

RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN

September 2020

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*Safety First
Then Learning*

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Welcome to Matheson & this historic school year!

I hope that everyone has enjoyed a safe summer of relaxation and renewal. On behalf of the entire staff, I am happy to welcome everyone to Matheson.

Matheson has an incredibly safe, caring and nurturing learning environment. The staff and parents have always worked together to help support this environment; even in this time of COVID-19.

Matheson's nurturing environment is the bedrock of all learning within the school. If students do not feel safe, they cannot learn to their full potential. So, we are doing everything possible to maintain a unique learning environment.

The nurturing learning environment allows us to continue to care for our students and start looking at how students are learning. This safe and caring learning environment at Matheson will be our prime focus this year. Students will be asked to stay in a protective bubble for 30-60 people.

Throughout last year, we spoke to our staff, students and parents about our students taking greater ownership of their learning. Ownership and learning means that students need to take responsibility for showing up on time and doing the work they need to do without being told by staff or parents. This learning ownership is even more critical in our current COVID-19 Blended/Hybrid learning environment.

We are excited to offer our students this opportunity to focus on their learning at school and online. For more detailed information on the learning that will take place at Matheson please come to our monthly Parent Advisory Meetings (PAC). Our next meeting is coming up and will clarify and answer questions or concerns you might have.

PAC Meeting

Thursday September 3rd @ 5 pm

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86855371032>

Meeting ID: 868 5537 1032

Dial by location: +1778 907 2071

Topic: LAMPAC Meeting August 2020

This newsletter is full of information to make the return to school, in this COVID-19 environment, a positive experience. It is different this year. Please take the time to read the newsletter and attachments carefully. It has information you need for the first few weeks of school and especially procedures for September 10 & 11 2020.

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TO ENSURE SUCCESS:

Read all information carefully

Download & Use the Matheson App

Update contact information in office

Bookmark school website & look for weekly updates

Demonstrate CODE OF CONDUCT:

Be Safe & Responsible

Take Ownership of Learning

Be on-time online/ in person

Be prepared to learn & Ask Questions

Take advantage of all Matheson has to offer

Come Together! ... 6 Feet Apart

The Matheson Administration and staff are living through this global pandemic alongside you and your family. We appreciate that there are many concerns and worries amongst our community and within our homes. The intention of this newsletter is to give insight into the protocols we have in place to keep everyone safe.

With that end in mind, we want to ensure that you and your child have downloaded the Matheson App which will help us with better communication.

TO DOWNLOAD MATHESON APP:
Go to <https://mathesonmustangs.appazur.com>

Please appreciate we are living in a pandemic, and that makes our school situation fluid. We follow Health & Safety Guidelines from our Provincial Health Officer and our Minister of Education. As we receive updates and changes in regulations we will update you via our various communication channels (Matheson App, Website, Email, phone). This makes your latest contact information even more vital.

**Please contact office at 604-588-3418
& ensure we have your latest
contact information.**

We know students and families are worried and excited to return to some type of schooling full time. We are attempting to create our "new normal", and we are thankful for our dedicated staff helping to work towards keeping everyone safe. Parents you will find that our website is updated almost weekly, so please bookmark this page (www.surreyschools.ca/schools/lamath)

This bookmark is imperative for a successful year for your child. If you have questions about any aspect of the school or our programs, please do not hesitate to contact us by phone or email - (johnston_p@surreyschools.ca) or any administrative staff.

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OPENING WEEK SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER 2020

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 10th A BLOCK ORIENTATION DAY

A BLOCK

	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10 - 12																				
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9:15																							
9:30		HE Exp (Foods) Vachher HUM Crosby, MaSc Khehra																					
9:45			HUM Robinson, MASC Douglas, SCIENCE Marques																				
10:00			PE Corbishle, MATH Samra, SCIENCE Dhariwal																				
10:15				PE Alshiel, Math Yeung																			
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OPENING WEEK SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER 2020



FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 11th B BLOCK ORIENTATION DAY

	Grade 8		Grade 9		Grade 10 - 12												
						A-F (Main Door Entry)			G-O (Caf Door Entry)			P-Z (Main Door Entry)					
9:00								SC 10 PRECAL10									
9:15								EN 10 NM	PE 10-12 (Sahota)								
9:30								EN 10 CW	SOCIALS 10 (01& 02)	DANCE 10-12, VA							
9:45									PUNJABI 10	10-12, FOODS 10-12							
10:00								PHYSICS 11, LIFE SC 11, WKPL			SC 10 PRECAL10						
10:15								Math 11	COMP 11, NEW MEDIA 11, PUNJABI 11, CLC 12		EN 10 NM	PE 10-12 (Sahota)					
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RESTART PLAN

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QUARTER DATES

Quarter One:
Sept 14 – Nov 13

Quarter Two:
Nov 16 – Jan 29

Quarter Three:
Feb 1 – Apr 16

Quarter Four:
Apr 19 – June 24

EVERYONE GETS TWO
MASKS & MUST WEAR
MASK TO ENTER SCHOOL

MUST WEAR MASK WHEN
OUTSIDE LEARNING
CORE/COHORT

MUST MAINTAIN 6ft
DISTANCE BETWEEN
OTHERS OUTSIDE CORE
COHORT



ORIENTATION WEEK

September 8 & 9

Only school-based staff onsite at schools to learn safety measures & protocols. As well, teachers will start contacting students in their classes.

September 10 & 11

Students attend school to learn safety measures and protocols.

IN CLASS INSTRUCTION BEGINS SEPTEMBER 14

NEW SCHOOL SCHEDULE

The District has communicated that the school year has been adjusted to a Quarter system. Students have two courses at a time for four quarters. Each quarter is 10 weeks long. The quarter system forces students to take ownership over their own learning. **Missed class time could be devastating to their academic success.** There is NO time to cut class in a quarter system.

Grade 8 & 9

There will be options for our Grade 8 & 9 students allowing parents to choose between: 1) A fulltime return into small cohorts of 60, 2) a Surrey Blended transitional model that allows for a slower more methodical return to LA Matheson which will include online learning .

Option 1: School Fulltime

Students will return to school fulltime and be assigned to a CORE Learning group which they will remain in for the majority of their courses. Students are being placed into electives as a Learning Group. Due to constraints set out by the Provincial Health Officer, we are unable to accommodate personal choice for electives. Most students will not be receiving the elective choices that they made, and course changes will be minimal.

Option 2: Surrey Blended

Students will be placed within an online learning group in the first quarter. In this learning group they will be taking MASC (Math & Science) & Humanities. Electives will not be offered online. After the first quarter parents may chose to have their child return to our fulltime model with a slow transition back into the school.

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Student Schedules

Grade 10-12

On MYED by Wednesday
September 2.

Course Changes

Grade 10-12

Deadline Sept 9

Grade 8-9

Schedules will be available on
MYED Friday Sept 4.

Deadline for course changes
Sept 9.

HEALTH & SAFETY

September 2020

IF YOUR CHILD IS
NOT RETURNING
TO LA MATHESON
MUST NOTIFY
OFFICE BY
SEPTEMBER 4, 2020

Grades 10, 11 & 12

Students in Grade 10-12 will be in school for Block A (mornings) fulltime. The afternoon class, Block B, students will be online for four days of the week. One afternoon per week students will attend school ,within a small group of 7-10 students, for face-to-face instruction.

Our Grade 10-12 students & parents may also choose school based online learning . If this is an option you are considering please call the office by September 4 to begin enrollment process.

ALL STUDENTS Grade 8-12

**If your child is not returning to LA Matheson full time
or as part of Grade 8&9 Surrey Blended option
parent must notify office by September 4, 2020**

We need to know by September 4th so we can create fixed learning groups for those students who are returning. Knowing the numbers is vital.

HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOL

ENTRANCE INTO THE SCHOOL

There will be three main entrances into the school: the main doors, cafeteria garage doors, athletic field PE doors. Please follow all signage instructions. Students must use the hand-sanitizer located at all entrance doors.

MUST WEAR MASKS

When entering the school students **MUST wear a mask**. Students are expected to wear masks in all areas outside of CORE learning group. This includes hallways, stairwells, cafeteria, washrooms, & Block B classes.

BATHROOMS

Students **MUST** wear a mask in the washroom. Each washroom has a sign showing maximum occupancy. **DO NOT** enter if it is over maximum occupancy. Please wait outside washroom and social distance. After using washroom wash hands and sanitize before heading back to class.

Students are encouraged to use paper towels to open doors and when touching common services such as sink taps.

LOCKERS

Lockers will **NOT** be accessible for this school year. Students must

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Daily Health Check

If you have any of following symptoms
Please stay home.

Fever
Chills
Worsening Cough
Shortness of Breath
Sore Throat
Runny/Stuffy nose
Loss of smell/taste
Headache
Fatigue
Diarrhea
Loss of Appetite
Nausea &/ vomiting
Muscle Aches
Pink Eye
Dizziness
Abdominal Pain
Skin Rash
Discoloration of
Fingers or toes

bring their materials for each class in their school bag each day. Students are encouraged to leave expensive or sentimental personal items at home.

CLEANING & DISINFECTING

We are following all Ministry of Health protocols for specific daily cleaning.

FOOD

Breakfast Program

We are committed to continuing the Breakfast Program. Grab and go procedures will be updated as they are established over the next few weeks and implemented in September.

LUNCH

As directed by the Ministry, students are encouraged to bring their own lunch to school. **They are not to share individual food & beverages.** Students can remain in their CORE Block A Learning Group for lunch.

Students that choose to leave the building at lunch will be expected to maintain physical distancing protocol from students outside of their CORE Learning Group. When not eating students are expected to wear a mask.

MUSTANG CAFE

We will have our Mustang Cafe open for food sales at lunch. Students will be expected to adhere to new ordering and pick-up protocols. The Mustang Cafe will be following all Ministry requirements for food sales. Further information will be coming in September.

EXITING BUILDING

Students may not exit through the three entrance doors. They may use any other door to exit building. Exit doors will be locked from the outside. To return into school student will need to enter through three main entry doors (Main, Cafeteria, PE Athletics).

STAY RIGHT in HALLWAYS

When moving in hallways students are asked to STAY RIGHT. Wear masks and keep physical distancing of 6ft between themselves and other students.

IF A STUDENT GETS SICK

Student Demonstrating COVID-19 Symptoms

Matheson will follow Ministry and Fraser Health protocols for individuals who demonstrate symptoms while at school. Families are required to **contact 811** for guidance in these circumstances.



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The plan at Matheson is the same plan at every Surrey highschool.

Goals of the Common Plan

- follow Provincial Health & Safety Guidelines
- Maximize in-class instruction
- Keep students in Learning Groups
- Limit movement of students in school site
- Manage traffic flow

Grade 10-12 is a blended model of one block face to face every morning and one block online in the afternoon with one face to face afternoon session per week.

For those students Grade 8-12 wishing to do online through we offer a school-based online option. Please contact the office by September 4th.

What is a student or staff member is found to be a confirmed case of COVID-19 at Matheson?

If a student or staff member is confirmed to have COVID-19 Fraser Health Authority will do an investigation. They will verify if any staff or students have been in close contact. The health authority will inform the school, District, and close contacts of the confirmed case. The school and District will take direction from the Health Authority for all procedures and communications.

FINAL NOTES

The plan at Matheson is the same plan in every Surrey highschool. Our Districts goal has been to develop a consistent plan and ensure equity across the system. In creating the plan Surrey School District has been consulting with administrators, unions, DPAC (parents), First Nations, and the public (through our online feedback form.

All Surrey Secondary Schools have:

- Quarter System (9-10 weeks per quarter)
- Students take 8 courses in a year
- Students are in learning groups under 60
- Students in smaller class sizes
- Staggered break/lunch/end time
- Separate entrance & exit points.

The start of the school year is always an exciting and busy time. We acknowledge that September will look, feel and be different for all of us. I want to let you know the Matheson staff are doing what we can to support all of you within the parameters set out for us by the Province. We care deeply about our students, staff and community. We are confident our Matheson community will be able to work together to have a successful start to the year. Thank-you for considering all the procedures we have outlined. Please feel free to contact the school regarding any questions you may have.

Stay Safe

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LAP TOP

Minimum Specifications

Supported Hardware:

- Screen size 9.8" & up
- Hard Drive 128GB
- Keyboard
- WiFi 802.11 n/ac & up

Supported Operating Systems:

- Windows 10 version 1903 & up.
- OSX 10.13 and up
- IOS 11 & up

MAJOR CONSIDERATIONS

STUDENT SUPPORT

Learning support will be provided through the school day. This support will look different depending on the support required. When possible this support could be through TEAMS with an EA attending the same class remotely. Caseload staff will contact families to figure out the best mode of support and to set up IEP meetings.

Counsellors, Youth Care Workers, Career Facilitator, and Aboriginal Support workers are here and available. Safety protocols and online tools will be used to access these much appreciated supports.

PHE PROTOCOLS INCLUDING CHANGE ROOMS

Students are strongly encouraged to come to school already changed in appropriate gym strip. In situations where this is not possible, PHE teachers will be working together to ensure that only students in the same CORE Learning Groups are using change rooms at the same time. Usage will be staggered.

TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT IN CLASS

We recommend that students be prepared to use and bring personal laptop computers if they have access to one. Please refer to the left-hand column for recommended minimum specifications for laptop devices.

Teachers will have assignments both in class and online that will require computers to complete. Students will have access to devices as they have in the past. If we progress to Stage 3-5 at any time throughout the year, we will do our best to provide technical support to families as we did last spring.

MOST FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can I register my child in 100% online learning and still stay registered at LA Matheson?

First be sure if you are choosing this option to let us know by **September 4th**. At this time you will be contacted by staff member to discuss what is involved in fulltime online learning and what courses are available. Students will be withdrawn from the first quarter, but remain registered at LA Matheson. Students may return to LA Matheson, if they wish for face to face classes at the beginning of the next quarter.



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