

March 17, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we continue to journey through our new reality, please know that we are hoping and praying for all of you and are wishing the very best for you and your families. We will miss seeing the faces of your children here at St. Gregory the Great every day. Please know that our first priority for you during this time is to stay safe and healthy and take care of your loved ones. As for education, we have you covered. We have a few updates for you in light of our new COVID-19 reality. The first thing we want to assure parents of is that we will be continuing to educate your children to the best of our ability throughout this process.

Below you will find some significant dates and information that outline the next steps we as a St. Gregory the Great community will be following. Please read the information carefully. We will continue to share messaging with our families as we journey through this new learning. As always please let us know if you have any questions.

- 1) Parent-Teacher Interviews:** Previously scheduled for Wednesday, March 18 and Thursday, March 19 are now cancelled.
- 2) Tuesday, March 17 - Thursday, March 19:** Teacher preparation days to get online work ready for your children in Grades 1 - 9.
- 3) Thursday, March 19 - Parent Pick Up of Student Materials:** A schedule of student supplies/materials pick up will be sent out separately.
- 4) Monday, March 30, 2020:** School work will be posted on Google Classroom or sent to you via email. This is considered the first day of online learning for your child(ren). If you have roadblocks accessing online learning please contact your child's teacher.
- 5) Technology:** If your child does not have access to technology, the school will sign you out a Chromebook. Please fill out the [Google Form here](#) as soon as possible to help us gather information about the technologies that your child will have available to them during the day, and we will plan accordingly.

6) What is Google classroom? Click this [link](#) for information

7) Powerschool: <https://www.stgregoryschool.ca/powerschool>

- a) All parents have access to daily monitor their child's assignments and marks via our online reporting.
- b) If you need assistance, please call the office.
- c) Please do a daily check-in with your children.

8) **Proposed daily schedule for parents:** You do not need to follow this but gives you an example to follow.

Before 9:00	Wake up	Say your daily prayers, eat breakfast, make your bed, get dressed and ready for the day. :)
9:00-10:00	Morning walk/stretching	If you are home, family time- talk about what the day looks like. Review the schedule. If not, encourage your children to do something active. If you have a dog, they love to go for walks many times a day.
10:00 -11:00	Academic time	Using Google classroom, have your child log on using their Red Deer Catholic sign in and complete the day's work. Complete home reading.
11:00 -12:00	Creative time	Drawing, sing, create a dance routine, colouring, legos, sudoku, create with play dough, play music- practice your instrument, cook, bake, read an informational book
12:00	Lunch	
12:30	Chore time	Please make a list of chores that your children can complete: Wipe all kitchen tables and chairs, clean out cupboards, wipe all door handles, light switches, clean closets, clean their room, clean the bathroom, do laundry, vacuum, dust, clean/organize closets, walk the dog.
1:00 - 2:30	Quiet time	Pray, read for pleasure, nap, puzzles, word searches, crosswords

2:30 - 4:00	Academic time	Using Google classroom, have your child log on using their Red Deer Catholic sign in and complete the day's work. Complete home reading.
4:00 - 5:00	Afternoon fresh air	Walk, exercise, stretching
5:00 - 6:00	Dinner	
6:00 - 8:00	Daily check-in with children Free TV time or video game	Daily check-in with your child/children to see what they have completed for the day. Read, play a family board or card game, talk to your children and ask them if they have done their assignments for the day. Please be mindful of the amount of video games/screen time your child is accessing as this has been proven to have a negative effect on their mental health.
8:00-10:00	Bed time	Say your prayers together and remove all electronic devices from your child's room.



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