

Principal's Update – April 1, 2020

Good evening,

Thanks for your ongoing patience. Our teachers are hard at work planning for the alternate delivery of curriculum. Teachers have started reaching out to kids already and will continue to do so this week. Students will start receiving assignments next week.

*Students need to be checking their sd43 email addresses (ie: 127-firstinitiallastname@sd43.bc.ca).

Please ask them to do so if they haven't already. If they are experiencing issues logging in, please have them contact their teachers.

Final Grades: I continue to get questions about this statement from the Minister of Education:

“Every student will receive a final mark, and all students on track to move to the next grade will do so in the Fall. For grades 10 and 11 students, graduation assessments will be postponed. Every student eligible to graduate from Grade 12 this year will graduate.”

Explanation:

Students' anxiety will hopefully be reduced knowing that if they were passing a course prior to the suspension of in-class instruction, they will not fail that course.

*Likewise, for Grade 12s, if students were in a position to graduate prior to the suspension of in-class instruction, they will graduate.

However!!!

ALL students are expected to continue their learning and complete the assignments set out by their teachers for the remainder of the semester. Students' final grades will be based on marks accumulated before Spring Break and those collected for the remainder of the courses.

So, in summary, while students' grades may go up or down, they will pass their courses if they are passing at this time. If students are not in a passing position now, they have plenty of time to improve their grades and do well in their courses! Students should see the rest of the semester as an opportunity to get engaged and work to improve their current standing in their courses. All students need to get ready to get back at it, even though things will be different. The kids that have been contacting me are definitely ready!

I hope this helps to clarify things a bit.

Report Cards:

Currently, the plan is that there will be an April report card. However, we have had to delay the process a bit while we get this new learning plan going. More details should come regarding report cards in the next couple of weeks. There will be also be the usual scheduled reporting period in June.

Lockers/Necessary Supplies:

I will be sending out an email tomorrow regarding an opportunity to pick-up items from the school next week. The focus will be on items that students feel are essential for their learning (textbooks, etc...). A system ensuring distancing and safety will be put in place.

*We will plan a full locker clean out in the future if necessary.

I know that many students and families are anxious about all the uncertainty at this stressful time. I hope that re-engaging in some school work will help your kids get settled back into some semblance of a routine. Our staff is here to support them in any way we can.

Take care,

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