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Dear Parents and Students:

Yesterday, our Superintendent Kathleen Finnigan shared a letter with you outlining the new guidelines as implemented by Premier Jason Kenney. Below we would like to share how these guidelines impact Notre Dame students and how we will continue to support your child through the transition to at home learning.

Beginning Monday, November 30th, students will participate in at home learning which will mirror their regular school day, except the students will be in their homes rather than in the school. Students will follow their timetable, signing into each of their classes through Google Meet, with their cameras on, to receive instruction from their teachers. Students will be given time within each block to complete their work and ask for help. The new guidelines require high school students to devote a minimum of 6 hours per week toward a 5 credit class and a minimum of 3 hours per week toward a 3 credit class. As consistency and engagement are essential for success, attendance will be taken each block and entered into Powerschool. Parents will still be required to call into the attendance line to excuse your child from their class due to illness or an appointment.

Please note that unlike this past March, students will be assessed on all assignments until the end of the semester. With only 14 school days until Christmas break, it is imperative that the learning continues and deadlines are adhered to. Even if students are passing at this point, there is still the possibility of failing the class if they do not engage or show understanding of their work, which may jeopardize their graduation requirements.

We understand that at home learning may provide challenges for students. Setting up a suitable workspace, building a daily routine, asking for support when needed and staying connected with their teachers and classmates will all help set your child up for success. Be sure to stay connected to the school through Instagram, Facebook and our website for any updates and activities happening virtually.

Thank you for your continued support as we journey through these unprecedented times. We are here to help support you and your child in any way possible.

Stay safe and God bless,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Rose McQuay'.

Rose McQuay

God is our Power, Knowledge is our Strength