



# PARKLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL

*An Innovative, Inspiring, Inclusive Learning Community*



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Dear Parkland Students, Parents and Guardians:

We wanted to start by welcoming everyone back to school after an unexpected extended Winter Break. The staff have had the past week to review and update our Health and Safety Protocols and plan and prepare for the potential of school closures if our school community is hit hard by COVID. We have added several new health and safety procedures and protocols to increase our safety level.

One thing that is important to us and our students' learning at this time is to continue with our current semester system and timetable. We are fortunate at Parkland to be a smaller school. We have more space in our hallways and far fewer exposures to other people than other larger secondary schools. This gives us more room to pass in the hallways and places for our students to eat lunch. However, we can increase our safety protocols to ensure that we are doing everything we can to keep everyone safe. In order for this to be successful, it requires all students, staff, and visitors to follow these expectations at all times.

## **Reinforced Health and Safety Routines**

Here are the protocols we plan to continue with and reinforce:

- Regular hand washing and hand sanitizing.
- Give people 6 feet space when possible.
- Requiring masks to be worn at school unless eating, drinking or outside.
- Staying in one spot while eating or drinking.
- Not sharing food or drinks.
- Keeping many of our classrooms open for students to eat lunch in or take their breaks in.
- Students and staff are asked to do a self-diagnostic daily health check and stay at home if they are not feeling well.

## **New Health and Safety Routines**

Here are our new expectations and routines:

- Staying to the right while walking in the hallways. (Indicated with floor markings)
- Entering and exiting the school from the nearest doorway to your class.
- Staggering the release of our classes at the bell to allow for less clustering in the hallways.
- Spacing out our Cafeteria line for social distancing. This is our busiest location at lunch.
- Exiting out of exterior doors in our classrooms when available.

We understand that the COVID pandemic has been extremely stressful for families and that there is significant apprehension regarding the re-start of school. We are committed to working alongside families and students to make the end of the semester successful for students. We look forward to having our students back at school learning next week.

Sincerely,

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Principal

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Vice-Principal