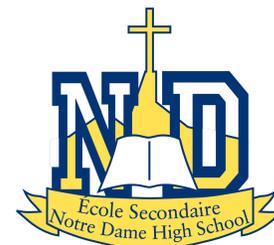


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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Happy New Year everyone! As per Premier Kenney's announcement this week, we are eagerly preparing for our students' return to Notre Dame on Monday morning. We would like to take this opportunity to give a heartfelt thank you to our students, staff, and parents for your incredible commitment to at-home learning from November 30th until today. From stakeholder feedback, we believe that it has been important to keep routines and learning consistent even though the students were not able to be in the building.

As of Monday, January 11th, all instruction for students attending Notre Dame will be delivered in class. However, students who may need to remain home because they are symptomatic, in self-isolation, or for personal reasons, will be able to access classroom materials through Google Classroom. This is a continuation of what has been in place prior to moving to at-home learning. With only 13 instructional days left in the semester, it is imperative that students continue with academic rigour to be successful. As we shared on November 30th, students will not automatically receive credit for classes in which they are enrolled (as was the case in the spring); they will need to pass their classes in order to receive credit and remain on track for graduation.

At this time, we would also like to remind everyone of the COVID-19 protocols in school. We will be following the same enhanced safety procedures that students practiced prior to at home learning:

- Parents are required [to screen their children](#) in the morning before sending them to school. Any child experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 must be kept home and safety protocols followed.
- Hand washing/sanitizing is mandatory upon entering the school. Masks are to be worn when students are not able to social distance. Students were provided with 2 masks at the beginning of the year and are asked to bring these to school each day.
- During breaks and lunch time, students must wear masks unless eating - at which time they must be socially distanced. We ask that students do not gather in groups where possible.
- To limit the number of people in the building, parents are asked to please contact the school prior to entering.
- We are concerned that outside interactions could negatively impact our daily school operations. To limit the spread of the virus, we ask that you review COVID-19 best practices as outlined by Alberta Health Services that have allowed our schools to remain open. These include the need to cohort and social distance. [AHS: Gatherings and cohorts](#)

Thank you for all that you have done to date. Continue to keep yourselves and your families safe.

God bless,

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

Rose McQuay, Principal  
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God is our Power, Knowledge is our Strength