



ST. THOMAS MORE COLLEGIATE

HOME OF THE KNIGHTS SINCE 1960

Friday, March 13, 2020

Dear STMC Community,

Things are moving and changing quickly in relation to our approach to developing contingencies related to COVID-19. We thank you for your understanding and patience as we try to navigate in these extraordinary and unprecedented times.

Below are the KEY points we shared with our students today:

1. While we are fully planning for a return to the school on Monday, March 30th... We are – at the *very* same time – planning for a variety of contingencies... including (but not limited to) the potential of the extension of Spring Break by the MoE, the Ministry of Health, and the Fraser Health Authority.
 - The school is working on a number of contingencies that will be triggered by a variety of thresholds. This information will be shared with students and families **BEFORE** our scheduled return on March 30, 2020.

What does all of this mean this mean?

- School will continue! That teaching and learning will still continue! But we will need to move to an e-platform that will enable us to make that happen.
 - **[Google Meet: Set-Up and Instructions will be shared with students via their school emails in the event that we need to move to e-based learning.]**
 - As a result of the cleaning that will be taking place from March 13-27... students will ***not*** have access to the school during the Break...
 - We have asked students to take home **ALL** relevant materials with them today. Chromebooks... Chromebook Chargers... Textbooks and Workbooks they might need.
 - Students **NOT** in attendance today – Friday, March 13, 2020 – will be notified via a general email as to **HOW** and **WHEN** they will be able to access the school. **At this point... It will NOT be until March 30, 2020 at the earliest**
2. All classrooms and work areas will undergo an extensive cleaning of **ALL** touchpoints and hard surfaces. A separate, and more extensive cleaning will happen for ***ALL*** bathrooms and the Change Rooms. This will continue for the next six months.
 3. Email Updates to students and their families will occur over the course of the next few weeks. Please have your daughter/son access their **my.stmc.bc.ca** school email on Friday, March 27 for relevant updates.



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4. We are planning for ALL events to go ahead after we return from Spring Break... ALL of them, however will be subject to cancellation. We will simply need to take the lead from the MoE, the Ministry Health, and the Fraser Health Authority.
5. Continue to prayer for our Christian Brothers (Bros. Bassett & Cass), as well as anyone else associated with our St. Thomas More family!

Yours in Christ,

Steve Garland
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