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Dear Parents,

Re: Kindergarten Information 2020-2021

We are excited to welcome back our St. Martin de Porres families for the 2020-2021 school year! While we know that this year may look different from others, we are confident that safety measures have been put in place to ensure a safe environment for all. We will do our best to ease your child into their new classroom in a safe, but caring way. Our division theme is, 'Trust in the Lord with all your heart' and we will rely on this theme to guide our school year.

We thank you for your patience as we navigate the new circumstances and protocols while offering your child the opportunity to grow and flourish as they enter school. Below you will see the staggered entry schedule for the first 6 days of school.

Kindergarten Staggered Entry August 31- September 8, 2020

Please note that due to every other day programming, the divisional staggered entry schedule will not work so the following schedule should be followed.

Please note that the

- AM grouping listed below will attend from: 9:00-11:30 (will begin dismissal at 11:25)*
- PM grouping listed below will attend from: 12:45-3:15 (will begin dismissal at 3:10)*

Please note that dismissal will be at 3:29 when regular classes begin.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
31 - M/W Group	1- T/TH Group	2 - M/W Group	3 - T/TH Group	4 - M/W Group
AM: A-K PM: L-Z	AM: A-K PM: L-Z	AM: A-K PM: L-Z	AM: A-K PM: L-Z	AM: A-K PM: L-Z
7	8 - T/TH Group	9 - M/W Group	10 - T/TH Group	11 - M/W Group
No School	AM: A-K PM: L-Z	Regular Programming 9am -3:29pm	Regular Programming 9am -3:29pm	Regular Programming 9am -3:29pm

During the first 3 days of staggered entry in order to help with the transition please meet your child's teacher outside the north portable where you will see hula hoops on the ground. Parent and child will find a hula hoop to stand in and wait for the teacher to greet them and welcome the child into the school. This will be a very brief exchange. At this time, the parent will then leave and the child will go into the building. If all hula hoops are taken when you arrive, we thank you in advance for social distancing.

Your child's teacher will dismiss students from their entry way at the end of the day. Please come dressed for the weather as we will be starting each day outside. We ask that you maintain social distancing protocols during this outside drop off and pick up time. We also ask parents to please consider wearing a mask. Staff will also wear masks.

Although we know that this might be difficult, it will be at this outside location where you will say goodbye to your child before they enter school as parents will not be permitted to enter the school. While we understand that this might not have been what you envisioned for your child's first school experience, we thank you for working alongside us to ensure that the safety of all students in our school is a priority.

Please note that there will be no Meet the Staff event this year. Your child's teacher will make contact with you by the end of the day on August 28th to let you know which supplies they will require for your child's first day. We also remind you that masks are not mandatory in school for students in K to Grade 3, however are highly recommended if your child will be riding the bus to and from school. The link to the [RDCRS Parent/Student Handbook](#) can be found here and is being updated as we learn new information or as directives from our government or Chief Medical Officer change.

Please do not hesitate to contact our school office if you have any additional questions or concerns.

Yours in Catholic Education,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D de Champlain". The script is cursive and elegant.

Mme de Champlain
Principal