



East Central Alberta Catholic Separate School Division
Serving the Communities of Castor, Provost, Vermilion, Wainwright, Stettler

Date: May 5, 2021

Good Afternoon Parents and Guardians

RE: Return To At-Home Learning

On Tuesday, May 4, the Alberta Government announced that all **Kindergarten to Grade 12** students across the province will now temporarily shift to at-home learning **beginning Friday, May 7**, with a **return to in-school learning on Tuesday, May 25**.

As you know, schools in Alberta have experienced a shortage of substitute teachers, rising numbers of students and staff in quarantine or isolation, and increased community spread – which is reflected in the increasing number of cases in schools. The temporary shift to at-home learning is a critical part of a "reset" in which the spread of COVID-19 can be limited while providing our health care system time to address the demanding pressures that are the current reality.

As educators, we fully realize the weight of this decision upon your personal and family routines and schedules. We will do all that we can to maintain a strong line of communication with our students and parent community while providing meaningful, flexible learning activities.

We are committed to providing timely updates to all our stakeholders as the information becomes available. School administration and teachers will be sending out updates regarding lesson delivery and assessment practices over the next couple of days. Thank you in advance for your support and resiliency as we adapt to the ever-changing COVID-19 pandemic. If you have any questions concerning at-home learning, please feel free to contact your school administration or teacher for more detailed information.

We are all in this together, and together we will overcome the challenges that the pandemic has created. We are looking forward to everyone's return to face-to-face instruction on May 25. Please note, our School of Hope parents and guardians, programming will continue as normal. May God bless you and keep you in His loving protection.

Sincerely yours,

Glenn Nowosad

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Superintendent

*Together, we
live our faith
and engage
in lifelong
learning.*