



March 18, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As per Alberta Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. Deena Hinshaw's recommendations, Alberta Education has now suspended classes at all Alberta schools indefinitely. The Minister of Education has made it clear that this interruption of classes will not impact progression of students to the next grade or graduation of our Grade 12 students.

Our teachers have told us that they miss their daily interaction with your children, and we pray that they are healthy and well.

As we do not know how long classes will be suspended, we want to provide opportunities for students to pick up their personal belongings. Your school will be in touch with you on these details.

As we plan for the journey which lies ahead, we are collaborating with our colleagues across the province and with Alberta Education. At this time, staff are in the process of planning for the delivery of programming to our students. This will take some time, as teachers are working to bring your children their lessons in an alternate format. We anticipate this being ready after Spring Break. Your school will provide programming updates and details as they become available.

Please know that we appreciate your patience and understanding as we navigate this new territory. Be assured that your child's safety and education remain the top priorities for our school division. There are many details we need to work out in the weeks ahead and we'll continue to keep you informed.

Families are also encouraged to continue to monitor the Alberta government's COVID-19 coronavirus website <https://www.alberta.ca/coronavirus-info-for-albertans.aspx>. It is updated daily and is the source of the most up-to-date information for Albertans. In order to address further questions, we have also posted a Q and A for parents on our website <https://www.ecsrd.ca>.

On behalf of all our staff and the Board of Trustees, we extend our appreciation for your ongoing understanding, patience, and cooperation. We wish you a restful, safe and healthy Spring Break.

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble"

God Bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Paonessa".

Mike Paonessa
Superintendent

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