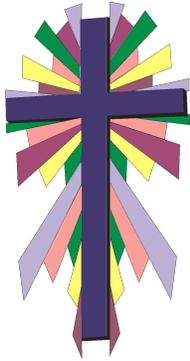


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Dear St. Augustine Families,

Happy Easter everyone! As we continue along the challenging path the Covid pandemic has created, we remind you that we are Easter people, that is - we live in community, all parts of Christ's Body working together toward a single purpose: love. We unearth our "alleluias." We choose light, compassion and generosity. We walk guided by the words of the Gospel with Jesus in our hearts.

We would like to update you on the status of Covid in our school. As many of you have received numerous close contact letters, pre-Alert letters, investigation and outbreak status letters from AHS, we understand that it all can be overwhelming and confusing.

Mirroring the current state of positive cases in Ponoka, St. Augustine is on outbreak status, according to AHS criteria. Details can be read here [AHS School Covid Information](#).

Once notified by positive contacts or AHS we consistently go beyond required expectations and notify all close contacts by phone as soon as possible, including weekends, early mornings and late nights. It is not required and not a school role. We understand that AHS is taxed by an overwhelming number of cases and there is a time lag for information to reach us. In order to protect our students and care for our community we notify families directly. We work very carefully to examine attendance lists and AHS guidelines to determine who close contacts are. We can not respond unless we are notified.

We are grateful to families who notify us immediately, allowing us to respond in the shortest time possible providing the safest learning environment possible. We continue to be vigilant about Covid protocols including: self assessments, class cohorting, sanitizing, mask wearing and social distancing where possible. Should you require further information, please contact our office.

Blessings,
Kari Davidson

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