



Yellowknife Catholic Schools

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Dear YCS Families:

I would like to thank you for your continued patience and understanding in regards to our planning and preparation for continued learning for our Yellowknife Catholic School students. It has been a very tumultuous and uncertain time for all of us and we are learning something new each day. As you are aware, we are following the recommendations of the CPHO and ECE and understand this new reality is significantly impacting each of our families.

Our priority is always safety first, not only physical but also emotional well-being, and we are working to connect with our students in multiple ways. We are missing them as much as they are missing us, and we are praying that our families are safe and cared for during this challenging time. We definitely did not expect, nor want, to end our school year in this manner, but as always we will make the most of the situation and move forward together. Perhaps when the dust settles we can find a way to celebrate virtually?

On April 14, 2020, learning packages will arrive for your child(ren). These packages will be either digital or physical packages. In order to continue to ensure the safety of our staff, our families and the community, we are restricting physical hard copy packages to those families that do not currently have access to online learning connectivity. Thanks to those of you who took the time to complete our survey on your Internet and technology availability. This will limit the number of deliveries, and the number of bodies, required to be out in the community.

Initial packages will focus on literacy and numeracy instruction, as directed by ECE. This will give our teachers and your child(ren) an introductory opportunity to adjust to this new way of learning. Understanding that our Continuity of Learning Plan will continue to be fluid over the next three months of learning, these packages will evolve over time as well. We will be asking for your feedback as we move forward.

If you are finding the learning packages challenging, or you are having difficulty finding the time to complete the assigned learning tasks, please reach out to your child's teacher so they can support you during this time.

If you have any additional questions or suggestions please email us at info@ycs.nt.ca and we will return your email as soon as possible.

God's Blessings,

Simone Gessler
Superintendent