



## **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