Dear Lamont High Families,

As a school, we have been hard at work to ensure we can keep each other healthy, support the students social-emotional learning and help everyone get re-engaged in classroom learning.

You have had much to manage over the past months with your children and have had plenty of communication about school re-entry over the past weeks.  I want to be sure that you have access to the following documents: [EIPS School Re-Entry Plan](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/fhCRmrCaim-t0wTTG3cang~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRhJ6V-P0QjaHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZWlwcy5jYS9kb3dubG9hZC8yODI5OTJXB3NjaG9vbG1CCgBG_nFGX6U_6z1SEWFtaXQubWFsaUBlaXBzLmNhWAQAAAAC) , [Parent FAQ](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/8zwFrLnVEmhUKDCTYHyIJQ~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRhJ6V-P0QiaHR0cDovL3d3dy5laXBzLmNhL2Rvd25sb2FkLzI5NTIwMlcHc2Nob29sbUIKAEb-cUZfpT_rPVIRYW1pdC5tYWxpQGVpcHMuY2FYBAAAAAI~) , [School Entry/Exit Dates](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/CgP2wNJd5ZwvfvLt8TVtmw~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRhJ6V-P0QiaHR0cDovL3d3dy5laXBzLmNhL2Rvd25sb2FkLzI5NTAwN1cHc2Nob29sbUIKAEb-cUZfpT_rPVIRYW1pdC5tYWxpQGVpcHMuY2FYBAAAAAI~).  Within these documents, you will find answers to most, if not all, of your questions.  It is imperative that you take the time to read through these documents if you have not already done so. We will be sending a link to a newsletter each week which will contain important dates, links, and pertinent information.

In anticipation of our return to school, there are a few things I would like to highlight:

1. We are staggering entry into school this year:

Sept. 1, 2020 full day 30-level courses and Grade 9
Sept. 2, 2020 full day 30- and 20-level courses and Grade 8
Sept. 3, 2020 full day grades 30-, 20-, 10-level courses and Grade 7
Sept. 4, 2020 full day all students
2. At Home Learning: Families who have chosen parent directed on-line learning will get messaging the first week of September regarding access to the Brightspace learning management system.  On-line learning will begin on September 8.  The system will provide a variety of resources for parents to support learning at home in the four core subjects.  Our teachers will provide assessment of learning.  Families who have chosen this model to start the year are welcome to return to in-class learning after the November break.
3. Entry Doors: To maintain cohorts as best as possible, junior high students are asked to use the SE entrance while high school students are asked to use the SW entrance.
4. Lockers: Students are not required to use a locker and are welcome to keep their belongings with them during the day if they choose. If a student does want to use a locker, they will need to bring their own lock and then will be assigned a locker.
5. Spares: Students who have spares are strongly encouraged to leave the school. We have minimal space and seating available in the common area and the library is closed for the foreseeable future. As such, it would be greatly appreciated if students who do not have a scheduled class leave the premises.
6. Lunch: Students will eat lunch in the classroom where they had their morning class. To begin the year we will not have a cafeteria as it is undergoing renovations. There will also be no microwaves available for student use. If a student chooses to leave the school at lunch, they will not be able to re-enter the school until 10 minutes prior to  afternoon  classes.
7. Visitors: There will be no visitors allowed in the building for the foreseeable future. If you would like to meet with staff, bring a forgotten lunch, etc. please call the school to book an appointment.
8. Anybody entering the building must complete a verbal [COVID-19 Screening Questionaire](https://www.alberta.ca/assets/documents/edc-covid-19-screening-questionaire-english.pdf). If you answer yes to any of the questions you are not permitted enter the building.

While we have made every effort as a school and a division to answer your questions, surely, there will be more. To that end, Mr. Sonnenberg and I will be hosting a question and answer session for parents on Monday, August 31 at 2pm. The session will be hosted via Google Meet and the meeting code is: lhsparentmeeting

I want to thank all our families for their patience as we work through the many issues related to this unique startup of school.

Enjoy the last few days of summer!

Sincerely,

Amit Mali
Principal
Lamont High School