

Greetings Ross Sheppard Families!

We hope all of our families have had a fabulous summer. We are extremely excited to get back to school and celebrate the kickoff for the 2021-2022 school year.

We recognize the challenges our youth have been through in the past two school years and we want you to know, that as we come back to in-person classes and a "possible post-pandemic new normal", the staff at Ross Sheppard High School are ready to welcome you to the 2021-2022 school year!

First off, the back-to-school promotions and the rush to buy clothes, supplies, and anything related to student needs for your child create a sense of urgency and sometimes a bit of panic in August. Don't worry as we are here to support and ensure that we are as transparent to you for what will help us prepare for the fall entry! The teachers will advise as to what school supplies are most needed.

We are updating our website as often as possible as many families do not yet have SchoolZone accounts. Watch our social media on **Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook** for timely information too! Please ensure your email accounts are accurate as we will be sending information out by email regularly.

We have learned so much about working through all of this, and we are keeping some practices in place for this coming year, to err on the side of safety for both students and staff. Looking back we never would have guessed that COVID would have lasted so intensely since March 2020, so we will maintain some measures to mitigate risk to the best of our ability for this school year. As we have learned, we are constantly working with the Alberta Provincial Government.

Here is what we know today; however, be prepared for possible changes.

Our office opens on August 23rd at 8:30 am and we are happy to help with questions unanswered by any of the links shared below.

Need to Know links:

- Alberta Government released this document on August 13, 2021: [Alberta Health Guide - Return to School](#)
- [Edmonton Public School's 2021-2022 Re-Entry Plan](#)
- Our summer newsletter was shared on our website in June with all of our plans. [June 2021 Newsletter](#)
- [2021-2022 Division Calendar](#)
- [Bell Schedule](#)
- [Welcome Back 2021-2022 Ross Sheppard Letter](#) - Please see grade level dates for timetable pickup, photos and fee payments.

The First Day of classes is September 2, 2021 with grade 10 students starting at 9:00 am followed by our grade 11 and 12 students joining after lunch. Please arrive early to provide your child extra time to find their way to their classes on time. Staff will be in the hallways and ready to welcome our students to help them find their way.