



ST. THOMAS MORE COLLEGIATE

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Tuesday, March 31, 2020

Dear STMC Students and Parents,

Yesterday was a flurry of Google Meet sessions for our Staff as our **Phase 1** (Staff Development) plan kicked-off. We met remotely as a full-staff, and then in smaller groups and teams throughout the rest of the day, discussing plans to move from face-to-face education to a Remote Teaching & Learning platform. Lots of learning... a few neryv initial steps forward... but some very good conversations... and even a few laughs along the way. Follow-up department and team meetings continue even as I type this to you today.

Phase 2 Begins Tomorrow (April 1, 2020)

As outlined in our March 26th, 2020 email to students and families... Our students will be on-boarded starting tomorrow, **Wednesday, April 1st, 2020**. We will be kicking things off with a livestream Grade 8-12 "Virtual Assembly" at 10AM. This will followed by a livestream Grade 12 Forum at 11AM. A livestream Virtual Parent Meeting will happen tomorrow evening at 7:30PM. Full details and links to each of these are listed below.

Please be aware of the following TIMES & INSTRUCTIONS. They vary depending on your Grade Level!

Full Grade 8-12 Virtual Assembly @ 10AM

ALL students are asked to use this [Gr. 8-12 Assembly Link](#) to join a livestream full-school assembly beginning at 10 AM. Please ensure you are logged on no later than 9:55AM as our presentation will begin promptly at 10AM. We will be using this time to discuss our overall plan, and our expectations for you as students, as we move from a face-to-face to a Remote Teaching & Learning platform!

Grade12 - Grad '20 Virtual Forum @ 11AM

Our second session of the day will be dedicated to connecting specifically with our current Grade 12s to answer questions and share some updated information regarding Marks, Transcripts and Post-Secondary Admissions. We met with all of the 12s as a group on Thursday, March 12th to go over many of these items. Given what has now transpired since we last met... it's safe to say that our grads are likely now in a position to be listening a bit more closely to what is said. Please ensure you are logged onto the [Gr. 12 Forum Link](#) no later than 10:55AM as our Forum will begin promptly at 10AM.

[*This presentation will also include a Q&A. Students can pose Qs in real-time using the following link:

<https://slides.app.goo.gl/vRuaC>

Virtual Parent Meeting @ 7:30PM

We invite parents to join a livestream Parent Meeting at 7:30PM. Please ensure you are logged onto this [Parent Meeting Link](#) no later than 7:25PM as our presentation will begin promptly at 7:30PM. We will be using this time to share our overall plan and discuss our expectations for both teachers, and students as we move from a face-to-face to a Remote Teaching & Learning platform!



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[*This presentation will be recorded and posted for viewing at a later time.]

Grade 8s, 9s, & 10s – Core Competency e-Portfolio Assignment

Our Grade 8s, 9s, & 10s, will be asked to join a **Google Meet** session tomorrow afternoon to receive further instructions and details on their first assignment. A meeting connection link will be sent later.

Students will be expected to create a **Google Site** and choose 3 tasks to complete every day. You will be able to choose these tasks from a document called *The Grid!* There are a wide range of tasks to choose from, so pick whichever you're best suited for and the ones that seem fun to you.

All of the assignment details, documents, and resources will be posted on your Career Ed/Career Life Education Google Classroom. If you need more support, attending a Google Meet and connecting with a teacher will be your greatest resource.

This assignment will take the place of the Self-Assessment Project which means that this project will be assessed... so do your best!

Read through the assignment details and work through them independently in the morning!

Grade Level **Google Meet** for questions: (Meeting connection links will be sent later.)

Grade 8 @1 pm – Wednesday, April 1, 2020

Grade 9 @2 pm – Wednesday, April 1, 2020

Grade 10 @3 pm – Wednesday, April 1, 2020

Grade 11 – Capstone-Passion Project

Grade 11s are asked to check their [Career & Post-Secondary Information for 2019-2020](#) Google Classroom for instruction and details from Mr. Zimmermann regarding the 'Next-Steps' with your Capstone/Passion Projects. **This message was posted yesterday, March 30, 2020.**

Grade 11s will be working on their Capstone/Passion Project this week (April 1st-3rd). We have created Google Classrooms for all of you to enrol in. The First thing we want you to do is enrol in the following Capstone 11 Google Classrooms. **Find your teacher below and enrol in their class by Wednesday morning (9:00am, April 1st).**

Mr. Ruzycki - Classroom Code rtqsqga

Mr. DeLazzari - Classroom Code 2ulwbos

Mr. Zimmermann - Classroom Code g76oe5s

Ms. Lauang/Mrs. McClary - Classroom Code sl3y3ku

Mr. Mitchell - Classroom Code jrtebtx



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Grade 12 – Exit Interview Presentations

Grade 12s are asked to check their [Career Life Connections 12](#) Google Classroom for instructions and details from Mr. Bouwman regarding the 'Next-Steps' with your Exit Interviews & Presentation. This message was posted on March 3, 2020.

More instructions will be provided at your grade specific assembly tomorrow at 11AM.

Finally, as I have asked in each of my communiques I ask that you pray for the continued good health of our two Christian Brothers – Bros. Bassett & Cass – as well as everyone associated with our St. Thomas More family!

Yours in Christ,
Steve Garland
Principal - STMC



We are well and missing everyone! [Bros. Bassett & Cass]