



# Coalhurst High School

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Parents of CHS,

We know that everyone is anxious to know how this new school year will look in terms of Covid Protocols and student safety. In the following letter, we have included the information we feel parents need for the school start up. However, it is imperative everyone understands that anything and everything can change throughout the year, based on COVID numbers, outbreaks and AHS recommendations.

To begin, we will be having a staggered start to the year, the plan is:

Wednesday, Sept. 1: Only junior high students (grades 7-9) come to school for the whole day. They will get schedules, books, lockers, an opening day presentation, etc. Expect some classes may begin on that day.

Thursday, Sept. 2: Only senior high students (grades 10-12) return for the whole day. They will get schedules, books, lockers, an opening day presentation, etc. Expect some classes may begin on that day.

Friday, Sept. 3: First day of regular classes for all grades.

General information such as our bell schedules and supply lists are all posted on our school website <https://www.coalhursthighschool.ca/>. Once school starts, we also keep parents informed through Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and we send out a school newsletter every second month with important dates and other pertinent information.

Here is some detailed information on how our school will proceed this Fall.

1. Any students who are not feeling well are encouraged to stay home. Any students who come to school sick, their parents will be called and they will have to return home.
2. Any students taking the school bus will have to be masked at all times while on the bus. (This will be revisited by AHS on Sept. 27th).

3. Face masks will not be mandatory. Students or staff that choose to wear a mask will be supported in their decision, but there will not be any mandatory masking expectations.
4. Parents and visitors will not be able to enter the building, without an appointment.
5. Students will not be assigned to specific classrooms. Students will rotate to different classes, teachers will not switch.
6. As students enter the school and enter any classroom they will have to sanitize their hands and we will be encouraging frequent handwashing throughout the day.
7. Food courses will be offered this year. There will be a hot lunch food service offered. It may take a couple weeks to get it up and running, but more information will follow.
8. Students may choose to bring lunch, go home or leave school property for lunch, they can also purchase food at the canteen once it has started up. Students who stay for lunch will be assigned a specific room where they will have to stay for the lunch break. Microwaves will not be available to students to warm their lunches as they would need to be sanitized between uses. Students who leave the school are not supervised.
9. Physical Education classes will go ahead as in a normal year. Change rooms will be accessible to students changing for gym class.
10. We are resuming all school team sports and extracurricular activities. However, if travelling on a bus for sports or field trips, students will have to wear a mask while on the bus, as per AHS guidelines. Expect to see information forms, volunteer information and permission forms coming home soon.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact the administration and we will do our best to get back to you, as soon as we can. Our email addresses are: [ben.swen@pallisersd.ab.ca](mailto:ben.swen@pallisersd.ab.ca) and [charlene.grimes@pallisersd.ab.ca](mailto:charlene.grimes@pallisersd.ab.ca)

If after reading this, you feel you prefer to enroll your child in Palliser's virtual school program, please contact Mr. Kupery at the school district. His email is [jason.kupery@pallisersd.ab.ca](mailto:jason.kupery@pallisersd.ab.ca)

We are looking forward to having our students return and to working with you in the Fall. Hopefully, you will enjoy what is left of summer.

Sincerely,

Charlene Grimes  
Principal

Ben Swen  
Vice Principal