



# École Charlie Killam School

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Dear ÉCKS School Families,

As many of you probably know, the Alberta Government has increased restrictions and guidelines to deal with the increase in COVID cases throughout the province. These new guidelines have impacted schools in the following ways:

- Grade 7-12 are returning to At Home learning beginning Monday, November 30th-December 18th.
- Kindergarten - Grade 6 will continue to attend classes as usual until the beginning of Christmas break on December 18th.
- The week of January 4th-8th will be At Home learning for ALL students in Kindergarten to Grade 12.
- The current plan is that students will return to in class learning on January 11th.

Please note that this will not look like it did in the Spring of 2020. It is essential to each child's learning that they keep up with their classes and stay connected to their teacher throughout the four weeks of at-home learning.

## Grade 7-8 Key Messages

- Students will continue to participate in ALL of their classes remotely.
- They will be expected to follow the same timetable that they would currently have each day.
- Students will be provided instruction, along with assessment and feedback.
- The mode of communication will be Google Tools. This will mostly include email, Google Classroom, and Google Meets.
- Teachers will be available at their assigned class times to support students. This will include direct instruction through Google Meet when required and posting assignments in Google Classroom. Students will be able to ask questions through Google Meet or emails.
- Classes will continue to be assessed. The type and frequency of assessments will be determined by the teacher of each subject.

- All students will need to have access to a device. The preference is that students will use their own whenever possible. However, if it is an absolute necessity because there is no access in the home, please email Mr. MacKenzie and he will make the arrangements for your child to borrow a device from the school. His email address is [lmackenzie@brsd.ab.ca](mailto:lmackenzie@brsd.ab.ca)
- If the connection to the internet is not available or reliable at home, paper/print materials can be available upon request for drop off and pick up at the school. Please communicate this need directly with your child's teachers.
- We are asking that students bring home all of their materials. We will do a classroom and locker cleanout prior to the break as well.
- For November 26-27, teachers and students will be continuing to work on curricular outcomes in class, but also ensuring that students are connected to Google Classroom and have an understanding of what will be expected of them in the upcoming weeks.

### **Grade 6 Key Messages**

- Gr. 6 teachers will be sending home paper packages on or before Dec. 18. The week of January 4th-8th, teachers will be at school and available to touch base with and support students/families (through email, Google Meets, phone calls, etc).

We recognize that this can be a difficult time for students and families. Staff is available to support students throughout the coming weeks. Our Family School Liaison workers (Michael Cole and Crystal Rapson) , are also available to support students or families should the need arise.

You can expect to hear from your child's teacher soon. If you have specific questions, please do not hesitate to reach out. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work through this transition and hopefully return to in-school learning.

There may be more information or changes as we continue and we will continue to keep you updated as quickly as possible.

Yours in Education,

**The ÉCKS Administration Team**

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