

April 21, 2021

**RE: Short Term Operational Shift at St. Gregory the Great School from Grade 6 - Grade 9.**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are writing to inform you that as of Thursday, April 22, 2021, all middle school students (Grade 6 - Grade 9) at St. Gregory the Great School will be learning at home until April 30, 2021. This shift is due to the number of staff members who have been placed into quarantine. As we, Red Deer Catholic School Division, experienced a substitute shortage, we quickly recognized that we needed alternative learning to be put into place. Therefore the Grade 6 - Grade 9 students at St. Gregory the Great School from April 22, 2021, to April 30, 2021 will be learning online. Returning to in person learning Monday, May 3, 2021.

We remind parents/guardians and staff to continue monitoring for any signs or symptoms of COVID-19 as part of their routine daily practice. The Alberta Health daily checklist can be found [here](#).

As a reminder, if you/your child has any of the symptoms of illness listed on the Alberta Health daily checklist, please fill out the online [Alberta Health Services COVID-19 self-assessment](#) or call Health Link at 811 and stay home/keep your child at home.

As we progress toward the end of this school year, we wanted to remind our school community of the importance of limiting social contact not only while at school, but also outside of school hours. We are closely watching the impact of COVID-19 cases in our province, we continue to need your help. Please speak to your children and remind them of the importance of being more diligent than ever. We are all socially driven and are yearning for more regular social interactions however we are concerned that outside interactions could continue to negatively impact our daily school operations. We recognize that this has been a long haul, we are praying for 'normalcy' to return again, and we thank you for your diligence and support.

School staff will be in touch with families about at-home learning to ensure that our students are still receiving a quality Catholic education. If you need technology during this time, please call the school to let them know and they will be in touch with you.

Thank you for your support and continued collective efforts in protecting our school community,

God bless,



Kathleen Finnigan, Superintendent of Schools  
Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools