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Dear parents/guardians,

Our teachers have been busy fine-tuning our online learning plans for each class. This year, will be different from the last online learning experience. This time, teachers will be providing large group instruction via google meet (3/4 and 5/6) or seesaw (p/1, 1/2). The expectation is every student should attend the live group sessions and do the assigned weekly work. Teachers will be recording attendance. If your child has any concerns or challenges about attending the sessions or doing the work, please reach out to the classroom teacher first.

Music, Physed , French and Band will also be providing large group instruction periods. **Brief class schedules will be attached to this email.** This will give you an overall idea about online times for your child(ren). However, it **does not** include small group session times which your teacher will share tomorrow.

As a staff we tried very hard not to have large group instruction sessions overlapping with another grade level instruction period to accommodate families and their devices. However, please remember this is a work in progress and some timeslots might have to be altered.

Teachers will continue with assessments to inform them on student learning/progress. Assessments given out during this at-home learning period **WILL** count towards students’ final grade for third term. It is imperative that students complete all work assigned during the at-home learning period.

The success of your child is of the upmost importance to us. Here is what you can do to help this process:

1. Have a defined space for schoolwork with the supplies they might need.
2. Make sure your devices are working. If you have a chrome book make sure you have set it to your own WIFI at home as right now it is probably on the schools.
3. Headphones are a great thing to have to get rid of background noise.
4. Talk to your child about the expectations of large group instruction and small group instruction. Staying focused on the person speaking and listening.
5. Should enter all google meets with mic off. Video on.

Lastly, the mental health of your child(ren) and your mental health is very important. Let the kids play and get outside. Please remember to use school devices for educational purposes only. Here is hoping that we soon have this pandemic behind us and that we get back to being together again.

“Together we make a difference”

Sincerely,

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