

# Norwood School



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May 5, 2021

Dear Norwood Parents/Guardians

Due to rising record numbers of daily COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations, the [Government of Alberta](#) has implemented stronger public health measures schools, effective May 7, 2021, through to May 20, 2021. These measures include a temporary move to at-home learning for all students in Kindergarten - Grade 12 to help slow the spread of the virus.

Starting Friday, May 7, 2021, students will continue learning at home. At this time, students will be returning to school on May 25, 2021. Please note, this is not a break from school so students are expected to engage in school work. On May 6, students will be bringing home school supplies and depending on their class, some students may also be bringing home paper learning packages. On May 7, students will be given some work to complete but the regular online routines will begin on Monday, May 10. This way students and families have a little time to adjust to learning at home.

On May 6, teachers will be preparing their students for the transition to at home learning. As well, teachers will be letting families know how at home classes will run. If you are having difficulty with the school work or technology please contact your child's teacher and we will work with you to resolve the issue.

## **Norwood Educational Programming for May 7-20, 2021**

### **ALS Students**

- The ALS program will continue with in school classes from May 7th-May 20th. The Government of Alberta has stated that students who require high levels of support may continue with in-school learning. Ms. Kuester will be contacting families to discuss attendance and programming.

### **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 Social Studies. This is similar to at-home learning that occurred in January.
- 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, material to take home to assist their learning, and schedules to be followed while students are learning at home.

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- Staff will be using Google Classroom to provide online instruction and coursework. Staff will arrange times to meet with students, and then be given time to work on assignments. Please know this will vary from class to class.

## **At-Home Learning - Grades 7 & 8**

- At home learning will look much like it did in December and January of this year.
  - At-home learning will include **all** the required areas of the provincial curriculum.
  - 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 while they are learning at home.
  - Staff will be using Google Classroom to provide online instruction and coursework.
  - 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 have classes occurring at the same time and may need access to technology at the same time. If families do not have adequate access to technology, please complete the [WRPS School Chromebook Agreement Loan Agreement form](#), and parents will be able to borrow Chromebooks from Norwood School. Parents will be able to pick up Chromebooks starting on May 6th.

## **Transportation**

General transportation services are suspended for the duration of this Government Order. Students in ALS will continue to have access to bussing while this order is in effect.

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 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 blue ink, appearing to read "F. Heinrichs".

Frank Heinrichs, Principal