



ELEMENTARY COMMUNICATION

May 15, 2020

Dear Elementary Parents,

Thank you all for your continued support and collaboration. We really appreciate all you are doing at home to help us continue the education of your children. I have some updates for you today as we move into the last stretch of our school year.

We have decided to have the last day of Interim Home Learning on **June 12**. This does not mean that on June 12 school is ended; our official last day of school will still be June 19th, but the activities and expectations for that final week will be different as there will be a number of items during the final week that we will need to do to close out our year. It will provide the teachers and students some time to finish up any remaining work that has not been completed and an opportunity for teachers to connect with individual students and close up any assessments they still need for reporting.

Our annual Elementary Awards ceremony will not be taking place. In lieu of the ceremony, we will be holding our first Virtual Grade-Level Awards Ceremony. I will have the teachers send you links for the times of those as soon as we have coordinated a schedule with all involved. They will take place during the last week of school. Your homeroom classes will also be looking to have a virtual year-end celebration with the students at some point during the last week.

Your teachers will be preparing a summer package for those of you that wish to use it. It will be similar to what we left you with for the Easter break, but it will have more grade-specific items. They will have this ready for you by June 19th. They may also be in touch individually if they think there are things specific to your child that will help for his or her transition to the next grade. As well, if your teacher is using Google Classroom, they will leave the classrooms open over the summer. If you have not been able to get through all of the lessons, would like to review, or would like to do the optional components, it will be available.

Our report cards will be finished Friday, June 19th. We will be establishing a schedule and coordinating with our secondary school for pickup that respects the physical distancing rules and minimizes trips to the school for families with multiple children. This schedule will take place the following week of June 22. I will send more specific details once we are closer to the date; we will be asking that you plan to return any of the school's items when you come to pick up the report card. This will include textbooks, library books, and technology. If you need to keep any of these items over the summer, please work with Mrs. Moya to make those arrangements. We will have any personal belongings of your child(ren) ready for you to pick up. We will also have tables set up for each of the grades filled with items for which we could not identify an owner.

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Further regarding report cards, with the change in the curriculum requirements and expectations, we are creating a new report card template that will be more responsive and authentic. We will move to a cumulative year-end report card for elementary. Not all subjects will have grades as they were noted as optional for the duration of Interim Home Learning, but we still wish to recognize the hard work that the students did. For subjects that have grades, we will place greater emphasis on how they had done in Report 1 and Report 2 and incorporate the Interim Home Learning work. We have created more comment areas so that the teachers can give an overview of what was covered during Interim Home Learning and can also note personal achievements. When we return to school, we will plan for significant diagnostic testing to understand where the children are with their learning and will develop plans accordingly.

SEUSSICAL JR VIDEO MEMORABILIA - for any family who ordered the video memorabilia for Seussical Jr., they are at the school and ready to be picked up. We will have a small table set up just outside the entrance of Bessborough Hall. Grades and times are following this paragraph. If you would prefer not to come in at this time, Mrs. Moya will place it in your report card envelope, and it will be available for you once the report cards are ready for pickup. Please note that we only have videos available for those families that pre-ordered.

Grade 4: Wednesday, May 20th from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Grade 5: Thursday, May 21st from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Grade 6: Friday, May 22nd from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

As always, I am here to facilitate, support, and collaborate with you! Please let me know if you need anything.

Sincerely in Christ,

Lori Blais
Director of Education and Formation - Elementary