

Landmark Collegiate

Hanover School Division

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Return to School Information

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Dear parents / guardians of Landmark Collegiate students

Welcome Back! We hope you all had a terrific summer. A special welcome to the grade 7 students and to all other new students to our school. We also want to welcome Mr. Ryan Malech who transferred over from LES and will be teaching several humanity courses in grade 9 – 12. We are excited that we can resume to a much more normal start to the school year, including having all our students back in the classroom every day.

On August 5, 2021, the provincial government announced that on Sept. 8, schools in Manitoba will reopen for full-time in class learning for all students. However, schools are asked to plan cautiously, and some safety measures will still be in place to minimize congestion.

The purpose of this document is to communicate an overview on how Landmark Collegiate plans to welcome our students back in a safe manner. The first and foremost priority is the safety and well-being of our students and staff. Landmark Collegiate continues to be committed to following all Public Health and Manitoba Education recommendations and directives as well as Hanover School Division guidelines to ensure we are implementing current public health requirements. You can find this information at

- A Guide for Parents: https://www.gov.mb.ca/asset_library/en/covid/k12-GuideForParents-aug2021.pdf
- Manitoba Education Restoring Safe Schools https://www.gov.mb.ca/asset_library/en/covid/k12-guidelines-aug2021.pdf
- Hanover School Division Communication (Aug. 20, 2021). <https://hsd.ca/2021/08/20/back-to-school-plans-for-sept-2021/>

Arriving at School

Schools have been asked to minimize congestion in halls and school entranceways. We are asking grade 7 and 8 students to enter and exit the school through the EAST Doors. Grade 9 to 12 students will enter through the front main doors. Students not arriving by bus are asked to come to school between 8:45 and 8:55. Staff will be at the front doors to greet and welcome students.

High school students who are parking on the east side of the school are reminded to enter through the main doors rather than the doors reserved for grade 7 and 8 students on the east side of the school.

Classroom and School Setup

There are no distancing requirements in individual classrooms to start the school year. Students will have assigned seating, but they will be allowed to work in small groups, collaborate on projects and assignments and share manipulatives.

Class Transitions and Breaks: Schools have been asked to minimize congestion in halls and entrances. Therefore, students in grade 7 – 9 will have most of their classes in their homeroom. Rooms 7 and 8 will be designated for grade 10 courses and rooms 9 and 10 will be designated for grade 11 and 12 courses. Teachers will build in some movement breaks. Weather permitting, teachers may take their students outside to get fresh air and stretch their legs. Hallways have directional arrows taped to the floor to regulate the flow of traffic during transition times.

Band Choir: Band and choir are permitted to resume. Masks will be required for choir, and we will use specialized masks for band instruments as well as bell covers on instruments for added precautions.

Phys. Ed. Masks do not need to be worn in gym if there are low risk activities with brief interactions of less than 2m. Some higher risk activities (activities that have prolonged close interactions) will require masks to be worn. Where possible, Phys. Ed. will be done outside, and masks are not needed.

All school assemblies have been placed on pause.

Students on Spares: If possible, grade 10 – 12 students will be encouraged to go home for their spares. However, if they are staying at school, they should be in one of their designated classrooms or the Learning Commons.

Lockers: Students will be assigned a locker at the beginning of the year to keep their school supplies, Phys. Ed equipment and outdoor clothing in.

Learning Commons: The learning commons will be re-opened, and students can use this area during their spares or lunch hour.

Tech Ed. and Home Ec.: Students in grade 7 to 9 will resume tech ed and home ec. classes

- Grade 7's will go on day 3 (7A) and day 4 (7B) to Mitchell Middle School
- Grade 8's will go on day 3 (8B) and day 4 (8A) to Niverville Middle School
- Grade 9's will go on day 1 (9B) and day 6 (9A) to Niverville Middle School

Lunch hour: To minimize congestion in the hallways we will continue with the staggered lunch hour. The grade 10 – 12 lunch hour is from 11:20 – 12:15. The grade 7 – 9 lunch hour is from 12:35 – 1-25. Students will be required to eat their lunch in their homeroom.

Hot Lunch Program: The Bistro will continue to provide individually wrapped lunches beginning the week of Sept. 13. Orders can be placed online by 10:00 am.

Microwaves and Vending Machines: There will be no access to microwaves and vending machines to reduce line ups, congestion, and shared surface touching.

Water Filling Stations and Fountains: Water filling stations will be turned on for refilling their own water bottles. These are noncontact stations. Regular water fountains will not be turned on.

Student Learning

Learning Plans: All teachers have their students enrolled in Google Classroom. This online platform allows teachers to post assignments and learning activities. Students can also submit much of their learning on the “Classroom” for the teachers to see and assess. Grade 9 – 12 students have been given their own Chromebook by the division.

In grade 7 and 8, we are fortunate to have enough Chromebooks for each student. Each student will be assigned their own Chromebook to use while at school. They will not be able to take them home in the evening. However, should we need to move to remote learning, students will be able to take the Chromebooks home and continue with their learning and teacher connect at home.

Students Who are Absent due to Isolating or are Quarantined: If a student needs to stay home because they are experiencing symptoms or they have been contacted by public health to self-isolate or quarantine, schoolwork will be provided for them. Students can access assignments through the Google Classroom from any device that is connected to the internet. In some cases, parents will be asked to pick up work packages for their child.

Remote Learning: Students who are immunocompromised (or those with household members who are) will continue to require remote learning. The Manitoba Remote Learning Support Centre will provide remote learning for students in grades K – 8. Students in grades 9 – 12 will have several options.

- InformNet - <https://www.informnet.mb.ca/>
- Teacher Mediated Option - <http://tmopinecreeksd.weebly.com/>
- Home School - <https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/schools/ind/homeschool/index.html>

Provincial Assessments: Grade 12 provincial exams will not proceed in 2021 – 2022 and the province is working toward the development of an assessment in grade 10 for the next school year.

School Events

Grade 7 and 8 Strong Connections: Like Landmark Elementary School, students in grade 7 and 8 will each come for one day on either Sept. 17 or Sept. 20. We will coordinate the schedules so that students will come on the same day as their siblings at LES. The purpose is for teachers to make positive connections with their students in a more intimate setting to address their social emotional well-being. The other purpose will be for teachers to do some short literacy and numeracy assessments in order to identify learning gaps and effectively plan for learning this year.

Picture Day: Picture Day is on Friday, Sept. 10. Lifetouch has implemented enhanced cleaning protocols to ensure camera stations are sanitized and safe for students and staff.

All school assemblies have been placed on pause.

Extra-Curricular Events: All sports are approved to begin once the *Return to Play* guidelines have been developed by each provincial sporting body. HSD schools will follow these guidelines. Travel to and from games will be provided by school buses. Volunteer drivers will not be used. Right now, spectators are allowed to watch with masks. We are awaiting if there might be further guidelines.

Extra-Curricular activities that are not sports related can also take place.

Learning Trips: Right now, learning trips are allowed to take place. However, no overnight trips are permitted.

Grade 12 Camp Arnes: This outing scheduled for Sept. 27 – 28 has been postponed and we will work with the grade 12's on planning an alternate event.

Health And Safety Precautions

Health Screening: Parents are asked to screen their children for symptoms before going to school. School staff will ask students if they have self-screened. Parents are asked to please keep their children at home if they are exhibiting any symptoms. An up-to-date list of symptoms can be found at <https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/about/index.html>.

If someone is unsure whether they or their child should be tested and self-isolate, they should be directed to the COVID-19 Screening Tool at <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/> . All screening that identifies suspected cases of COVID-19 should be referred to Health Links – Info Santé at 204-7888200 or 1-888-315-9257.

If a child becomes sick at school or is demonstrating symptoms, they will be removed from the classroom and brought to the medical room in the office where they will be given a medical mask and be isolated until they are picked up. Parents will be contacted, and the student will need to go home. If parents are not available, emergency contacts will be contacted. Please ensure that you have updated your emergency contact information.

The Use of Masks: The province has mandated that masks are required for all students and staff while in the school and on the bus. Students at Landmark Collegiate will need to wear their masks while they are in the school. Students will not need to wear their masks when they are outside for lunch hour, any outside classes or while eating lunch. Teachers will provide opportunities for other “mask breaks” throughout the day. The school will provide masks if a student does not have one.

Handwashing: Handwashing is one of the “foundational” ways the government has told us to prevent the spread of Covid-19. Landmark Collegiate will encourage students to wash their hands for a minimum of 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer:

- At the start of the day and before going home
- After going to the washroom
- Before and after lunch
- After getting hands dirty
- After wiping noses or handling dirty tissues
- After coughing, sneezing, or blowing nose
- After cleaning tasks
- After Phys. Ed

Other Information

Volunteers: Any volunteers helping with coaching or some other activity at the school will be required to have a completed Child Abuse Registry Check and a Criminal Record Check (CRS). CRS's must be done in person at the St. Pierre Detachment on Tuesday or Wednesdays. These can take several weeks to complete. Please call the school office if you have any questions.

School Fees will be updated in the Parent Portal on Friday, Sept. 3, 2021

Parent Portal: Stay Connected and Informed! The portal provides parents/guardians with secure online access to our Student Information System. The following information is available on the Portal: Student Timetables, Report Cards, Attendance Information, School Fees, Permission and Consent Forms, Change of Contact Form and Grad/Credit Summary. Please see the HSD Website for information. <https://hsd.ca/schools/parent-portal/>

- a. **Please login to the Portal to confirm that the information on the Registration Verification Form is correct.** Please go through this form to confirm that all information, especially contact information, is up to date. We use this information to contact you for attendance, school news updates, report cards etc. If there are any changes, please contact the office.
- b. **Please login into the Portal to check the Walking Field Trip Permission Form.** This needs to be done every year. This allows teachers to take students off school grounds for such things as Terry Fox Run, Community Clean UP and other learning opportunities.
- c. There are several **other permission forms** that do not need to be done yearly but you should check to make sure that they are correct.

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School Driveway Congestion. To avoid congestion on the driveway after school, we are asking parents/guardians to pick up their child before the buses arrive at 3:45. You can park along the sidewalk in front of the school as most are able to leave before the busses arrive. However, if your child has not come out by the time the buses arrive, then we ask that you pull your vehicle to the west end of the sidewalk so that the buses can park and do their pickup. You can also park in the empty spots along the fence. Please do not wait for your child in the middle of the driveway. This is causing congestion and confusion for those who are wanting to leave. The goal is to leave the driveway clear so that traffic can flow through. Further, please remember that you cannot pass a bus when the bus's stop sign is out

Community News: Please see attachments from

- Aim High Basketball Academy
- Girls Flag Rugby (grade 2- 8)
- School Nutrition Newsletter from Southern Health

We were tremendously grateful for the incredible support and cooperation we had from students and their families last year. We look forward to a great year and we thank you in advance for your ongoing cooperation in making our school safe. We wish all our students a fantastic year.

Sincerely,



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