

May 4, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians:

This evening, Premier Kenney announced that K-12 students would return to learning online from May 7 to May 24, 2021. Students are anticipated to return to face-to-face instruction on Tuesday, May 25. Preparation have commenced this evening for this transition. We wanted to provide an update and timeline to our parents and guardians specific to our school community.

- **Personal Items:** Students will be asked to take all personal items and learning material home required for the break and online learning **Wednesday, May 5 and Thursday, May 6.**
- **Technology:** If your child requires a Chromebook for online learning, please 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, May 6 or Friday, May 7**, 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.
- **Communication:** Students will be given clear expectations from their teachers about how to engage in online learning. The online learning tab is accessible on our school website for additional information about online education, resources, and tips shared in the spring. Teachers will reach out to parents and guardians by **the day prior to online learning is scheduled to begin.**
- **Engage Student Learning:** As we transition K to Grade 6 students to online learning for three weeks, 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.
- **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.



WHAT STARTS HERE CHANGES THE WORLD

For the next two days, we will continue to adhere to essential health protocols (frequent cleaning and sanitizing of high touch areas, daily screening, washing hands and sanitizing hands, maintaining distances of 2m+, staggering breaks, wearing masks, and staying with our same cohort) to keep everyone safe until we transition to online learning.

I will be forwarding further information to parents and guardians by Thursday May 6, 2021 regarding our transition to online learning.

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 and guardians and families. We will endeavour to facilitate a smooth transition from face to face to online learning.

Yours in education,



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