

AUGUST 2020



ABERDEEN HALL

Preparatory School

Summer Newsletter



Congratulations Grad Class of 2020!

We are so very proud of your perseverance and determination this past year and wish you the best as you move on to the next phase of your lives

Creating Certainty in Uncertain Times

Control what you can control.

There's a mantra in high performance sport that goes: "Control what you can control" and includes the careful evaluation of the variables confronting top athletes and the necessary efforts required in order to carefully control the variables over which they have control. Athletes know that they cannot control aspects such as their opponent's ability, the weather, delays and the behaviour of the fans. To best combat these issues, a dedicated effort is put into meticulous personal preparation and conditioning. This includes careful management of their diet, exercise, sleep, training and education. Top athletes understand that they can control these variables and that these aspects could give them an edge on their opponents.

When I was a teenager playing rep baseball, I clearly remember a teammate who was a starting pitcher, and he would walk around with a stopwatch before the game and would warm-up exactly 12 minutes before his scheduled start. As a back catcher, I remember being summoned to the bullpen and waiting until the exact second indicating 12 minutes prior to gametime. If we were delayed by rain, he would have us do it again right on schedule. His

control over this aspect of the game was indicative of his attention to detail. Interestingly enough, he went on to be a successful player/coach in a semi-professional league.

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At Aberdeen Hall Preparatory School, we are using this philosophy to control as many variables as possible. Detailed long-term strategic planning has taken a back seat to multi-level scenario planning. Regardless of what the health authorities advise us for September, we intend to be ready and to deliver at the highest possible level. In fact, I am writing 2 drafts of this letter knowing all too well that the government is making some decisions at or around the time of publication.

For the last few years, one of the most overused words was 'disruption.' Well Covid has served as the world's ultimate disruptor, and has changed absolutely everything that we do. Just about everything in the new world is more challenging and has new levels of anxiety and disruption.



The following is a list of Aberdeen Hall certainties for the next 1-3 years:

- The Finance Committee continues to carefully manage a rolling Five-Year Financial Plan that will ensure the school's overall quality of programming. The school's finances are solid and the Board of Directors has access to a cash reserve if required.
- Regular and clear communication will be ongoing between the main stakeholders, including the parents, students, faculty and staff, Board of Directors and associated school committees.
- Physical Safety for our students, employees and any visitors on campus will be a top priority with protocols in place to ensure continued good health of all of us.
- Detailed plans are being finalized for both on-campus, online, and/or hybrid models of education.
- Our application for full membership into the Canadian Accredited Independent Schools (CAIS) will continue as scheduled. This is the top association in the country, and recognized internationally. (www.cais.ca)
- The commitment of our faculty to outstanding programming has always been one of our greatest strengths, and will continue as a pillar as we move forward.
- Our strong partnership with parents will also continue to serve as a tremendous asset as we navigate the new world. We appreciate and value your feedback very much.
- A focus on wellness, balance and breadth (one of the pillars of our Strategic Plan) will continue with particular emphasis on providing resources and support for emotional and mental health for our students, employees and parents.
- Social connections for students with their peers and their teachers will be part of any online or hybrid model that we offer.
- We are here for our community and will help our members out in every way that we can. If you need something during these challenging times, reach out and let us know.

Over the past 10 years I have often said to our staff and faculty "the only thing that stays the same around here is change". Aberdeen Hall has a track record of embracing change and growing from the experience. We very much look forward to tackling this newest challenge together with you in September.

Please see below for the Ministry of Education's updated Restart Plan (July 29) .

As I mentioned earlier, Aberdeen Hall will be fully prepared to welcome all of our student body back on campus in September.

With the good news from the Ministry, we will be in a New Stage Two which allows 100% of our students to be here 100% of the time. We are excited to move forward with our enhanced curriculum.

**Updated Ministry of Education
September 2020 Restart Plan**

The one thing that we know for certain, is the future is uncertain.

Wishing you a healthy and safe summer.



Warm regards,

Chris Grieve
Head of School

Uniforms

The first day of school is Tuesday, September 8 and students are to wear Number 2 uniform.

Number 2 [uniform K-3](#)

Number 2 [uniform 2-5](#)

Number 2 [uniform 6-12](#)

Uniform Appointments

There will be no drop-ins, the shop is available by appointment only

Please book 15-30 minutes if you are a returning family and wish to purchase uniform items (30 minutes if you wish to try items on).

The store will be open from August 4 to September 4 from 9am - 3pm.

Book appointment time [HERE](#)

The uniform shop is located across the street from the school by the corner store.

Contactless Delivery

The shop is offering a contactless pick up option for the AH community. Any orders received on Monday - Wednesday will be available for pickup the Friday of that week (any orders after the Wednesday cut off will be processed the following week).

Please come to the Uniform Shop and knock on the door for pick up. To order please fill out the form below with payment information and email to yusula.choe@aberdeenhall.com

[Preschool-Grade 5 Order Form](#)

[Grade 6-12 Order Form](#)

**CLICK HERE FOR THE
AH UNIFORM GUIDE**

School Supply Lists

Please note that due to COVID regulations students will be advised at a later date in August as to what to bring on the first day of school

Kindergarten-Grade 3 students are provided with school supplies

[Grade 4 School Supply List](#)

[Grade 5 School Supply List](#)

[Grade 6-12 School Supply List](#)

2020-2021 Bus Registration

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[Register HERE](#)

Looking for after school care?

Kindergarten to Grade 5 Homework Club

[Register HERE](#)

Volunteers Needed!

The Parent Guild is always looking for volunteers throughout the school year. If you are interested in volunteering please fill out the form

[HERE](#)

Looking for gently used uniforms?

Please contact Karen Quigley at 250-860-7147. There will be a used uniform sale on August 23 from 10-1 at 3000 Lakeview Cove Rd.



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Grade 6-12 Bring Your Own Device Program

Bring Your Own Device Information

Bring Your Own Device Student Computer Buying Guide



Please note that information on school timetables, Grade 9-12 course selections and other information about the first day of school will be sent out in late August.

2020-2021 School Calendar

September 2020

Sept 01-03 Professional Development Workshops
 08 Tuesday First Day of Fall Term
 14 Monday Junior School (Gr. K-5) Picture Day
 17 Thursday Preschool Picture Day
 21 Monday Middle School (Gr. 6-8) Picture Day
 Retakes, Preschool – Grade 5
 28 Monday Senior School (Gr. 9-12) Picture Day
 Retakes, Middle School (Gr. 6-8)

October 2020

05 Monday Retakes, Senior School (Gr. 9–12)
 09 Friday Fall Mid-Term Break (School Closed)
 12 Monday Thanksgiving (School Closed)

November 2020

11 Wed Remembrance Day (School Closed)
 20 Friday Professional Development Day
 (School Closed)

December 2020

18 Friday Last Day of School (Noon Dismissal)

Monday, December 21, 2020
 – Friday, January 08, 2021
 Winter Vacation

January 2021

11 Monday First Day after Winter Vacation

February 2021

12 Friday Professional Development Day
 (School Closed)
 15 Monday Family Day (School Closed)

March 2021

12 Friday Last Day of School

Monday, March 15, 2021
 – Friday, March 26, 2021
 Spring Vacation

29 Monday First Day after Spring Vacation

April 2021

02 Friday Good Friday (School Closed)
 05 Monday Easter Monday (School Closed)

May 2021

21 Friday Spring Mid - Term Break
 (School Closed)
 24 Monday Victoria Day (School Closed)
 31 Monday Grandparents' Day

June 2021

09-18 Final School Based Exams (Gr. 6-12)
 24 Thursday Year End Ceremonies (Noon Dismissal)
 Last Day of Classes

(June 28, 29, Professional
 Development Workshop)

June 25 – September 7, 2021
 Summer Vacation

**Contact information changed?
 Not receiving emails?**

Please contact the office at
info@aberdeenhall.com or 250-491-1270