

Dec. 14, 2020

Re: Changes to Grade 10 – 12 Schedule in Restricted Level Orange and Semester Two and Semester One Final Assessments

To parents/guardians of students in grade 10 - 12

Last week, Manitoba Public Health announced that on January 4, 2021, Hanover School Division will move from Restricted Level Red to Restricted Level Orange. However, Manitoba Education has announced that for the two-week period of January 4 to 15, students in grade 7 to 12 will be in remote learning. This means that our school will continue in the format that we are currently in where students are attending class every day from home via Google Classroom and Google Meet. On Monday, January 18, Landmark Collegiate students will return to school.

While there may have been some challenges to students attending remotely every day, I want to commend students and families for their effort and fantastic participation. Students have been highly engaged and attendance has actually increased. Teachers and EA's have learned some fantastic new ways to engage students while they were at home learning.

We are going to make a significant change in scheduling classes for students in grade 10 -12 once we move back to Restricted Level Orange (starting on Jan. 18).

- Students will be attending their classes every day, but physically in school two days a week.
 - Track A students will attend school Mondays and Thursdays
 - Track B students will attend school on Tuesdays and Fridays.
 - On the at-home days, students will be attending class via Google Classroom and Google Meet.
 - On Wednesdays, all students will be at home but attend class via Google Meet.
 - Band and Art will be on Mondays and Thursdays. They will also meet for 30 min on Wednesdays from 12:20 – 12:50
 - French and Choir will be on Tuesdays and Fridays. They will also meet for 30 min on Wednesdays from 12:50 to 1:20
 - Grade 10 Phys. Ed. – Students will not attend online while at home.
 - Grade 11 Phys. Ed. Students will attend online only for the health portion of their course. In grade 11 (and 12) students may choose to do some of the physical activity of their course at home or at school. Hours done at home are tracked by students and verified by parents. Mr. Giesbrecht will provide all the details in the first week of classes.
 - Student attendance will be taken every day regardless if they are in school or at home.
 - Track groupings will remain the same.
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The format we started with in September did not accomplish as much as we hoped. Students found it difficult to complete work on their off days and teachers found it difficult to complete the course as outlined in provincial curriculums. Having students attend everyday will help students stay in a routine of learning and will help teachers better pace their courses. This new format will allow students to interact academically with more of their peers thus allowing them to learn better. Teachers have also learned some of the tools and programs that would make this format more possible.

Final Assessments for Semester One

All provincial exams have been cancelled for semester one. In addition, we will not have a formal final assessment week. Teachers may still choose to do some final projects in the final weeks as they always have done, but there will not be any formal exams. This time will be used by teachers to complete courses and help students with their learning. The last day of regular classes will be on Tuesday, Feb. 2. There will not be any classes on Wednesday, Feb 3 and Thursday, Feb. 4. These days will be used by teachers to support those students who are at risk or get further evidence of student learning from selected students. Only students who have been invited back to school by their teachers need to attend on these two days.

Friday, Feb. 5 is a Professional Learning day for all HSD staff. Monday Feb. 8 is the first day of the second semester.

I want to again thank all students, parents/guardians and Landmark Collegiate staff who have work so hard through all the various changes. I wish you all a well-deserved relaxing and restful Christmas Holiday.

If you have any questions, please call me at the school.

Sincerely,



Greg Sawatzky
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