

December 14, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians:

As a follow up to my communications from November 26 and December 2, I am reaching out to parents and guardians regarding the next transition step in planning for online learning in the new year as announced by the Premier:

On November 24, 2020, Premier Kenney announced that elementary students would return to learning online for one week following Christmas Break (Jan. 4-8) and then resume face-to-face education on January 11, 2021.

We want to ensure that you know what is happening as we move from face-to-face to online programming. We aim to make this a seamless transition. In addition to this communication, you will receive information from teachers directly by Friday, December 18, 2020. Teachers will be in direct contact with parents and students via email to provide student expectations for online learning, attendance, and engagement.

Some items for consideration so that your immediate questions are addressed:

- **Engage Student Learning:** As we transition Pre-K to Grade 6 students to online learning for one week, we will maintain the same attendance and engagement expectations for our students. We expect students to attend online at the start of each class by being on time and with the camera on. Parents may communicate with their school and teacher if there are barriers to their child's ability to meet this expectation. However, suppose there is a decision not to engage in online learning. In that case, students are still expected to complete their assignments and learning tasks as homework under their parents' and guardians' guidance as in past practice for family travel/vacations while classes are in session.
- **Personal Items:** Students will be asked to take all personal items and learning material home required for the break and online learning by **Friday, December 18, 2020**. During the week of December 14-18, teachers will instruct students to bring items they no longer require before the Christmas break to minimize the amount needed to be brought home on the 18th.
- **Communication:** Students will be given clear expectations from their teachers about how to engage in online learning. Teachers will communicate these expectations and information about online education before leaving for Christmas break. The online learning tab is accessible on our school website for additional information about online education, resources, and tips shared in the spring.



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- **Technology:** On December 2, we reached out to parents and guardians to identify families who may require a Chromebook for online learning and asked them to contact their child's homeroom teacher. For parents and guardians who expressed a need to access Chromebooks for online education, we required you to come to the school on either **Thursday, December 17** or **Friday, December 18**, to sign out for a device for your child's use. Please contact the school to set up a time to come in to collect the device and sign the loan agreement.
- **Counsellors:** Students will access counsellors through (by contacting Mrs. Chyzowski directly at hchyzowski@gsacrd.ab.ca). For students already working with Mrs. Chyzowski and have provided consent for counselling in the school, she does require consent again for counselling via google meet at home. A simple email permitting for your child to meet with her via google meet would be adequate.
- **Student Needs:** Students who have other needs not listed, but you would like to discuss for support should please first work with your child's homeroom teacher to see what might be workable.

We would like to thank students for their anticipated effort and engagement in online learning. We are also sincerely appreciative of the support and understanding of parents/legal guardians and families. Blessings to students, faculty, and families as we all "arise" to meet these new challenges and opportunities.

Yours in education,



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