



EVER CREEK SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Ever Creek Students and Parents/Guardians,

The last few weeks have certainly been a time of incredible change and learning for all members of our community. Most importantly, I hope that all members of our Cougar family are staying safe and are in good health. Through the hard work and commitment of our teachers and support staff we have been able to connect with every family in our school community. The important work of connecting with families and identifying those students (and families) in need of additional supports is ongoing. As always, please reach out if there is something we can do to support!

Continuity of Learning

Most learning for Ever Creek students is asynchronous¹ and will enable students and families to engage when it works best for them. We do feel it is important to have a schedule of ongoing check-ins and communication to provide students and families with a basic structure of communication that they can rely on. Staff will be planning any synchronous learning opportunities during the regularly scheduled class time (ex. Virtual instruction, small group sharing, 1-1 support).

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Blk A – Morning check-in	Blk C – Morning check-in	Blk B – Morning check-in	Blk D – Morning check-in	TAG – Morning check-in
Block order A B C D	Block order C D A B	Block order B A D C	Block order D C B A	Block order rotates as per our school calendar

By now, teachers have resumed instruction in all classes with a focus on students’ learning the Big Ideas identified in the provincial curriculum that they will need to move forward in their learning. The shift to remote learning with a reliance on technology and web-based platforms has been challenging for our system and many of our staff members, I also recognize this has been difficult for many students and families. I am extremely proud of ALL members of our school community for your commitment and patience as we learn together. Please continue to patient with yourselves and each other!

Ongoing, Regular Student Connection

One of the expectations that we have for students is a required check-in with each of their teachers at a minimum once per week. This check-in can occur in the form of replying back to an email, completing and submitting an assignment, checking in with a teacher virtually, or through another form of direct connection. We are asking teachers to document these connections and if after a week the student and teacher have not connected, the teacher will send the parents an email to check that the student is safe and see why they missed checking in for the week. If you get one of these emails, please reply to the teacher as soon as possible. We want to ensure that students are safe, engaged in their learning, connecting with their teachers, and having their learning needs met. For all of this to work well, regular communication is required.

Course Marks

The Ministry of Education clarified earlier statements with regards course completion and final marks.

- Students are expected to continue their learning for each course they are enrolled in and to complete assignments set out by their teachers to finish their courses.
- Sufficient learning will be determined by teachers using their professional judgement.
- All students will receive a final grade for each course.
- Final grade determined by:
 - Work completed to date &
 - Assessment of learning that will occur over the coming months.
 - Teachers will consider those students whose learning needs or circumstances may require unique approaches to assessment.

¹ **Asynchronous learning** is the idea that students learn the same material at different times and locations.



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If you have an immediate concern about your child's ability to complete their courses, please email the teacher directly or your child's counsellor.

As always, our goal is to enable our learners to reach their full potential. We encourage students to continue to engage in their learning, to complete all assigned work, to do their best despite the challenges, and to reach out for help when they need it. We are all in this together!

Additional Supports

The impact of the COVID-19 situation has impacted families in a variety of ways. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your student's counsellor if your family requires support. We are able to help in many ways or direct you to where your family can be supported.

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Summer School

No decision has been made regarding Summer School. If you were relying on summer school for upgrading or completion, please monitor www.surreysummer.ca for updates.

Online safety

Given the need for students to be engaging with the school online, it is an important time for all of us to be vigilant about online safety. Below are some resources for parents as you engage with your children on this critical topic.

<https://www.cybertip.ca/app/en/signup>
<https://protectkidsonline.ca/app/en/>

I would like to remind families to access the online resources on the Surrey School District website which has a number of excellent resources and regular updates.

www.surreyschools.ca

Given the most recent comments from the provincial health officer about a possible return to school for some students this year, we have started to look at what this may possibly look like. There are many unknowns at this point and I will endeavor to continue to update students and families through our website and through direct email. In this very unusual time, we need to stay connected and continue to communicate with one another. The learning opportunities will not be seamless and we will learn and adapt to meet the needs of our students as we move forward. Thank you to the Enver Creek families for supporting their students and our school community. Together, we will persevere.

As always, please reach out directly if you have any questions or concerns.

Regards

Mike Kilpatrick
Principal