

Hello all Argyle Families,

Thank you for your continued patience as we adjust to this new learning environment. As noted in recent district communication, the first part of this week was for staff to connect, work through updates from the Ministry and District, activate new platforms for connecting with students and organizing resources and planning for the continuation of learning. Staff are currently restricted from entering the school so we are meeting over virtual platforms.

Here are a few items you can expect over the next 48 hours:

1. You will be receiving contact from your child(ren)'s teachers via the emails we have in our student information system (MyEd). Teachers will be including some general information on how they will provide continuation of learning and opportunities for students to connect. Many teachers will be implementing online platforms such as **Microsoft (MS) Teams**, **OneNote** or **MyBluePrint** to continue the work your children have been doing all year long. Some teachers have already created classes in MS Teams and you may have received class "Join Codes" for your children. More information on MS Teams is forthcoming.
2. **MS Teams** is a new platform for most teachers and students. We have created a basic quick guide for students to access MS Teams and then join classes. The PDF document, "**Quick Guide for Students for Microsoft Teams**" is now available on the school website under the '**Students**' menu. Additionally, many teachers may have included this guide in their emails to families. Students can access MS Teams from any laptop or device. The preferred browser is "Chrome"; students will need to download the App for use on a smart device, tablet or phone. Students access Office365 and MS Teams from the portal; their login credentials are the ones they use for computers in the school. [Quick Guide for Students for Microsoft Teams.pdf](#)
3. School Access: we are in the process of creating a schedule for students to retrieve *essential supplies from their lockers to support their learning*. Access must be highly controlled as we are required to follow very prescriptive protocols for maintaining a clean and safe environment. We will be forwarding a schedule of times that students will be able to access their lockers on Monday. Students will be organized by Alpha last name and will only be allowed access during their designated time. Specifics will follow in an email tomorrow but it is critical that students who do come to the school to collect materials follow appropriate physical distancing protocols. Students who do not follow these protocols will be prohibited from entering the building. We appreciate your assistance in emphasizing the need for proper social/physical distancing and limited contact with each other and the school.
4. Further details on the Secondary Educational Continuity Plan including information on assessment, complex and vulnerable students, and the home-school partnership will be provided in tomorrow's email.

Tomorrow's email will have further details, however we felt it was important to get the MS Teams Quick Guide for Students out to families as we know many have started receiving "Join Codes". We thank-you for your continued patience, kindness and respect.

Sincerely,

Kim Jonat, Principal

Caren Hall, Vice Principal

John Crowley, Vice Principal