

Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020.

Dear Dragon Families:

Earlier this week, the Minister of Education announced that schools would remain closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. While our school building remains closed, our teachers continue to work hard to provide students with engaging learning opportunities. It continues to be our expectation that students engage in these learning opportunities to the best of their ability. We understand that during these unusual times, learning from home can be challenging for students and families. If you feel your child could benefit from further support while they are learning at home, I encourage you to contact your child's teacher. They are dedicated to supporting you and your child in building and maintaining a manageable learning routine, as well as answer all questions regarding learning tasks. We are committed to fostering and supporting the well-being of our school community.

A friendly reminder that all students will receive a final report card at the end of June and, if in the best interest of your child, the work they are doing from home can be taken into consideration when assessing and evaluating their overall achievement.

I am very pleased to announce that we will have an opportunity to celebrate our grade 8 graduates in June! To ensure the health and safety of our students and their families, our graduation celebration will need to look different from previous years, however, our staff is amid planning an event that is sure to be memorable for our graduates and their families. Our graduation event will take place on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:00 pm. Information regarding this event will be sent to our graduates and their families by the end of next week.

We know that parents and students have questions about returning borrowed school items and retrieving personal belongings from the school. Please be assured that the DSBN, with feedback and direction from Niagara Public Health, is actively working on a consistent, safe and responsible plan for families to make this happen. It is our priority to ensure the health and safety of our community. We sincerely appreciate your patience as you wait for further messaging regarding this process.

Be safe and well.

Sincerely,

Mr. Acaster, on behalf of our staff