



August 20, 2020

Dear Parent Partners:

REGARDING: SCHOOL REOPENING PLAN

Our school's reopening plan is guided by the Government of Manitoba's Restoring Safe Schools Plan. RRVJA will follow the recommended guidelines to ensure the safety and well-being of students, staff and families.

Thank you for your recent participation in the telephone survey we conducted. The information you shared was very useful and has helped to guide our re-opening plan.

The 2020-2021 school year will begin on September 2 for staff only (no students). The first three school days (September 2, 3 and 4) are non-instructional days that will be spent by us in planning for the 2020-2021 school year, i.e. participating in any new COVID-19 related training, preparing physical spaces, educating staff on public health protocols, and to engage collaboratively on approaches to recovery learning.

We are planning for students in grades 1 through 12 to be in class on Tuesday, September 8 and will make the necessary adjustments based on Manitoba Health directives. We also plan to reconfigure/repurpose space inside the school to enable us to meet social distancing requirements.

Kindergarten students will receive separate advice on their start dates because of the staggered entry protocol. School offices are scheduled to open on Monday, August 24.

Since we have a very small High School, we are able to provide in class learning 5 days per week to RRVJA (Grade 9-12) students. Manitoba Education has set a minimum of 2 days per cycle of in class learning but we are very pleased that we are able to offer full in class learning to our students.

Please read over our reopening plan document carefully as there is detailed information regarding specific procedures and protocols for adjusting to the new normal of school. You will find important information regarding our new drop off/pick up procedures and parking lot use. **It is very important that you familiarize yourself with this new system before the first day of school.**

This package also contains the annual school calendar as well as, our classroom layout.

Our desire at RRVJA is to provide a positive learning environment for all of our staff and students. This will require us to work together as partners as we support the educational and safety needs of our entire school community.

In this pandemic environment we are all learning to adapt to a new normal and new ways of approaching everyday life. This comes with the need to be flexible and patient as new directives from our Government and health officials require us to adjust and quickly change plans at a moments notice.

We are thankful to you for your patience, support and for your understanding. We look forward to continued partnership with your family. Please, let us know if you have any questions by contacting us at the school.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, enclosed in a hand-drawn oval. The signature appears to be "Ian W. Mighty" written in a cursive style.

Ian W. Mighty, Principal