



November 26th, 2020

We hope this letter finds you well as you are processing the most recent COVID updates from the government that we received on November 24th regarding K-12 schools and our new health measures. There have been many changes that you have gracefully adjusted to during the pandemic and this will be just one more for us.

Here is some important information for our school community:

- We ask that parents ensure that they are completing the [daily screening](#) of their children prior to sending them on the bus or dropping them off at the school.
- **Wearing masks** continues to be mandatory for all Gr 4-6 students at this time.
- Our schools will remain open during this time.
- Our support staff will continue at this time to support our students.
- **Pre Kindergarten - Grade 6** students will continue with in school learning until December 18th.
Please note Dec 18 - Jan 4 inclusive is Christmas break They will move to teacher-directed at home learning from January 4th until January 8th. On Monday, January 11th students will return to Scenario 1 which is face to face learning. Bussing will continue as is.
- **Our Grade 7, 8 and 9** students will move to online learning effective Monday, November 30th until January 8th. **Please note Dec 18 - Jan 4 inclusive is Christmas break** They are then scheduled to return to Scenario 1 which is face to face in class learning on January 11th.

- On Friday, November 27th middle school teachers will be sending out a daily schedule that will be similar to daily instruction. That will begin on Monday, November 30 through to December 18 and then January 4 - 8 inclusive.
- We are continuing to have daily expectations of our students that they are logging into class every day. Teachers will be teaching live and then will follow up with support for students either individually or in a small group.
- The online school day will begin at 9 a.m. and will be completed at 3 p.m. In order for students not to get behind in their studies, they will be required to be online each day for core subject instruction and assessment in Language Arts, Math, Social, Science, Religion and Physical Education. **THIS IS A DIFFERENT APPROACH THAN WHAT OCCURRED FROM MARCH TO JUNE LAST YEAR.**
- Class expectations: For all of our students in middle school, they will be expected to be a part of their Google classrooms and complete daily assignments/learning activities as provided by the teachers. To be clear this might look different in each class with optional Google meets, or requested attendance with small group work.

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS GRADES 7, 8 AND 9

- **IF YOUR CHILD HAS A DEVICE AT HOME (COMPUTER OR CHROMEBOOK) WE ARE REQUESTING THAT THEY NOT ACCESS TECHNOLOGY FROM THE SCHOOL.**
- **IF YOUR CHILD REQUIRES TECHNOLOGY, IT WILL BE HANDED OUT IN CLASS TODAY OR CAN BE PICKED UP AT THE FRONT OFFICE FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH FROM 9 AM TO 3 PM. PLEASE MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO HAVE TECHNOLOGY PICKED UP TOMORROW IF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT TODAY.**
- **SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY WILL ONLY CONNECT TO THE RED DEER CATHOLIC REGIONAL SCHOOLS SERVER AND WILL NOT PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ACCESS TO OUTSIDE ACCOUNTS.**
- Our Counselling Team, Mrs. Koopmans, Miss Murphy, and Mrs. Dixon-who will be beginning December 7th, are all available to support students in the online environment. They can be contacted via email or phone during regular school hours. Shelley Sauter,

our Family School Enhancement Counsellor and Miss Glorice Cayago, Central Alberta Refugee Effort - CARE are available by contacting the school.

Again, we thank you for your support and for working alongside us at this uncertain time. The safety of our students and staff will continue to be a priority as we take our direction from the Alberta Government, the Chief Medical Officer, and our Superintendent.

As always, please do not hesitate to ask questions or reach out. Our school office will continue to be open for any phone calls and inquiries. We will continue to seek the guidance of God as we navigate these unprecedented times.

God Bless,



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