we must work together from a distance to ensure your children are happy, safe and learning to the best of their ability. Over the next few weeks, your child’s teacher will be reminding you about the importance of communication. Day planners, Google Classroom announcements, emails and the school newsletter (note: watch your inbox for an email from Mary Ann Hill our Office Coordinator) and our website are the main means of communication this year. As you are aware, parents may not enter our school for safety reasons hence why the importance of the above means of communication. It is also critical that you have emergency contacts we are able to reach immediately in the event your child needs to go home if they are ill. Thank you also for ensuring your children bring home their back packs, lunch kits and masks for sanitizing daily. Again, these are different times and we must all adjust our schedules to accommodate for these extras.

Please note that we have closed off the traffic loop at the front entrance and no cars may enter except emergency vehicles. Parents should learn their child’s entrance and exit and plan to pick them up closer to their doors. The only students who will enter and exit the building are the primary students who take the bus and Ms. Zacharia’s grade 2 / 3 class. Thank you for your understanding.

Many of you have expressed concerns about friendship groupings this year and I have been fielding much correspondence about this since the welcome emails went home yesterday. We have done our best to accommodate the requests that were received in June but in some cases your requests could not and will not be granted. There have been additional factors that have contributed to class list changes numerous times over the past week. Please understand we have done our best with the changing enrolment as well as in creating cohort groups. We understand the additional anxiety that all of our students are feeling and we will work with you to support your children. Thank you for your understanding and for your anticipated cooperation.

With your support, we can help all our students build resiliency, a quality that is necessary now more than ever. I can always be reached at smclean@gscs.ca or at 306-659-7201 should you have any further questions or concerns.

Sherry McLean

Dear Father,
As our children return back to school,
We ask that you bless and keep them,
Make your face shine upon them and
Be gracious unto them.
Lift up your countenance upon them.
And give them your peace and prosperity.
Quell their fears, subside their worries
And wrap around them in love.

Amen
Staffing complement for the 2020-2021 year:

Principal- Mrs. Sherry McLean
Vice Principal– Mr. Ralph Kunz
Kindergarten- Mrs. Nita Rysavy
Grade 1- Mrs. Amanda Trulicz-Lapointe
Grade 2- Mrs. Kelley Klath
Grade 2/3- Ms. Christy Zacharias
Grade 3- Mrs. Renee Cherniawsky
Grade 4- Mrs. Sheila Brown
Grade 4- Mr. Gerard Ackerman
Grade 5- Mr. Bernie Schulte
Grade 5- Mrs. Donna Sych
Grade 6- Mrs. Dionne Melrose
Grade 6- Mr. Rob Brossart
Grade 7- Miss Sako
Grade 7- Miss Melanie Haanen
Grade 8- Mrs. Joanne De La Rosa
Grade 8- Mr. Kent Rogers
Release teachers: Mrs. Raelene Kenney, Mr. Ralph Kunz, Mrs. Patricia Zapotoczny-Hansen
EAL – Mrs. Lori Skibinsky
Teacher Librarian- Mrs. Jody Gaudet
Library Clerk- Mrs. Natalia Sands
Learning Assistance Teachers- Mrs. Margaret Epp, Mrs. Michelle Gaucher
Office Coordinator- Mrs. Mary Ann Hill
Educational Assistants- Mrs. Joanne Derkewych, Mrs. Brandi Tolofson, Ms. Trish Balaniuk,
Mrs. Collette Ebert, Mrs. Melissa Bence, Miss Marilyn Gabuni
Band Teacher- Miss. Sarah Scharf
Caretaking staff- Mr. Jayson Coronacion, Mrs. Wegene Mebrahtu,
Interns: Mr. Billy Tataryn (Grade 8D)

Forms which will be sent home Monday Sept. 14 include:
These forms need to be reviewed, signed, and returned to classroom teachers:
- Student Verification (Very important contact information is up to date)
- Noon Lunch Permission (Please note we are requesting children to eat at home if possible.)
- Media Release

The Acceptable Use Policy does not have to be signed and returned rather, it is for your information:
Checklist
- View Father Robinson webpage for calendar, attendance and newsletters.
- SchoolMessenger - enroll for attendance reporting in advance (New families must register, details on our webpage)

School Arrival - Parents/guardians are reminded that students should not arrive at school before 8:20 a.m unless they are going to the before and after school program. Students arriving to access the Before and After Program or earlier than 8:20 a.m. must use the side gym boot room doors. This is where parents will also pick up their children from the program. Note this is a change from last year. Students are reminded that this year they will be entering and exiting the building from one door only. Educational Assistants will open their designated door at 8:20 am and will apply hand sanitizer to each student as they enter. Teachers will be in the classrooms upon student arrival. Students should be in the building by 8:35 a.m. Instruction begins at 8:40 a.m. Thank you parents for your cooperation as we work together to ensure safety for all this year.

Lates – Students arriving at 8:40 or later are considered late. Please sign-in at the office as all other entrances will be locked at 8:40 am. Early departures must be reported by 8:45 a.m. through School Messenger or if later in the day, by calling the office directly.

Newsletter - Our newsletter is published every second Thursday and will be posted on the school website. Please check our newsletters frequently to keep up with important dates and other pertinent information from the staff, community and the Catholic School Community Council. Reminders will be sent home from Mary Ann Hill, Office Coordinator.

Health forms - for students with a serious life-threatening health condition (i.e. allergies, heart conditions, diabetes or other medical concerns) health forms must be updated each year. We require parent and physician forms as well as student profile sheets to be completed. If you are a new family needing these forms, please contact the school office. We do have MEDIC ALERT registration forms at the office which provides your child with a MEDIC ALERT necklet or wrist bracelet providing additional information should an emergency occur. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Before & After School Program at Father Robinson School: The Boys and Girls Club offer a supervised program before (7:15 am to 8:35 am) and after school (3:10 pm to 6:00 pm). This independently operated program is available to parents of Father Robinson School. Please find information and the registration forms on their website www.bgcsaskatoon.com