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*Education Built on Relationships*

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Dear School Families,

Premier Brian Pallister yesterday announced that Manitoba's *Phase 2 of Restoring Safe Services Plan* was finalized and will begin on June 1. This letter is provided subsequent to our May 22 email to give you insight into what this means for June at Linden Christian School.

1. Classroom learning will remain suspended for the remainder of the school year. Our remote learning approach to education will continue until Thursday, June 18. No new material will be introduced after Wednesday, June 17. Thursday will largely be used by teachers to review material or encourage students to submit outstanding assignments.
2. There will be no school on Friday, June 19 as this is a K-12 Evaluation Day.
3. On-site cancellations of year end community events on the calendar for June include Celebration Chapels, division choral and music concerts, the Grade 12 Prayer Partner Luncheon, the Class of 2010 Reunion, the SY Athletic Banquet, the Graduation Banquet and After Banquet Events, Convocation, K-4 Field Day and the MY and SY Recreation Days.
4. On-site Farewell Gatherings for students in Kindergarten through Grade 8 are planned. Please see the K-8 section in this letter for homeroom dates.
5. Limited student access to the school to facilitate in-person teacher/student meetings to allow for additional tutorial support, such as one-on-one learning and assessment will be permitted effective Tuesday, June 2. As initiated by the school through the teacher or at the request of the student, students may book an appointment to come to school for one-on-one assessment or course help.
6. Class of 2020 - Filming Dates (June 16, 17 and 18) for a Virtual Convocation  
Graduates will be assigned an appointment on June 16, 17 or 18 to visit the school to be filmed while receiving their diploma, awards and scholarships as applicable. Please see the SY section in this letter for additional information.
7. Yesterday the province made the following statement: "To ensure students safely and effectively transition to the new school year on a solid foundation, additional teaching days are proposed for the upcoming school year, including starting schools on August 31, 2020 and repurposing some of the non-instructional days throughout the school year." At this time, no decision has been finalized on the specific plan for the 2020-2021 school year.

## EARLY AND MIDDLE YEARS (K-8) ON-LINE AND SUPPORTED LEARNING

The learning plan outlined in our April 16 letter remains in place until the last day of on-line and supported learning on Thursday, June 18. Teachers will continue to stay in touch with emails, videos, Google Classroom and Google Meets. The teachers will offer optional, engaging activities that the students can participate in during the week of June 22.

### K-6 Online Celebration Chapels

Please mark your calendar for the online classroom Celebration Chapels. The annual Celebration Chapels will occur via Google Meets or a video from the classroom teacher. Celebration Chapels offer an opportunity for the teachers to give words of encouragement and acknowledgement to each individual student, sharing what they have seen as your child's gifts and strengths. The certificates will be placed in the report card mailing at the beginning of July.

Chapel Date	Grade
Wednesday, June 3	Kindergarten
Thursday, June 4	1
Wednesday, June 10	2
Wednesday, June 17	3
Thursday, June 18	4
Monday, June 8	5
Friday, June 12	6

### K-8 In-Person Farewell Gatherings

During the last two weeks of June a farewell opportunity for teachers and students to connect is being planned to conclude the 2019-2020 school year. Your child(ren)'s attendance at in-person gatherings is voluntary and at your discretion. Homeroom gatherings will be held in the Small Gym and last about 30 minutes. Parents are asked to park in the southwest parking lot as your child will be required to enter the building via the main church doors. *Parents will not be able to participate in these gatherings as we must adhere to government mandated protocols for physical distancing and indoor gathering sizes.* Students will be permitted to use the South Hall washrooms if needed but will not be permitted to travel elsewhere in the building.

Please plan to return any school-owned property students no longer require at their Farewell Gathering. For example, band instruments, choir music, textbooks, library books, etc. *Separate arrangements will be made for Chromebooks to be returned before the school year ends.* In the event your child still has personal items in the classroom, they will be given to them at their Farewell Gathering. The schedule for in-person farewell gatherings follows.

Date	9:00 am	11:00 am	1:00 pm	2:30 pm
Monday, June 15	8L	8F	8Z	8B
Tuesday, June 16	5F	5P	5G	5L
Wednesday, June 17	6H	6L	6S	
Thursday, June 18	7S	7K	7U	
Monday, June 22	KB	KL	KM	
Tuesday, June 23	1D	1M	1R	
Wednesday, June 24	2B	2J	2S	
Thursday, June 25	3H	3TH	3P	
Friday, June 26	4H	4S	4L	

#### Grade 7 and 8 Exams

Please note that there will be no exams for Grade 7 and 8 students in June as regular assessments were ongoing throughout the remote learning period.

#### Grade 7 -12 - Live Chapels

On Friday, May 29 and Friday, June 5, the Spiritual Care Team will be hosting live chapels at 11:00 am. Click [here](#) to join them.

#### **SY YEARS (9-12) ON-LINE LEARNING**

The learning plan outlined in our April 16 letter remains in place until the last day of on-line learning on Thursday, June 18. No new material will be introduced after Wednesday, June 17 and Thursday will largely be used by teachers to review material or encourage students to submit outstanding assignments.

#### Fridays - May 29, June 5, June 12 are Dedicated Support Days

The last three Fridays - May 29, June 5 and June 12 - have been dedicated to allowing students to catch up on work, finish projects and receive needed support. No new content will be delivered on these days, nor will Google Meets be scheduled. Our Student Support Services and Spiritual Care staff will be available to help any students requiring assistance during these Fridays. Students requiring support are encouraged to contact:

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#### Grade 9-12 Exams

Please note that there will be no SY exams or Grade 12 provincial exams in June as regular assessments were ongoing throughout the remote learning period.

Friday, May 29 and June 5 - Live Chapels

On Friday, May 29 and Friday, June 5, the Spiritual Care Team will be hosting live chapels at 11:00 am. Click [here](#) to join them.

Tuesday, June 2 through Wednesday, June 17 - In-Person Student/Teacher Meetings by Appointment

Students may be asked to book an appointment to come to school for one-on-one assessment. Students may also request an appointment, for example, for support completing unfinished assignments.

Tuesday, June 16 through Thursday, June 18 - Filming Begins for a Virtual Convocation

Graduates will be assigned an appointment on June 16, 17 or 18 to visit the school for the purpose of receiving their diploma in the Sanctuary. An invitation to view the Convocation video will be sent on June 26. *Parents will not be able to attend the filming as we must adhere to provincial limitations on indoor gathering sizes* Additional details will be provided to Grade 12 parents and graduates early next week.

Thursday, June 18 - Return of School Owned Property

SY students are invited to drop off school owned items, e.g. Chromebooks, band instruments, choir music, textbooks, library books, etc. on this day between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm. An area will be designated at the Main School Entrance for drop off purposes.

Grade 12 students are welcome to drop off items on the day of filming if they are done with them.

Thursday, June 18 to Thursday, June 25 - **Grade 9-11** Learning Review and Assignment Completion

Grade 9-11 students who have not actively engaged in online learning or whose marks have dropped significantly will be required to finish their course work by June 25. During this period students and their families will again be contacted if they are required to fulfil any essential outcomes for their courses.

Thursday, June 18 to Tuesday, June 23 - **Grade 12** Learning Review and Assignment Completion

Grade 12 students who have not actively engaged in the online learning or whose marks have dropped significantly will be required to finish their course work by June 23. During this time students and their families will again be contacted if they are required to fulfil any essential outcomes for their courses.

This school year has been unique and challenging due to the circumstances we have found ourselves in. Although we are not able to host many of our annual community events or celebrate the Class of 2020 as we had hoped, we are grateful for the in-person opportunities that we can now anticipate. Teachers are looking forward to connecting with your children at the in-person and farewell events planned to conclude the school year. Please keep in mind that your child(ren)'s attendance at in-person gatherings is voluntary and at your discretion. Be assured that we are creating the safest possible environment within the school and will comply with government directives.

On behalf of all of us, thank you for your support in this remote learning environment. We will continue to be in touch with you in the weeks ahead. As always, please feel free to contact us as the need arises,



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