

October 20, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians:

First, I want to thank all of our parents and guardians for their cooperation and support as we started off the school year and following Alberta Health Services for keeping your child/ren home when they presented with COVID-related symptoms.

Since the beginning of the school year, we have had many of our students away and parents reaching out for school work for their children to keep up with their learning. We wanted to inform parents and guardians of what can be expected should your child be absent for COVID related symptoms and other absences, the likelihood of having increased numbers of students absent from school. At the beginning of the school year, each one of our homeroom teachers established either a Google Classroom or SEESAW class for students to access learning materials for their learning. This communication platform will remain consistent throughout the entire school year.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q - When will the SEESAW and Google classrooms be updated with the daily learning materials?

A - As all of our teachers teach throughout the day, teachers will be updating their online classrooms with tasks for the day and any relevant materials. As our teachers adjust instruction to meet the students' needs, plans do need to change at times. The content posted is the 'actual' content covered in the class and not anticipated to ensure that what is communicated is required to be completed while away from class.

Q - I do not have a password for Google Classroom or SEESAW. How can I get one?

A - Parents and Guardians cannot be assigned login IDs and Passwords to the Google Classroom Site. Each student has been given a password to access the course content. Students, along with their parents and guardians, can access daily content through their child's student account. For classrooms using SEESAW, parents and guardians can access it. If you have not received instructions on accessing SEESAW, please reach out to your child's homeroom teacher.



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Q - My child was quite ill and could not complete the daily work at the moment. How can I get them caught up?

A - As we began the start of the school year, our emphasis has been on health and wellness. Students would be allowed to catch up with their school work as in the past if they were unable to keep up with daily work. If your child is ill for an extended period, please reach out to your child's teacher, and a plan can be worked out to complete crucial assessments.

Q - It is expected that my child will be out of school for several days until they are no longer symptomatic. Am I able to come to school and get any personal belongings?

A - Yes, parents and guardians would be able to come to the school to collect their child's personal belongings for home. As per our protocol, parents and guardians will need to contact the school in advance to set up an appointment.

Q - My child is experiencing difficulties with their schoolwork while away from, and I cannot assist them. Can I contact my child's teachers?

A - You may contact your child's teacher for any required clarifications or ask questions. For inquiries, teachers will follow up after the school day concludes.

Q - What if I have questions or concerns about Alberta Health Services' isolation requirements in the event my child is symptomatic? Who is best to address them?

A - Please refer to these questions to either Mr. Menduk or Mr. Hayes. School administration is apprised of any evolving changes related to AHS isolation requirements and is in the best position to answer any questions or address any concerns.

Q - Where can I find previous communications to parents related to re-entry or COVID-19 protocols from the school and the District?

A - All school communication has been posted under the "School Re-Entry" tab that you can access here: <https://www.al.gsacrd.ab.ca/school-re-entry/school-communications-to-parents-and-guardians>

You can access the following district communications here:

- GSACRD Parent Guide Book: <https://www.gsacrd.ab.ca/download/306523>
- Weekly Superintendent Communication: <https://www.gsacrd.ab.ca/administration/coronavirus-covid-19-updates>



We want to remind our parents and guardians that on October 9, I send out an email to check-in to see how your child's learning is going online, at school, or home education. As shared in the Parent Guidebook for School Re-entry, I sent this out keeping with our school's notification period, which was Thursday, October 15, as noted on page 20-21 of the Parent Guidebook for School Re-entry. If you plan to make a change (from face-to-face, online, or home education), please complete this [short survey](#) (2-3 min) if you have not done so by October 31, 2020.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school at 780-459-4478.

Yours in education,



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