



November 25, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Due to the rising number of positive cases of Covid-19 in the community, as well as in schools throughout the province, Premier Kenney has announced new measures to prevent the risk of further spread of the virus. The intent of this letter is to provide you with some preliminary information as we prepare for the changes which begin on November 30.

Elementary Students

Our students from 100 Voices to grade 6 will continue with their learning as they have been. Online students will continue with their online learning while students who are in-person at school will also continue in-person.

Additional details for students from 100V to Grade 6:

- November 30 – December 18: continue in their current learning option.
- December 19 – January 3: Christmas break.
- Families will receive additional information closer to the Christmas break on how their child in 100 Voices to Grade 6 will pivot to online learning from January 4 to 8.

For the week following the Christmas break, all elementary students will move to online learning. Beginning on January 11, students will resume their current learning option. Details include:

- January 4-8: all elementary students move to online learning.
- January 11: resume current learning option.
- Elementary bussing will continue as scheduled.

Students in Grades 7 – 12

As of November 30, all students will be moving to online learning and will continue until January 11. All Edmonton Catholic students who are currently enrolled in online learning will continue with their program during this timeframe. For your reference:

- November 30 – January 8: Online learning for all junior and senior high students.
- December 19 – January 3: Christmas break.
- January 11: resume current learning option.

For parents of students in Grades 7 to 12, the following additional information is important:

- Teachers will work with their students to bridge the transition from in-person to online synchronous learning. Each student will need their own device for online learning. Our schools will endeavour to support families with their technology needs as best as they can.

- School schedules and hours will remain the same during online learning. Teachers will ensure that students know how to connect for online learning and are ready to learn on November 30.
- Alberta Education announced on Tuesday that Diploma exams will be optional for students in Grade 12 for the remainder of the school year. If a student decides to write a Diploma exam, it will count for 30% of their mark. Schools will provide additional information to Grade 12 students. We are pleased that diploma exams will be optional for the remainder of the school year as this supports our high school students who are considering post-secondary applications and will now be less adversely affected by the impact of Covid-19.
- For high school students learning through Alternative Education (Fresh Start, PASS, AERC, etc.) parents/guardians will receive additional information from their child's teachers regarding methods of pickup and submission of learning resources.
- All schools continue to remain open, with Covid-19 access restrictions still in place. Administration can be contacted to schedule appointments or for further information. Online meetings or phone calls remain the recommended method of contact.
- Inclusive supports remain in place for students.

The safety and well-being of all students and staff continues to be our top priority. As we implement these temporary new guidelines, maintaining a strong and consistent learning environment for our students will continue to be our priority. Collectively, we will help ensure that our students and staff maintain routines for successful learning, while fostering their well-being. Thank you for your support as we work together to help prevent the further spread of Covid-19 in our learning communities by implementing these measures.

Yours in Christ,



Robert Martin
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