



Saint Charles  
Catholic School

## Principal's Weekly Update - May 1st, 2020

*To you O Lord I lift up my soul, O My God, in you I trust. Psalm 25:1-2*

Happy Friday, and welcome to a brand new month! April was definitely a challenging month for all of us, and now we enter the month of our Blessed Virgin Mother Mary. Mary had such great patience, strength, and trust in God. She was a wonderful role model! I'm sure that we are all looking forward to some of the changes that are happening in our bigger community this month, but at the same time, maybe feeling somewhat apprehensive about them too.

This week I have again included the time commitments/expectations from the government for you, just in case you missed it last week.

### Time Commitments/Expectations

In looking at planning for remote learning, we recognize that it isn't sustainable for parents, particularly those with younger children or still working, to maintain a school day schedule. With that in mind, the province has set minimum expectations for learning time as follows:

Grade	Academic Time
Kindergarten-Grade 4	5 hours/week
Grade 5-8	10 hours/week

**This learning time will be a combination of on-line opportunities (whole group, small group or individual conferences), independent assignments and parent supported work. This should not all be screen time.**

**These times are the minimum expectations.**

This week, aside from my regular teleconferences and meetings, I was lucky enough to be included on the Gr. 2 and Gr. 3 classroom Zoom meetings! It was wonderful to see so many of the students and hear what they have been doing, and things that they will be doing academically going forward. One of my goals over the next two weeks, will be to participate in at least one classroom meeting with each class. That will be the best part of my week!

**PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

Next week, Parent Teacher Interviews will be scheduled from 1:00-7:00pm on **May 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>**.

Please use the link below to sign up for a time to speak with your child's teacher. Middle Years teachers will be doing the interviews for their homeroom classes only. The purpose of these conferences are to allow your child's teacher to discuss academics, assessment, and the social/emotional well-being of your child. Please note that all teachers will be using their phones to do the interviews with you. Therefore, please answer at your scheduled time, as you may see an "unknown" number pop up on your phone. Please also be respectful of the interview time, as teachers will be maintaining a steady schedule of phone calls both days. Music, French, and Phys. Ed. teachers will also be available for phone interviews if you wish to speak with them.

**Please note: Teachers have no information on school reopening, classroom placement, or teacher assignments at this time.**

**[VIRTUAL PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS LINK](#)**

### **SPORTS AWARDS APPLICATIONS**

**Sports Awards Applications** have been "tweaked" due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and are on our website for Grs. 4-8. For easier navigation on our website, please go to the Quick Links tab, and you will see the Awards link there.

**Deadline for applications:** Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to [tnarynski@stccs.ca](mailto:tnarynski@stccs.ca)

### **SPECIAL VIDEO MESSAGE FOR ALL SCCS FAMILIES**

You will receive a special link today to view a special attachment for all SCCS families. Please take time to check it out! 😊 The staff really enjoyed this project and are looking forward to sharing it with all of you!

### **MANITOBA OF FEDERATION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS (MFIS) ATTACHMENT**

Please see the attachment below from the MFIS Executive Director sent out today to share with our school communities.

Dear MFIS Member Schools,

As we continue during this extraordinary time in education, the Board of Directors of the Manitoba Federation of Independent Schools (MFIS), would like to sincerely thank everyone for helping transition to remote or at home learning. Our 51 member schools continue to lead each student's assessment and learning in new and creative ways.

Thank you very much to the Administrators/Principals for their leadership in a time when thoughtful planning or process was not at their disposal. Thank you to the teachers who shifted their paradigms in the development, delivery, and assessment of educational materials in a truly short time frame, at the start.

Thank you to the educational assistants, office personnel, custodial staff, bus drivers and other support staff who performed additional tasks to help with the transition.

Thank you to our member schools' Board of Directors who, along with their respective administrators, are navigating through this unexpected and crucial moment in their school communities.

A special gratitude is being extended to the parents and/or guardians who have taken on a different type of responsibility to support their child(ren)'s studies. This is not an easy task when there are mounting pressures and stress that need to be balanced with this pandemic.

To our students, your resilience during this vastly different time in your learning journey, is worthy of praise!

The strength of MFIS as an organization stems from the commitment and dedication of the individual member schools to provide continued excellence in educating our children even in this new learning environment.

The MFIS Board of Directors and Office Staff continue to be present to you during this time of uncertainty. We all look forward to a time when we can once again, open our school doors for our children!

Peace to all,

Teresita Chiarella

Executive Director

Manitoba Federation of Independent Schools

*Wishing you all a lovely weekend. I continue to keep you all in my prayers, and hope that you remain safe and healthy.*

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