



Killarney Secondary School

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Dear Killarney Families:

I hope you and your family are doing well. This has been a busy week with classes finishing their last full week before the end of Quarter 2. In addition, grade 10 students have been writing the Provincial Numeracy Assessment. With January in the rear-view mirror, we have reached the mid-point of the 2020-21 school year.

Start of Quarter 3

Quarter 3 will begin on February 4th. Most students will start 2 new 10-week courses. These courses will alternate weekly between face-to-face and remote instruction. Students and parents can view the timetable for Quarter 3 in the MyEducation Family portal. [Q3 Rotation Information](#)

Refinements to the Quarter 3 Schedule

After considering feedback from students, families, and staff, as well as data about student achievement and attendance, the District is refining the Quarter 3 schedule. All schools will move to a weekly rotation between face-to-face classes and remote online instruction. Killarney was already doing this as one of 7 schools piloting this for Quarter 2. In addition, Grade 8 students will be required to attend their remote class in person during Flex time twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays [Q3 Changes - Grade 8 Students](#). Also, all students in grades 8-12 will receive 3 interactive lessons per week during remote instruction. Examples include in-person learning, synchronous lessons where student and staff schedules allow, recorded lesson for students to access, moderated group discussion, and scheduled small group tutorials. One of the three interactive learning opportunities will involve social interaction between students.

What Can Be Done to Minimize Covid-19 Risk at School?

During this pandemic, the actions of the collective are more important than ever. Some key steps to minimize risk include the following:

- Ensure that the Daily Health Assessment [Daily Health Assessment](#) for your child is done regularly prior to sending them to school. **Students cannot come to school if they are sick** as they risk making others unwell. Seek a medical assessment if you are sick, and follow the guidance given to you.
- Wear a mask in common spaces like hallways and in classrooms to help limit the spread of the virus.
- Follow hand washing/sanitizing protocols at the start of class and at the end of class.
- Maintain physical distancing inside the school and especially outside the school when meeting friends outside of class time.
- Limit the size and frequency of social gatherings as per current health guidelines.
- Stick with the precautions you are taking! Fight the fatigue of today to ensure a brighter future for all.

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Numeracy Assessment for Grade 10's

The Grade 10 Provincial Numeracy Assessment assesses student proficiency in numeracy. It is a graduation requirement and students take the assessment in their Grade 10 year. It focuses on the application of mathematical concepts learned across multiple subjects from kindergarten to Grade 10. It requires students to solve problems by using five numeracy processes (different ways of thinking and working): interpret, apply, solve, analyze and communicate. Grade 10's, along with any grade 11's or 12's who have not yet completed this assessment, did the assessment online in a school computer lab January 25-29. To avoid using face-to-face class time, students wrote the exam during the morning or afternoon that is free for remote instruction.

Quarter 2 Final Report Card

The Quarter 2 final report card will be published on the MyEducation Family Portal on February 16th by 3:00 pm. Please review the results with your child and use it as an opportunity to discuss progress with learning. Any questions or concerns can be directed to the subject teacher, the grade counsellor, or the grade administrator.

Course Planning for 2021-22

Course planning will begin February 1st for students in grades 8-11. Counsellors will provide directions, resources, deadlines, and support through Teams. As a result, it will be important for students to carefully monitor activity in their grade-wide Team up until Spring break. Students and parents can find the 2021-22 Course Planning Guide and Course Electives videos on the school website [Course Planning Guide](#).

Cross-Boundary Applications

The District's online cross-boundary application process form will be open February 1-26. Applications are submitted online. The form can be accessed at [Cross Boundary Registration](#). Applications are organized according to the following priorities for secondary: Priority 1- non-catchment students with siblings attending the school; Priority 2-non-catchment; Priority 3-Non-District Student. The District advises the school about the number of Grade 8 cross-boundary students that can be accepted and provides a number list for schools to follow when issuing placement offers. A lottery is used if the number of applicants exceeds available spaces.

Snow Closures Information

The VSB communicates school closure information to media outlets by 6:00 am. In addition, parents are advised to check the VSB website for the latest updates on school closures resulting from heavy snowfall. Parents should not call media outlets directly. More information can be found on the Killarney website. [Snow Closure Notifications](#)

Contact the School

Please contact the teacher, the counsellor, or the grade administrator if you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress with learning. This letter and my previous bi-weekly letters are posted under the Important Updates section of the Killarney website.

Sincerely,



Kal Gill, Principal