



Principal's Report for PEC meeting April 30th, 2020 at 6 pm

This month's focus has been to keep everyone safe during COVID-19 PANDEMIC following the Ministry of Education's decision to suspend in-class sessions on March 17th.

Priority has been to provide tier 1 Essential Services Workers' children, and vulnerable children care, and a continuity of learning for all students upon return from Spring break.

Faith Formation/ Community connection during Covid-19

- opening prayer to 3rd term led by Mme Mykyte and Father Miguel
- opening mass offered for safety from COVID-19 for all particularly ÉSS community led by staff
- Lenten Retreat led by Mme Mykyte and school community
- First virtual mass led by students (grade 6) for grandparents and grandparents-like
- School mass led by grade 5 for parents and ESW
- rosary every Thursday
- Easter Message by Student Council on Social Media
- continuation of Alpha course for staff (led by Mme Johnson)

Essential Services Workers' Children Care

- Safety preparedness at school
- training for staff
- 4 staff members (2 female and 2 male) + an office staff member
- requests and initial preparations made for up to 8 students but other care has been provided by the families of these students
- care for 2 ESW's children will begin mid-May

Administration

- provide COVID-19 updates from FISA, Ministry of Education, and CISVA to school community and updated regularly on school website
- communication with pastor, PEC, staff, and families
- meeting with teachers and EAs, School-based teams, office admin, and tech team
- CISVA Principal's meetings and zone meetings, Learning Resource Center meetings
- collaboration on health and safety in schools surveys, Emergency BC supplies status, excess supplies plans
- Daily check-ins with staff, students, and families
- establishing ÉSS tech Guidelines
- PEC emergency meetings re ESW, tech availability and extra purchases during COVID-19, Tuition Assistance Aid
- Review of Remote Work Policy 436 for staff and allocation of pay during COVID-19
- 2020-2021 students' re-registration, Kindergarten registrations and new families, and afterschool care registration sent out
- All Letters of Intend have been returned from teachers for 2020-2021
- staffing package for 2020-2021 almost complete

Continuity of Learning at ÉSS

ÉSS Continuity of Learning starting April 2020 Primary classes are using SeeSaw. All instructions were provided on the class' site on the school website. Parents of primary students received a code from the classroom teacher to access their child(ren) SeeSaw account. Intermediate classes are using Google Classroom. Grades 6 and 7 were already familiar with this platform. Grades 4 and 5 have been emailed instructions on how to connect to this platform.

Physical Education - M. Douo's program schedule outlined on the school website. Live classes provided on zoom and alternate options for students unable to attend classes.

Music - M. Kanabe uploads assignments and educational materials into the music folder on the primary classes SeeSaw pages. For intermediate classes, M. Kanabe shares a link to his own Google Classroom pages for grades 4 to 7.

Library - Mme Desnica has been updating the library website with many links in all subject areas. She will also be posting videos of read aloud or other literacy-based activities. This website can be accessed on the school website under 'Library'.

Educational Assistants- will also have access to adapt or post activities in order to support specific students on SeeSaw or Google Classroom.

Technology

- upgrade of school website
- set up for all staff on a grade-appropriate platform and on zoom
- provide tech tools for everyone and tech support
- provide education around tech etiquette for staff, parents, and students
- tech for office admin remote work

Maintenance

- maintenance of cleaning standards during COVID-19
- all hooks and fixtures secured and upgraded
- drainage project and front of office foundation safety approved to proceed following the acquisition of 3 quotes
- office work complete: door upgrades
- office work in progress: flooring and furniture rearrangement

Decisions:

Parent Participation hours

Staffing 2020-2021 approval

ESW at St Pats \$25 per student per day