

## Enhanced Protocols for the First Week of School

Based on our experience from the first week of camps in July, when we had a significant number of campers and staff experience an outbreak of Covid, there will be heightened protocols for the first week of school to minimize exposure to others returning from the holiday break, with outings, family and friends gatherings and events where they may have been exposed to Covid.

**For the first week of school** the following protocols will be in place. They may be extended if the number of cases, or related cases of student or staff illness is noted.

- **On September 6<sup>th</sup>, students and staff of Grades 1 to 8, and any interested parents will meet in the gym at 8:45 a.m., for an introduction to the school year and introduction to the staff. The meeting will be approximately 15 to 20 minutes. Everyone attending this assembly should wear a mask.**
- Masks must be worn in hallways and washrooms by all staff, students, parents and visitors for the first week.
- Masks should be worn in the classroom when social distancing cannot be maintained.
- Masks should be worn by a student or staff member who have had covid within the 10 days of the start of school. **They should wear a mask at all times until the 10 days have passed.**
- Students and staff can remove their masks in the classroom if they choose, unless the teacher requests them to wear a mask to deal with a situational concern (e.g. close group work).
- When not mandated, choosing to wear a mask is voluntary and no one should be challenged for wearing a mask.