



# Evergreen Catholic Schools

## COVID-19 Q & A

### **Why are school classes cancelled across Alberta?**

The decision to cancel classes was made by Alberta's Chief Medical Officer of Health and the Minister of Education in an attempt to limit the spread of the COVID-19 Virus.

### **How long will this last?**

The government has closed schools indefinitely, and therefore no other timeline has been given to school boards on when classes might resume.

### **Are we able to come to the school and pick up books, personal possessions and supplies?**

Many schools have already communicated with the parent and student community on how and when this will be done. If you haven't yet received a notification, you will be hearing from the school in the next few days. Please note, it will be important to follow the schools' direction in order to maintain social distancing during this process. Should you require the necessary medical supplies that are at the school, please call your school to make immediate arrangements for pick up.

### **What is going to happen with my child's schooling?**

Alberta Education has committed that all students will receive final grades and that students will progress to the next level. Evergreen Catholic Schools is committed to continuity in programming for all students. Staff are working at making the transition in light of class cancellations. You can expect to hear from your child's teachers and programming will begin for students online in following days after Spring Break.

### **Are there resources for families to help them with technology such as Google Classroom?**

Yes, your teacher will be providing instruction on this sometime after Spring Break.

### **What about families who don't have the appropriate technology at home, how will their children learn?**

Schools are working on a plan which will be communicated after Spring Break.

### **What supports/resources are available to those families with children who need special considerations in the classroom?**

Your teacher will provide you with more information after Spring Break.

### **What about P.A.T and Diploma exams?**

Grade 6 and 9 Provincial Achievement tests have been cancelled. Alberta Education has committed to moving forward with necessary Diploma exams. We are awaiting more information on how this will move forward from Alberta Education.

### **My child is really anxious about all of this, what can I do to help?**

Your attitude influences their attitude and behaviours. Spending positive time with them is the best strategy. School staff will be checking in with students and suggesting some wellness activities.

While there are lots of disruptions, there are lots of routines that are still safe to do including being outside, playing with others, quality family time, reading books, learning new things on their own.

Here is a resource from Alberta Health Services that you may find helpful:

### **[Mental Health - Dealing with COVID-19 with Kids](#)**

### **Will fees (i.e. extra-curricular fees, etc.) be refunded?**

Currently, we are working with Alberta Education to get clarity and direction. It will likely take some time. Once details have been confirmed, the school will update parents.



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### **What about library books, when/how are those to be returned?**

Hold onto your library books unless you have heard otherwise from your child's school. Once classes resume, you can bring them back. There will not be any late charges.

### **What is happening to my child's registration in the fall?**

Schools can accept registration forms available online for the 2020-2021 school year.

### **What about my child's specialty class? (Foods, Art, Work Experience etc.)**

Classes have been cancelled; however, programming continues. What this means for specialty classes remains to be seen, as the immediate focus will be on the core course offerings.

### **What is happening with Summer School 2020 Registrations?**

We are accepting registrations for summer school. However, the delivery method of the courses remains an open question, based on directives from Alberta Health Services. Please contact St. Teresa Outreach @ (780) 960-0475.

### **What about Graduation events?**

We recognize the importance of these events in the lives of our students and families. As classes are cancelled indefinitely, under the current Alberta Health Services directive, we are not able to communicate any decision in regard to graduation activities at this time.

### **When students return to classes, is there a transition plan in place?**

Once we are given the okay to return to school, there will be plans in place to transition everyone. Each school will have their own plan upon return, similar to the beginning of the school year.

If parents have any further questions or concerns, please contact your child's school or our Division Office @ (780) 962-5627.

