

Communication to Parents Re: Transition to Online Learning Nov. 30, 2020

Dear ESSMY Families,

To follow up from the Superintendent's communication sent yesterday, we want to ensure that you know what is happening as we move from face-to-face to online programming on November 30, 2020. We aim to make this a seamless transition. Teachers will be teaching from ESSMY in an effort to ensure that classes have a sense of normalcy and consistency for both students and staff.

This communication serves to provide school-wide expectations for online learning and attendance. Any clarifications or questions can be directed to your child's homeroom teacher. (Listed at the end of this message.)

ESSMY School-Wide Expectations While Learning From Home:

- **STUDENTS WILL REPORT TO THEIR BLOCK 1 (HOMEROOM) CLASS AT 7:53 EVERY MORNING.**
- **Teaching and learning will remain synchronous and will follow the current timetable. Your child's schedule is available in PowerSchool.**
- **We will continue to follow a DAY 1 / DAY 2 Schedule. This can be found in our [ESSMY school calendar](#).**
- **Options and Physical Education will continue synchronously and asynchronously or as directed by the teacher and will be embedded in the school day.**
- **These are regular school days. Students are expected to be on time with their cameras on.**
- **Attendance will be taken and students are expected to remain in the Google Meet for the duration of the lesson or as directed by the teacher.**
- **Please see our ESSMY [BELL SCHEDULE](#) for exact times. Please note that the Early Dismissal schedule will be respected on Friday, December 11, 2020.**
- **Teachers will schedule breaks during the day to help students maintain a reasonable amount of direct screen time.**
- **Students are to take all their personal belongings home on Friday, November 27th. They can take their whole blue bin, and bring it back when school resumes on January 11th, 2021.**
- **Students will access resources if needed through the school. Please contact Jennifer Saaid at jsaaid@gsacrd.ab.ca if you do not have sufficient access to technology at home or require any additional resources.**

- **Students can access our school counsellor, Tracy Delhez, via email at tdelhez@gsacrd.ab.ca .**
- **ESSMY office hours will continue to be from 7:30am - 3:00pm. You may contact us by phone at 780-459-5702.**
- **Sports Academy students will continue to work with their coaches virtually, respecting the same schedule that they normally follow. (Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday afternoons).**

We know that this is another adjustment, and we are so grateful for the flexibility shown by all our students, staff and parents. We endeavor to continue engaging our students while building relationships that we hope will last a lot longer than COVID! Please know that our school is still open, and we want to support and serve our students and families. Do not hesitate to reach out if you need any assistance - we are here for you!

Sincerely,

Cathy and Monique

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