



VIRDEN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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March 18, 2020

As I am sure you are all aware, due to Covid -19, Fort la Bosse School Division has been directed by Manitoba Education to suspend in-school classes for the week before spring break (March 23rd - 27th) and the week after Spring Break (April 6th - 10th). This is eight school days in total, with the current return date set for Monday, April 13th. We hope that the notes/updates being sent home to you have enabled you to stay somewhat informed as this situation continues to evolve, and unfold.

As in-school classes have been suspended and not canceled, staff at VJH will continue to report to school during this time and will continue to deliver courses for students as effectively as possible. (Note: Some staff will be excused from reporting to work due to health or child care situations, but will still be responsible from program planning and delivery)

The delivery of VJH school work (practice and review) will obviously need to occur in a different format than the usual classroom method. As a result, staff have been diligently working on student learning packages this week . VJH work sent home will focus on numeracy and literacy, practice and review. Some work will use online resources. (eg. Google classroom, web-based, etc.) We appreciate that the online methods are not accessible by all families and have provided other options to respond to those challenges. Learning packages for your child will be available for pick up at 3-4pm. Friday March 20. Families will also be able to pick up or drop off any school work at the school, as we will still be open during these in-class suspension dates. (Hours: 8:30 - 12:00 and 1:00 - 4:00). If your child has any questions or concerns, please contact your classroom teachers directly. (Teachers email addresses are located on our website)

As we head into this initial 8 days of in-class suspension, we hope that we are back in classes by April 13th, and the purpose of this ongoing delivery is to keep students connected and provide practice and review. It is not

intended to overwhelm or add stress to an already very stressful time, so we ask everyone to do your best. If this suspension period extends, we will cross that bridge and respond accordingly, following the direction of Manitoba Education.

Virten Junior High School will be finalizing report cards during this suspension period, with the intent on sending them out on April 13th when we are hopefully back in classes.

We will be updating our VJH website whenever new directives and procedures are being put in place. I appreciate the positive support and patience from all during this unprecedented situation. If you require any support please contact us at the school, as we will need to work together to get through this challenge.

Sincerely,

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