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ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਇਸਦਾ ਅਨਵਾਦ ਕਰੋ।

يحتوي هذا المستند على معلومات مهمة حول مدرسة طفلك. يرجى ترجمته.

매우 중요한 공지문이니, 반드시 번역하여 내용을 숙지하십시오.

Hãy dịch nó sang tiếng Việt. Đây là một thông báo quan trọng.

Este documento contiene información importante sobre la escuela de su hijo/hija. Háganlo traducir por favor.

Dear ASIA Sumas families,

Last week, our Superintendent shared all students will return to school on January 10, 2022 after an extended winter break, allowing schools to adapt to the impacts of the Omicron variant that is affecting our province.

Over the last few days, our school has been busy preparing continuity of learning plans and enhanced safety measures in advance of students returning to school on Monday. It is with this letter that we wanted to remind families of our ongoing measures and share the enhanced protocols we are implementing to keep students and staff safe.

### Health & Safety Measures

Guidelines and existing protocols that have succeeded in minimizing the spread of the virus in schools include:

- Doing daily health checks and staying home when sick.
- Encouraging everyone who is eligible to get fully vaccinated.
- Using available space to spread out and to respect the personal space of others.
- Wearing masks in accordance with the Provincial Health Officer Order on Face Coverings.
- Cleaning hands regularly.
- Cleaning and disinfecting all surfaces at least once a day.

Our school's specific new enhanced health and safety measures will also include:

- Lunch Breaks/NUT breaks will be staggered to reduce crowding.

Middle school Lunch: 10:50 to 11:30 Secondary school Lunch: 11:05 to 11:45

Middle school NUT break: 12:42 to 12:55 Secondary Linear class transitions: 1:05pm

- Cafeteria line will be outdoors and circulate in a looping fashion through the emergency exit to the cafeteria and exit the front doors to allow as much spacing as possible between bodies. In addition, the staggered lunch will reduce crowding.
- Classrooms will have front facing desks only.

- Bathrooms will be limited to 2 people at a time.
- Physical plexiglass barriers in the LSS, Library, and Learning commons.
- After school rehearsals will continue but we will use distancing and spacing to decrease contact.

### **Next Steps**

Next week, our students will notice some changes, but also reminders to continue previous expectations. With all of us doing our part, we hope to slow the spread of the Omicron variant.

With the increased spread of Omicron, it is more critical than ever to continue to monitor your children for symptoms.

Thank you again for all your support this year, but also the past few years, as we navigate this pandemic. May this year bring us some relief from what seems like never-ending restrictions.

The health and safety of students, staff and our entire ASIA community remains a priority and it is imperative that we all make every effort to keep each other safe. As we continue to support one another to remain healthy this winter, we remind you to conduct a daily health check for your child and keep them home if they are experiencing any symptoms.

Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your ongoing understanding and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Karen Bennett  
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