

April 27, 2020

Dear Students:

Congratulations on your great work in transitioning to "at home" learning! It has been a big change not only for you - but also for your teachers (and maybe your parents as well). Your ability to adapt to such a dramatic shift in the educational context says a lot about your flexibility and resiliency as a learner. Well done! As an educational leader, I want to commend you for all that you have done so far!

Remember - while in-school classes are cancelled, your education continues.

While you will receive a mark as of March 15 for your work completed to March 15, much of the course work that will set you up for success in the next grade level continues to be delivered. The Minister of Education has indicated that every student will receive a report card with suitable final marks reflective of the work you complete during the period from April to June 2020.

Your subject teachers are conducting online classes that will cover key areas of your current grade and course subject matter. I cannot overstate the importance of attending classes and engaging with your teachers and fellow students in your online sessions. These are meant to provide you with essential outcomes in your current course and to better prepare you for success in your next course level or grade placement when classes resume. Without regular engagement, participation in online classes and the completion of assignments between March and June, 2020 you may negatively impact your success in the next course or grade level.

Your engagement in your classwork is the key determining factor in your success in your courses now and in the next grade level or course sequence. It is your responsibility, with the support and guidance of your teachers and parents, to meet current course outcomes.

I encourage you to engage with your teachers and put forth your very best effort to learn within your "at home" circumstance.

In Northern Gateway Public Schools we believe that all learners are supported and successful. Please do your part in fulfilling this - reach out to your teacher! If you haven't done so yet simply call your school or send an email to connect with your teachers. They are excited to hear from you and will help you move forward on the path to success!

Stav well.

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