



Yellowknife Catholic Schools

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Our schools, along with the department of Education, Culture and Employment and the Office of the Chief Public Health Officer (OCPHO), are continuing to work closely to provide updates and accurate information to families in a timely fashion. We appreciate their diligence and commitment to the health, wellness and safety of our students, staff and families.

As noted in the letter you received yesterday, we are following up to provide additional details on remote learning for your child(ren).

Staff at Yellowknife Catholic Schools are working today (Monday, May 3) and tomorrow (Tuesday, May 4) on the specific details of those learning plans, including identifying technology needs and ensuring necessary resources are available to support students learning at home. Plans will vary across age groups and will be mindful of developmentally appropriate expectations and tasks.

By Tuesday evening, your child's teacher will reach out to you with additional details on your child's schedule, instructions for how to connect to online learning (where appropriate), how to access "offline learning" packages, and information on accessing any resources/technology needed to support remote learning.

While there will be variations in what remote learning looks like for students, the information below provides a general description of what students and parents can expect.

Junior Kindergarten-Kindergarten

For students in Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten, the focus for learning will be on providing families with ideas that support hands-on, experiential learning through play based activities. Teachers will provide suggested activities and helpful tips to assist parents in supporting this kind of learning. Teachers will have daily online check ins with students and their families to support learning.

Grades 1 -2

For students in grades 1 -2 the primary focus will be on literacy and numeracy. Students can expect to have daily online check-ins with their teacher and short lessons that focus on essential literacy and numeracy skills. Teachers will provide additional activities and ideas for parents to support their child's continued growth in these key areas.

Where Learning Lights the Spirit

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Grades 3 -5

For students in this age range, the focus of learning will be on Mathematics, Language Arts, Social Studies and Science. Students can expect to have part of their daily learning take place online. Being mindful of developmentally appropriate approaches to remote learning, students will be provided with additional activities outside of the online learning environment that support their learning.

Grades 6 - 8

For students in Grades 6-8, the priority for learning will be the core subject areas of Mathematics, Language Arts, Social Studies and Science. Students can expect 2-3 hours of online learning per day with additional activities to be done independently to support ongoing learning.

Grades 9 - 12

Students in Grades 9-12 will be moving to full-time online learning. The goal for remote learning for this age group is to minimize disruption to their regularly scheduled classes.

If your child(ren) requires a device or internet access, please contact your child's school. Chromebooks and turbo sticks are available to ensure all students have the resources needed to participate in remote learning.

Yellowknife Catholic Schools appreciates your understanding and patience as we quickly pivot to remote learning for students. Please connect with your child's teacher or school principal if you have any questions. We will continue to provide updates and additional information as they become available.

God's Blessings,



Simone Gessler

Superintendent