



## SECONDARY COMMUNICATION

March 16, 2020

Dear Parents of Secondary Students (Grades 7 - 12),

The educational landscape in Alberta has certainly changed, with the mandated cancellation of all in-school classes. Given this reality, the teachers of Clear Water Academy have developed a plan articulated below, as a means of providing continued learning for our students.

The teachers in Secondary School want to provide stability to their students by offering an approach that resembles a normal school day as closely as possible. The normal schedule and routine of a school day will remain intact. Teachers are prepared to deliver the teaching of their respective courses at the time that they would normally do so on our Day 1 and Day 2 rotational school calendar. Teachers will be available to teach during normal working hours, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Given the different courses that we offer in our Secondary School, and the different expectations at the different levels, (for instance, Grade 11 and 12 students are still accountable for their diploma exams), it is only natural that the delivery approach of each teacher will differ. Please refer to the attached [document](#) for a listing of each teacher, the courses that they teach and the approach that they will adopt to provide continued learning. Also note, the only courses in our secondary school that will not have continued learning, are the options courses (Art, Debate and Media Studies).

Our delivery of continued learning will start on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 (which is a Day 1) and our routine will follow the school calendar that is in place, namely the Day 1 and Day 2 assignment of day (please refer to the [calendar link](#)). Each teacher will keep the Homework Website up-to-date so that you understand what is expected for each class. (Parents, should you need assistance locating the Homework Website, please contact Mrs. Wachtler at [twachtler@clearwateracademy.com](mailto:twachtler@clearwateracademy.com)).

During these unusual circumstances, it must be reiterated that this approach will require a partnership between home and school and that we will both need to refine our expectations of learning. Parents, we need your help in articulating to your son or

daughter a commitment to do the work, to continue learning and to try their best despite the challenges they face. Their teachers are here to help. Moreover, we fully recognize that this situation is fluid and our approach in the Secondary School may need to be refined. For now, we feel that it is vital to get started immediately with this approach to continued learning so that our students still feel a purpose to their day and to their education.

Should you have questions or need assistance in resolving an issue, please email the teacher of the subject that you require assistance or clarification from. I would ask that you be prudent in the frequency that you want to communicate with the teacher, as we anticipate an increase in email communication.

- Email Mrs. Wachtler (Dean of Academics for Secondary - [twachtler@clearwateracademy.com](mailto:twachtler@clearwateracademy.com)) or me personally, Mr. Darren Forrester (Head of School - [dforrester@clearwateracademy.com](mailto:dforrester@clearwateracademy.com)).
- Should you require the class schedule for your son or daughter, please refer to these PDFs: [Grade 7/8](#) | [Grade 9/10](#) | [Grade 11/12](#)

The teachers of our Secondary School remain steadfast in their desire to continue teaching as best we can given these difficult circumstances.

Blessings,  
Darren Forrester  
Head of School