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Dear LCS Families,

As you know, the last day of school prior to the Christmas Break is tomorrow. In-class learning resumes Monday, January 4, 2021 for the majority of Kindergarten to Grade 6 students.

K-6 students participating in remote learning January 4 through 15, 2021, are expected to return to in-class learning on January 18, 2021. It is important to remember that students confirmed for the two week optional remote learning period are required to participate remotely for the entire duration of the two week period.

Students in Grade 7-12 will move to full remote learning beginning January 4 through to January 15. In-class learning for these students is scheduled to resume Monday, January 18. Remote learning may be synchronous where the learning group interacts with the course content and each other at the same time, or it may be asynchronous where the students and teacher engage in course material at different times.

After January 18, remote learning is only available to students with a serious medical condition, or for students that reside in a household with a member who has a serious medical condition. Remote learning must be pre-approved by a member of the Administration Team and requires a medical note from your physician.

Please pay particular attention to the applicable sections that follow:

KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 6 LEARNING, JANUARY 4 THROUGH 15, 2021

In-Class Learning

- In-class Kindergarten to Grade 6 student learning will continue based on their current Six-Day Cycle Calendar.

Remote Learning:

- Remote learning K - 6 students may experience a blend of synchronous and asynchronous instruction. Remote learning students should plan on completing one to three hours of independent work each school day, depending on their grade level. In addition, remote students in Grades 1 - 6 will be required to participate in approximately one hour per school day of Google Meets or synchronous instruction.
- Remote learning students must be available for all synchronous instruction and teacher scheduled Google Meets. Details around live instructional sessions will be communicated by the classroom teacher directly to students and parents.

- Students learning remotely will receive a daily or weekly outline of their learning events or required learning sessions from the classroom teacher.
- Itinerant subjects, i.e. French, Physical Education, Music, Choir and Band, will continue for remote learners with weekly assignments and meeting times shared with students directly by the teachers. Curriculum will be integrated across subject areas, where possible, while meeting essential learning outcomes.
- Parental involvement and support at home will vary depending on the age and the child's ability to work independently.
- It is important that parents monitor child engagement and completion of required work. It is also important that parents ensure students are participating in synchronous instruction during this time period.

Questions regarding student learning are to be directed to the classroom teacher.

GRADE 7 AND 8 STUDENTS, JANUARY 4 THROUGH 15, 2021

Remote Learning:

- All Grade 7 and 8 students, including those who are currently learning remotely, will receive a schedule from their homeroom teacher through Google Classroom that introduces a **Five-Day Cycle Calendar** (Monday to Friday) that will be in effect for the period of remote learning, January 4 through 15, 2021. Students will revert back to their **Six-Day Cycle Calendar** effective January 18, 2021.
- Four out of the five school days will primarily focus on core subjects: Bible, Math, ELA, Science and Social Studies.
- The fifth day will focus on itinerant subjects, i.e. Choir, Band, French, Physical Education and Art.

Remote Learning:

- Break times will be built into the day for students including one morning break and a lunch break. Google Meet sessions will not be scheduled during the lunch time block.
- Students are strongly encouraged to participate in physical activity during their break times.
- Students should generally plan to complete independent work in the afternoons. There is, however, potential for Google Meet sessions to be scheduled at the request of the student or teacher if needed.
- Grade 7 and 8 students will experience a mix of synchronous and asynchronous instruction. Instructional sessions via Google Meet are considered mandatory periods of online learning as per the timetable shared by the teacher. The mandatory portion of an instructional session will comprise only part of the scheduled time slot and again, this will be communicated by the teacher to students directly.
- Attendance will be recorded and referenced as part of the overall evaluation of a student's level of engagement in learning.

GRADE 9 TO 12 STUDENTS, JANUARY 4 THROUGH 15, 2021

- The SY Model of online learning is a blend of synchronous and asynchronous learning.
- Learning is not scheduled according to cohorts during the time of Remote Learning; therefore, the students will not follow the Cohort Elective Cycle (colour days) for the period January 4 through 15, 2021. **Student timetables provided at the beginning of this school year will be in effect;** therefore, the alternating in-class day and work-from-home day schedule does not apply.

- Students will revert back to the Cohort Elective Cycle schedule when the period of remote learning concludes January 18, 2021. Monday, January 18 is a Cohort 2 (Blue) day .
- Teachers will teach content through Google Meets, Flipped Classroom and assignment driven approaches.
- For students in Grade 9 and 10, there will be a mandatory Meet in each class - attendance will be taken.
- For students in Grades 11 and 12, teachers will communicate mandatory Meets - attendance will be taken.
- On January 18, we will return to Cohorts with students returning on their assigned day up until January 27 (exams begin January 28).
- Semestered Courses (Daily on Student Timetable for a Semester):
 - Direct instruction will be provided by teachers Monday through Thursday;
 - Fridays are to be used by students to complete work/projects and plan for the following week--no new material will be assigned on Friday. Teachers may schedule one-on-one or small group Meets with students;
 - Students should plan on completing five hours of independent work per semestered course each week;
 - The student synchronous target is two hours per semester course per week.
- Electives (on Student Timetable Every Other Day):
 - Electives will follow the Six-Day Cycle Calendar and include Fridays. Teachers may schedule a Google Meet on Friday;
 - Students should plan on completing two hours of independent work per non-semestered course each week;
 - The student synchronous target is one hour per non-semestered course per week.

ALL GRADES

Google Meet Expectations:

Please be aware that teachers may also use a Google Meet function called *Break Out Groups*, where students meet with each other under the supervision of the teacher. Google Meets can be used for tutoring, evaluating or teaching. Occasionally, teachers may record Google Meets. In these instances, teachers will advise the students in advance.

You may already be familiar with the *Student Video Conferencing Etiquette* poster prepared as a quick reference for students participating in Google Meets - click [here](#) for ease of reference. Please encourage your students to review the content of the poster - a paper copy is being provided to each student in Grades 1 to 8 today.

Other:

Lost & Found items are on display in the Main School Foyer. If your child is missing an item or two, please ensure they check the Lost & Found and reclaim personal items before the school day concludes tomorrow. Items that are not claimed prior to the break will be offered to a charity of our choice.

It is important that your child takes home personal items and perishables that they may have stored in lockers, desks or other areas of the classroom. We also encourage students that have gym clothes at school to take them home --they could likely use a wash at this point! You may want to send a sturdy bag to school with your child tomorrow that will allow them to gather these items and get them home safely.

We know that this Christmas will look different with gathering restrictions imposed because of the pandemic. Despite this, we hope you are able to connect with your loved ones in a meaningful way and wish you all a blessed Christmas.

In His Service,



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