



EVER CREEK SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Students & Parents/Guardians,

I would like to start by thanking all of you for your patience and understanding as the staff at Ever Creek came together to plan for how we will support all of our Ever Creek students during these challenging times. I know the first week back was very different for students and families. We are all adjusting to a new reality and the inability to see and connect in person with friends, family, and teachers/students is undoubtedly difficult.

At Ever Creek, we have been focused on connecting all of our students with our staff to ensure they know they are missed and that we are planning for their learning and well-being. TAG teachers reached out to all of their students last Tuesday and Wednesday which was followed by initial contact from classroom teachers to all learners. We also have our Student Support department, counsellors, and support staff reaching out to students on their caseloads to ensure their needs are being met. **If you have not heard from anyone at Ever Creek yet, I would like you to email me directly and we will follow up with you ASAP.**

During this week you will receive a number of communications from the Ever Creek office or from teachers directly. Some of these contacts will be by phone and will come from blocked numbers, please ensure for the time being that you answer all of these calls.

Student access to the building is still restricted. Our office will be communicating out today with a plan on how students will be able to retrieve essential items from the school. For those families that have indicated that they have no technology at home for students to utilize, we will be contacting our highest priority/greatest need families directly this week.

What you can expect this week

Every morning, first block teachers will contact their classes (typically by email) to connect and check in. These ongoing connections and communication are extremely important to help provide students with the structure and routine that will allow them to be successful.

Teachers will start slowly in most cases with one or two activities that will develop ongoing communication processes for individual classes. This communication will include a general schedule of how the class will be organized moving forward as of right now.

Our staff is aware that most parents are not qualified teachers and we aren't moving forward with the belief that parents will be taking on this role. We appreciate your support and we are going to endeavor to put structures in place to make students as self-sufficient as possible. Content will be reduced from what would normally be covered in school with teachers focusing on the "Big Ideas" in courses that are necessary for students as they move forward. Ongoing communication, support and instruction from teachers will ensure students don't feel alone in their learning.



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I know this letter leaves many important questions unanswered including questions about graduation, graduation events, final marks, summer school etc.. These important questions are at the forefront of our minds and we are working towards answers on these with our partners the Ministry of Education, Surrey School District, and the BC Centre for Disease Control. I will communicate out directly as soon as more information is available.

I encourage you to read the Ministry of Education's Frequently Asked Questions on Continuity of Learning as this provide answers to many of the questions you are likely to have.

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/safe-caring-orderly/bc-ministry-of-education-questions-and-answers-continuity-of-learning-k-12-education_system.pdf

Also, please check your email regularly, and visit our website for updates

<https://www.surreyschools.ca/schools/envercreek/Pages/default.aspx>.

If you have specific questions or concerns remaining, please reach out to me directly kilpatrick_m@surreyschools.ca.

Thank you again for your continued patience and understanding. Please stay healthy and safe.

Regards

Mike Kilpatrick
Principal