



# CARIBOO ADVENTIST ACADEMY

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## Principal's Message: Start of School

Welcome back, CAA Family,

It's starting to cool off out there, which means it must be time for the Cariboo kids to get back to school. Our school staff has been working diligently to make sure that our students receive a smooth return to the classroom this fall, which I am sure will live up to all the excitement and anticipation!

As we prepare to welcome all our students back on Tuesday, there are a few important points I want to communicate to our families.

First off, CAA is working to adhere to all the mandated safety guidelines and protocols set into place for schools by both our Public Health Officials and the Ministry of Education. Fortunately, regarding providing our students a sense of normalcy this school year, this can be summed up in a few important points:

- As was the case at the close of last school year, masks are mandated for students Grades 4 through 12, as well as for all school staff and visitors;
- students are to continue to practice diligent hand hygiene;
- students, staff, and visitors are to conduct a self-health check prior to arriving at the school;
- and lastly, learning cohorts will no longer be in place for this school year, allowing the synergy we are accustomed to between our elementary and high school programs to be restored.

We will be adhering to what is communicated to us by both our PHO and the MoE, but as is the case with our current climate, things can change quickly. So, I preemptively thank everyone for your patience and understanding as we self-monitor and adapt to follow the guidelines set in place for us.

Next up, a huge thanks to you—our CAA families—because CAA has experienced exponential growth over the course of the past school year, and we are poised for a huge year. As is with anything, we will be experiencing an adjustment period at the start of the school year as our facilities adapt to a large increase in student numbers. The largest concern we have identified is our parking lot. Last year, our parking lot could get crowded with a student population approximately two-thirds the size of what we have this year. With this in mind, we are asking for diligent drop-off and pick-up, as there is just simply not enough space for the number of vehicles who will be arriving at similar times. We have done our best to stagger our start- and end-times between our elementary and high school, but it is still a very real concern. So, please be expedient when it comes to drop-off and pick-up routines. Thank you, we really appreciate it.

I completely understand that there is likely some apprehension across the board this school year with the uncertainty of the world around us, and because we are a school family made up of so many different people, inevitably we will not agree on everything. That being said, there is one thing I know we can all agree on: this is our school, and as a school community, I genuinely believe that all of us are willing to do everything we can to make sure this is a safe, fulfilling place that our kids can proudly call their own.

Welcome back, everyone. Let's have a great school year.

Thank you,

Mr. Cody Mills

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