



NORTH SURREY

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March 27, 2020

Dear North Surrey families,

First and foremost, we hope you are well and that you are looking after yourselves and your loved ones, following the safe health protocols, practicing social distancing and creatively connecting with family. As you do so, we hope that you are able to rest, rejuvenate, and re-set as we prepare for “what’s next” with schooling this semester.

On Monday March 30th, our school will be working in a way it has never seen before. But rest assured, we are all working to facilitate the continuity of education for all of our students. The Office staff and Administrators have been focusing this week on getting everything prepared to support our staff and students. I know that our staff are gearing up for a new way of learning for their students.

One of the biggest changes will be that there will be no physical access to the building for students or parents. The staff will all be working from home, and connecting with their classes through email, Edmodo, MyBluePrint, Office 365, and many other platforms that many of us are using for the first time.

Week One Goal: Connecting to our community, Communicating first steps

Our primary goal for the first week is opening the lines of communication, and ensuring that everyone is connected. You can anticipate you will be contacted through email at least once by our staff before the end of the week. If you do not receive a contact email, it may be that we do not have the correct contact information for you. In that case, please email our school at northsurrey@surreyschools.ca and include the parent and student names with updated email addresses on Thursday of next week to establish an updated connection. If you have received this email then we have a current email address for you.

In this first week, our staff will be working to gather resources, learn new skills, connect with colleagues, consider communication tools, establish communication schedules, and determine how their classes will move forward. We are mindful that we do not want to overwhelm anyone with this new way of working. It’s going to take some adjustment, and there will be frustration and hiccups along the way. We will work to resolve any issue together that comes our way. We suggest that you take this time at home to establish a ‘school’ routine that mimics the school day, create a distraction free workspace, gather the tools you might need, and consider how you are going to share the resources you have available to you at home to do this work.



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Please access all of the information that is available to you from the District and from the Ministry of Education. We will be sending information from the school regularly with updates through our established communication channels: Twitter (@NorthSurreySec), NSSpartan App, and our website <https://www.surreyschools.ca/schools/northsurreysecondary>. All of the staff email addresses are posted on our website, and are current.

We know that there are many more things to consider, and many more questions to be answered. As we move forward in the weeks to come, we will increase our communications to you as we sort things out in regards to instruction, assessments, activities and canceled or postponed school events. Please be patient as we work through each week at a time, adjusting to the changes in our lives.

Watch for more information to come from the school and teachers next week as we begin to make the shift to learning from home.

Warm regards

D. Bedard

Principal