

Friday January 7, 2022

Good afternoon AOB Families,

We hope that you have had a restful and relaxing Christmas break and we look forward to seeing our Crusader students when classes resume on Monday, January 10th, 2022. **On Monday, we are planning to have a school 'spirit day' where staff and students are encouraged to wear green or Crusader clothing!** We have a number of announcements regarding instruction and learning, COVID protocols, and other important information which can be found below.

Instructional Announcements

Return to In-Person instruction: Students will be returning to in-person instruction on Monday, January 10th. The last day for instruction for all AOB students will be Wednesday, January 26th. There will be no exam period and students will be receiving instruction in their regular schedule until the end of the day on January 26th.

Diploma and Final Exams: Alberta Education has cancelled the January 2022 writing of Diploma examinations. Consequently, all final exams in other subject areas at all other levels will also be cancelled. As a result of final exam cancellation, final and diploma exams which typically have a weight of 25% will be removed from the grade books and student grades will comprise 100% of class assigned tests and assignments. Teachers will be discussing this with students upon their return on Monday, January 10th. It is important that students submit and complete all assignments and tests in order to maximize their course marks.

Check PowerSchool for Incomplete Assignments: Students and parents are asked to check PowerSchool for any missing or unsubmitted assignments in PowerSchool. These will need to be submitted by the upcoming deadlines.

Assignment Submission: The final submission date for any assignments that were due prior to Christmas is **Tuesday, January 11th**. The final submission date for any homework assigned in January 2022 is **Wednesday, January 19th**. If an AOB student is ill and they are finding it challenging to meet these deadlines, please contact the child's teacher.

Top 8 Study Tips: Please see the attachment to this email for a summary of the Top 8 Study Tips for students.

COVID Protocol Announcements

Student Illness: *Students need to remain at home if they are ill. A parent or guardian is asked to either call our school office at 780-466-3161 or email the student's absence to 8402web@ecsd.net. If there are questions regarding if a student is ill and may not attend school, please review the information on this [AHS website](#).*

COVID Mask Protocols: Students and staff continue to be required to wear masks which cover their nose and mouth except when eating and participating in Physical Education programming.

Government Provided Masks and COVID rapid tests: Medical-grade masks will be distributed through schools to students and school staff through a phased approach, starting with a 2-week supply of masks (2 masks per day, 10 masks total) for each student. When fully distributed, students will have received an 8-week supply. Both pediatric and adult medical-grade mask distribution will be coordinated through Alberta's PPE Task Force. The medical-grade masks provided by the province offer improved protection when compared to many other types of masks and complement the mask supply that you already have. Students, however, are not required to wear the government provided masks and may choose to wear their own masks.

The COVID rapid tests will be distributed to students once we have received them. Students will be directed to take these tests home. We will send an email and/or text message to families indicating when the masks and COVID rapid tests have been issued to students.

Other Announcements

Bus passes for January 2022: Student ETS bus passes will be available for purchase until Tuesday, January 11. Parents may pay for a January bus pass online and it can be picked up by students next week.

Grade 12 Green Books: Green Books are due to Mrs. Page in the library on Tuesday, January 11th.

Assurance Survey: Due to the extension of the winter break by the province, we will be extending the deadline for the ECSD Assurance Survey 2021/2022 to **Friday, January 28th, 2022**. Please take a few minutes to respond to our survey. If you have already responded, thank you for your participation! We greatly value your opinions, and they are extremely important in our planning cycle.