

St. Theresa School

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Dear Families,

I hope that you have all had, and are continuing to have, a relaxing and fun-filled summer and have remained healthy and safe over these last few months. By now you will have seen the plan put forth by the District regarding a safe re-opening for September 2020. It will take all of us working together to ensure that everything goes as smoothly and safely as possible. If you have not seen the plan, you can view it [here](#).

It will continue to serve you well to follow the Twitter accounts of both the school and BHCDSB as much information has already been shared there. You can also find continuously updated information on the Board webpage. Most of this content gets pushed to the school website too so please continue to subscribe to our website. If you need assistance with following any of these, please reach out and ask.

The District will be posting a survey for families today at some point. Board personnel have indicated that you will be able to provide input related to your choice between the conventional return-to-school or distance/online learning. You will also provide input as it pertains to your family for other things such as transportation and technological requirements. Important to note is that if you choose Distance Education/Online Learning for your child, and then want to return to the conventional classroom, the change will not happen immediately. Return to the conventional classroom will take place on limited, pre-determined entry dates. To participate, you will need to enter your child's Ontario Education Number (OEN) on the survey. You can always find this number along the top of your child's report card. If you have not reviewed the Re-Opening Plan, it contains information that will help to inform you about many operational items that are being addressed. Please take some time to review the plan before you complete the survey as it contains answers to many of the questions families are asking.

The Board is also developing an FAQ for Families which will address some of the questions that have come forward and are not specifically addressed in the plan. Please also watch for that document to be posted.

While all the planning that is being communicated is currently through a system lens, you can be assured that we are taking those details and applying them to our specific St. Theresa School site. In the next couple of weeks, you can expect ongoing communication from me as those specific details about re-opening are ironed out. You can certainly trust that I have the students' and families' best interests in relation to health and safety in mind as those decisions are made. In whichever option you decide, please know that I back you and you must do what's right for your family. We will continue to work together for your child's well-being and academic success. Continue to remain positive in the face of your children. They need us now and will continue to look to the adults in their life for guidance and assurance.

Please continue to contact me via email if I can be of any assistance to you as we move forward to the new school year.

Sincerely,

Mrs. K. Chartrand
Principal