

April 8, 2020

Hello SCA families,

We hope that you are all doing well as we learn to walk through these new circumstances. We continue to pray and believe for health and safety over all of our families and community.

As mentioned in a previous email from Kim Fuller and myself, on Tuesday, March 31st, the Manitoba Government announced that classes will be suspended indefinitely for the remainder of the school year.

Here is a summary of major points shared by the Education Minister, Hon. Kelvin Goertzen ([link to the full press release](#)):

- No student will be held back due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but students must actively engage in learning.
- All students on track to graduate will do so.
- Teachers will teach remotely, assign work, conduct assessments and prepare final report cards.
- For students in Grade 12, provincial exams will be cancelled, but teacher assessments will be implemented

SCA staff are meeting online regularly and I can assure you that they are working tremendously hard to support the students with their remote learning. Our staff is both dedicated and creative and we will do our best to stay connected and support each student as it fits their needs. We are sad that we cannot see their smiling faces in the flesh every day, or be there for them when days are tough, however, we will do our best to work with the fantastic online tools available to us to stay as connected as possible.

We are especially thinking of our students who will be graduating this year. Provincial exams have been cancelled but otherwise, learning and assessments will go on and those who were on track to graduate at the time of the suspension of in-school classes will graduate.

We highly encourage all of our students to keep on learning to the best of their ability for the remainder of the year. We want to do our best to minimize the adverse effects that the school suspension may have on their education. With this in mind, please be aware that in our final report card comments, Grades 7-12 students will be given a 'designation' by teachers, either: "No Recovery Work Required" or "Recovery Work Required". Grades 7-12 students who do not engage in remote learning, and/or have distinct gaps in their learning, will be allowed to progress, but our school will implement recovery learning in the 2020-2021 school year. This is a directive from

Manitoba Education for Gr 9-11, though we have chosen to adopt the plan for our entire junior and senior high school.

The April report cards will be posted on Maplewood on Friday, May 1st. These report cards will reflect learning done prior to school suspension and that done since. Teachers will also be sending progress reports with a summary of marks as of March 20th. For our Term Four report card, a comparison will be done between the final achieved mark and the one as of March 20th, with the better of the two being the one presented as their final mark.

In order to help you organize your child's day, our teachers have created Google Meet schedules for each grade. Please note that these times may change in the future, but teachers will be using these in the interim. Here they are:

- [Grade 7](#)
- [Grade 8](#)
- [Grade 9](#)
- [Grade 10](#)
- [Grade 11](#)
- [Grade 12](#)

Thank you again for working with us to ensure success for every student. We understand the difficulties of having to work from home, whilst helping your children with their school work. We want to reiterate that we do not want to cause undue stress and if your child is having difficulty keeping up with the assigned workload, please email the teacher to see if adaptations can be made.

Praying and believing for health for you and your families,

"Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you."

Philippians 4:5-9

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