



St. Martin de Porres

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School

May 5, 2021

Dear Parents;

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our St. Martin de Porres families for their continued support this school year. We recognize that this school year has had moments of uncertainty and that the rising community COVID-19 cases have caused some concern for many of our families. Each one of you has shown your St. Martin de Porres community, trust and grace, during this time and it has been very appreciated.

As we process the guidelines presented by our provincial government on May 4, 2021 informing us that all schools will be closed to in-person learning until May 25, we are preparing for the shift to at home learning once again. Please note that May 7th and May 21 remain Professional Development days. Classroom teachers will be in contact with you in regards to how to access learning for the two week time frame.

Planning for the two week period will follow the following guidelines:

- **Kindergarten – Grade 3**
 - focus on language arts and mathematics learning outcomes
 - incorporate wellness
- **Grades 4-5**
 - focus on language and mathematics learning outcomes
 - incorporate science, social studies and wellness

There will be asynchronous learning opportunities (posting on google site or google classrooms) as well as daily synchronous learning opportunities via google meet. Your child's teacher will connect with you with the plan/ slidedeck for the week.

Please note that if your family requires a school-owned chromebook we ask that you contact your child's classroom teacher to make arrangements to have a device and charger sent home. Teachers need this information no later than 12:00 pm on Thursday, May 6th in order to get the devices ready. We do not have enough chromebooks for every student and therefore request that families with more than one child request a chromebook from their oldest child's teacher. If you borrow a chromebook the following guidelines will apply:

I am agreeing to borrow a division-owned device for educational purposes and the user of the device will be a Red Deer Catholic student. I understand the device will be signed out to the

student's name and I will return the device and charger once in-school classes resume or when asked. I also understand I am responsible for any damages or lost property, and all data and browsing history will be tracked and accessible to administration if required.

We are thankful that while we will be supporting our students' learning remotely during this week, we will continue to remain connected with them through the use of technology. Please ensure you check your child's weekly slidedeck to access important learning information for the week, as well as a faith focus and mental health focus from our Faith Coach and our counselling team.

Please feel free to contact Mme de Champlain, our administrative assistants in the office, or your child's teacher should you require any support. We are hoping to make this transition to online learning as smooth as possible. We are hopeful that we will be able to safely return to school on May 25, that our community COVID numbers will start decreasing, and that the end of the pandemic may soon be upon us.

Yours in Christ,

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Mme de Champlain
Principal