

March 24, 2020

Dear SCA school families,

Thank you so much for your patience over this past week as we took the time to determine the best course of action for teaching and learning given the current events regarding COVID-19. We truly are in an unprecedented situation that I'm sure we will talk about for many years to come.

It was great to see so many of you as you came to collect your belongings last week. If you were one of the families that were unable to come to collect your belongings, we have gathered your items from your locker for easy pickup. Please come by the school at your earliest convenience to take your items home.

Our school has now fully transferred over to Google Classroom! This was a platform that our teachers were already using on a regular basis, so the transition with technology should be fairly smooth. All specific course announcements and assignments will be posted on each course's Google Classroom. If you require any assistance with Google Classroom, please contact your child's teacher or contact the school office.

On Friday, Alberta Education released some expectations for learning given that schools are now closed. If you haven't read the expectations yet, I would highly recommend that you take some time to read the attached letter from the Minister of Education so you can help your son or daughter succeed. Based on the expectations from Alberta Education, we have put forward the following expectations for our students and staff:

- Grade 7-9
  - Math, Science, Social & English – up to 30 minutes of instruction and work per day. Our teachers will also have office hours ([see attached spreadsheet](#)) in addition to this time to provide any extra assistance that your son and daughter might need.
  - Other Courses – All other junior high courses will have no expectations or assignments posted on Google Classroom. We realize that for many of our students, our options classes were their favorite opportunities to use their gifts. Although there are no expectations for these classes, every Wednesday from 1:00-3:00 PM will be Junior High Complimentary Course office hours. This will be a great opportunity for your son or daughter to connect with their teacher

- Grade 10-12

- Each course will have up to three hours of instruction and work time throughout the week.
- On Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, our Senior high teachers will have office hours that will follow the high school timetable. i.e. Math 30-1 in Block 1: Miss Wilkins will have office hours for that course from 8:55-10:17. In addition this time may also be to provide any extra assistance that your son and daughter might need.
- Please be aware that in order for a high school student to pass each individual course, they must complete and submit the required assessments.
- We realize that some courses will be difficult to complete due to the nature of the content. We are currently working with Alberta Education and EIPS to determine how best to deliver these courses. The bottom line is that if your son or daughter started a course this semester, we will ensure that there is an opportunity for them to still complete the course and get the appropriate number of credits.

Just a reminder that for grade 7-11, online learning will commence on April 6 after Spring Break. Grade 12 diploma courses have already gone live over the past few days.

We understand that many of you still have questions regarding upcoming events such as our musical theatre production and graduation celebrations. It is still too early to know how long this situation will last, but any plans being considered will have to follow the directions from the Chief Medical Officer of Health at that time. At this time, we are holding off making any decisions on these events until after Spring Break, in order to have a clearer picture of the situation.

Please continue to do your part in staying healthy by staying home and maintaining social distancing. We continue to fix our eyes on God through these troubling times and rest in the comfort that we belong to God and He is in control. "But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him." Jeremiah 17:7.

God bless,



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