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Re: SCA Distance Learning and Covid-19 update

SCA Families,

We hope that you are doing well and getting to enjoy this beautiful weather. We miss seeing each of you on a regular basis but continue to adhere to the social distancing regulations set out by our Manitoba Government. Let's continue to pray for our provincial and federal leaders as they have many important decisions ahead of them.

If you feel your child is struggling with mental health or experiencing new feelings of worry or sadness since being at home, we encourage you to reach out to Mrs. Brandt abrandt@springs.ca to inquire about an appointment on Thursdays or Fridays.

We just want to encourage you, you've got this. We want to remind you what Joshua 1:9 says, "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go". He is with us, He is protecting us, He has healed us, He loves us, He is providing for us, His peace surrounds us; we pray that you can rest in that knowledge today.

Below is an update just to reiterate a few items and add some additional information from the government.

As stated by the minister;

- Students in Kindergarten to Grade 8 will proceed to the next grade in September with the understanding that they will engage in recovery learning as needed.
- Students in Grades 9–12 will receive, at minimum, the grades they achieved at the time of suspension of classes. For Grades 9–11, they may be required to undertake recovery learning in the next school year.
- Students on track for graduating in June 2020 will receive their diplomas, despite the suspension of in-school learning. Specific planning will take place to ensure these students obtain sufficient credits to graduate.
- Teachers will make special efforts for Grades 11 and 12 students to ensure they have the knowledge, skills, and competencies necessary for their post-graduation goals. Manitoba Education continues to work with post-secondary institutions to ensure no student's graduation or transition to post-secondary is jeopardized as a result of the school suspension.
- The role of parents and caregivers is to support their child's teacher to ensure that learning continues at home. Teachers can support learning at home by encouraging students to continue with their school learning plans and to look for opportunities to promote learning within the context of daily life. This provides students with authentic educational experiences. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to maintain ongoing communication with teachers. They should

consult with their child's teacher to see what resources and tools they recommend to support student learning at home.

Taken from FAQ put out by the Manitoba Education.

To summarize....We are focusing on learning and less on marks. Marks will remain the same as the last official day of classes, March 20th. Students will have the opportunity to improve their marks, however, the marks will not be negatively affected. We encourage all students to continue learning to the best of their ability under the circumstances and ask that you please continue to contact your child's teacher if you have any questions related to their learning. We will continue to offer the best education we can, using what we have. Please keep in mind, students are encouraged to actively take part in the learning being provided for them by their teachers. While marks will not be affected, learning will be negatively affected if students choose not to partake in the SCA Distance Learning being provided.

If your child is in K-8 and struggling to keep up with the SCA Distance Learning, we encourage you to focus on ELA, Math and Bible as essential learning. These subjects may require recovery learning if your child doesn't complete their SCA Distance Learning packages. The other subjects are important; however we do understand that everyone is going through different situations and we are purposing to be flexible.

Grade 9-12 students who do not participate in SCA Distance Learning will have to recover their learning by doing the work at a later date.

The minister has given more recent info and asked that teachers write in the comments on report cards, the areas where specific students will need recovery next year. This will help parents and teachers know the subject areas a child needs to catch up on.

Recovery learning is a process that will be employed/activated to assist Manitoba students transitioning back from remote learning to classroom learning in schools, while addressing mental and physical well-being and academic success. Recovery Learning will be a responsive process to be applied over the next year.

For more information check out our website for [COVID-19 updates](#) or [SCA Distance Learning information](#).

For those interested, Springs Church is having drive in church on Sundays at 9:00, 10:45 and 12:30. It is nice to be able to see familiar faces through the car window. You can also join online church through [Leon Fontaine Facebook](#).

We want to encourage you to continue to speak God's promises over your families' life and continue with suggested government cleaning practices.

God Bless,

Kim Fuller and Wesley Meyer
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