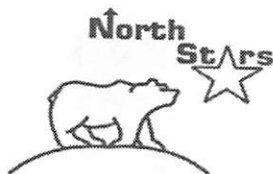


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December 11, 2020

Dear Norwood Parents/Guardians

Due to rising record numbers of daily new COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations, the Government of Alberta has declared a state of public health emergency in Alberta, effective November 24, 2020, through January 10, 2021. This decision includes a temporary move to at-home learning for all students to help slow the spread of the virus.

Students and parents/guardians are advised that starting Monday, January 4, 2021, students will continue their learning at home for one week after the winter break. Students will be returning to school on January 11, 2021. Please note, this is not an extended winter break students are expected to engage in school work.

ALS Students

- The ALS program will continue in school classes during the week of Jan 4--11th. The Government of Alberta has stated that students who require high levels of support may continue with in school learning. Mrs. Keuster will be contacting families to discuss attendance and programming for the week.

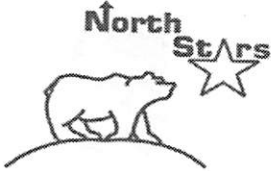
At-Home Learning - Kindergarten

- Mrs. Ouellette will provide students with at home learning packages and schedules while students are learning at home.
- Mrs. Ouellette will communicate possible google meet opportunities for students and parents.

At-Home Learning - Grades 1-6

- At-home learning will include work in Language Arts, Math, Science, and Socials. This is different from the emergency remote learning that occurred in the spring which focused on Literacy and Numeracy.
- Students are expected to complete all assigned work as these assignments will be included in students' final grades.
- Staff will provide students with at home learning packages and schedules to be followed while they are learning at home.
- Staff will be using Google Classroom to provide online instruction and course work. Staff will arrange times to meet with students and then students will be given time to work on assignments. Please know this will vary from class to class.

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At-Home Learning - Grades 7 & 8

- At home learning will continue as it did in December.
 - At-home learning will include **all** the required areas of the provincial curriculum in the courses that students are enrolled in.
 - Students must complete all assigned work as these marks will be included in students' final grades.
 - Staff have provided students with an at home learning schedule to be followed while they are learning at home.
 - Staff will continue using Google Classroom to provide online instruction and course work. Staff will continue to meet with students according to the established schedules. Students will have time to work on assignments throughout the school day.

Technology

Depending on the class, students will have varying levels of need to access adequate technology to participate in google classroom learning activities. It is likely that siblings will If families do not have adequate access to technology please contact the school and parents will be able to borrow a chromebook from Norwood School. Pick-up will occur on January 5, 2021.

Transportation

Transportation services are suspended from January 4-8, 2021.

Please know that staff are working hard to make this a smooth transition and we will make adjustments to plans as the situation evolves. Parents can check their email and the website for updates. Teachers will continue using the communication pathways they have already established with students and parents. We are all in this together and we look forward to working with you to keep our students on a positive learning path.

Norwood remains committed to the health and safety of students and staff. We look forward to welcoming students back into our classrooms in the new year once this temporary transition to at-home learning ends. If you have any questions or need additional support please contact the school.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank Heinrichs".

Frank Heinrichs, Principal