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SCHOOL UPDATE

May 1st, 2020

At Collège Garden City Collegiate, we understand that students and families require support and current information as the school year progresses in our current remote learning environment. In addition, we continue to develop remote classrooms that are meaningful and support the needs of all our students and their unique circumstances.

Our ongoing work is guided by the **Manitoba Education K – 12 Response Plan during Covid 19:**

Learning and assessment will continue for all students.

No student will be held back due to the pandemic. Students on track to graduate will graduate

Families, schools, school divisions, educational partners and Manitoba Education are working together to ensure student achievement and success, and are planning for individual student needs and circumstances as needed.

Resources will be redirected to ensure that students actively engage in learning during the suspension of learning.

The plan is future oriented. Efforts are forward looking both to reopening classrooms and planning for a variety of recovery learning needs in the fall.

How long will classes be suspended?

Our most current information is that classes are suspended for the remainder of this school year. We are currently planning for a September reopening.

Student Schedules

When it comes to daily schedules, we have planned and will continue to plan with flexibility in mind. While we recommend that students follow their typical timetable, we understand that this simply is not possible for many of our families who now have emerging demands on technology along with many other unforeseen obstacles. As a result, our approach will allow students to access learning throughout the day and week at times that work for them.

Learning Plans

Our teachers are currently working on learning plans for the month of May and June and will distribute them to parents by Monday, May 4th. These plans will include:

- Teacher Contact Information
- Areas of Curricular Focus
- Electronic platforms used and Teaching/Learning Strategies
- Assessment Tools

*Note that the minimum suggested learning time per full course is 3 hours per week and 1.5hrs per week for half course or courses that run every second day.

Attendance

Teachers will now take attendance every Friday. Students who have been in contact (by email, text, google classroom, or phone) and/or have handed in course assignments will be marked present. Students who have not been in contact and have not handed in course assignments will be marked absent.

Final Report Cards – June 30, 2020

All Manitoba students will receive, at minimum, the grades they achieved at the time of suspension of classes (baseline), but they will be required to engage in remote learning. Students will have the opportunity to increase marks.

It is true that students can't receive a mark that is lower than their baseline, but what is more important is that they engage in intellectual pursuits, set goals for learning, reflect on progress, and subsequently develop the skills and attitudes that will assist them both next fall and in the years to come. Additionally, students who do not engage in remote learning may be required to undertake recovery learning so that they are able to start the next school year in a position of strength.

Summer School

Given the current restrictions from the Government of Manitoba, our aim is to offer summer school in August. More information to follow as it becomes available to us.

Locker Clean Out

Locker clean out will begin Monday, May 4th with a specific schedule and strict social distance measures in place. Please visit our website under Publications for further details.

Scholarships – Class of 2020

We plan to recognize Scholarship recipients in late June, prior to fall convocation, so that students are able to access the financial award in preparation for the fall of 2020.

New Convocation and Dinner & Dance Date

Due to scheduling conflicts beyond our control, we have had to revise Convocation and

Dinner & Dance dates. They are as follows:

Convocation	Friday, October 23 rd , 7pm	RBC Convention Centre
Dinner & Dance	Saturday, October 24 th , 6pm	RBC Convention Centre

For further information on Grad 2020, please visit our website and explore the [Graduation](#) tab. Information will become available shortly and will be updated as necessary. Check back soon.

Ongoing Communication

Given our new reality, a sudden move from face to face learning to distance learning, we understand that you may have questions related to your child's learning or just need clarification so that you are in the best possible position to offer meaningful support. Please feel free to contact our teachers or administration by email or phone at 204-339-2058. [All staff emails](#) are available on our website under the [About Us](#) tab. Thank you for your patience as we respond to the significant increase in phone calls and emails.

Parent Survey

Thank you to those who participated in our recent survey. This information will assist us in our ongoing work with families and students.

Looking to connect with our Guidance team?

Our school guidance team have and continue to reach out to families. The team is available by email or by calling the school. For resources on mental health, scholarship or grad information please refer to our counsellor's webpage located under the [Programs](#) tab on our website.

Library Books

Students are asked to return all library books unless they need them for current course work. Books can be returned to the containers labeled, Library Returns, at the front door. Staff will be on hand to assist.

We miss our students and look forward to the day that they are back in school! On behalf of the staff of Garden City, stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely,



Tony Kreml
Principal
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