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Dear CCHS Families,

As a follow up to our letter dated December 31st, 2021, as well as the announcement from the Minister of Education made earlier this week regarding the return to in-person learning, I'm writing to reaffirm that we will be back in classes on Monday, January 10th.

January Final Exams (Grades 9-12)

To accommodate the loss of this past week's classroom time, we have made adjustments to our plans for the January exams for students in Grades 9-12. All final exams, including the Grade 9 Provincial Achievement Tests, have been bumped back and will be written January 24th-26th, with the Part A exams for English Language Arts (Grades 9, 11, and 12) and Social Studies (Grades 11 and 12) to be written on January 20th. By condensing the exam break, we are allowing more contact time with teachers to wrap up their courses, complete sufficient review, and prepare students for their assessments. All diploma exams have been cancelled.

The revised January Exam Schedule will be sent out to families on Monday. There is the possibility that further announcements from the province may cause these plans to change, and our staff are preparing for alternatives in case some or all of our students are moved to online learning in the coming weeks. We will be ready to pivot between scenarios and to accommodate any students who are away because they are unwell.

COVID-19 Health Measures

With COVID infection numbers rising in the province, I would like to take a moment to remind families that students must complete the [AHS Daily Health Checklist](#) before coming to school each day, and that students must stay home if they are unwell. Should a student arrive at school showing symptoms, or should a student become ill during the day, they will be sent home. I am attaching the Palliser School Division [Stay at Home Guide](#) for your reference, and I invite you to

contact the school if you are ever unsure about whether or not your child should be staying home.

In terms of testing and reporting, we ask that families continue to contact the school and let the administration know if a student tests positive or is absent because they are symptomatic. We will be working with Palliser to track any cases reported to us and will use this information to inform decisions going forward. If your child is at home isolating or recovering from illness, they should be connecting with their teachers via Google Classroom and striving to keep on top of assignments and practice work.

It is imperative that students who display any of the core symptoms (i.e. fever, cough, shortness of breath, and loss of sense of smell or taste) stay home for a minimum of 5 days if fully vaccinated (10 days if unvaccinated) or until their symptoms resolve - **whichever is longer**. If a student has any of the secondary symptoms (chills, sore throat, runny nose, congestion, feeling unwell, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, headache, muscle or joint pain, or pink eye), they must stay home for at least 24 hours and can return once the symptoms have resolved.

Please note that the following health measures remain in place within our building, and that we are asking students and families to follow these measures to help keep all of us safe:

- Masks are required in all common areas and hallways, as well as in classrooms while not seated at desks. It is strongly recommended that students wear masks at all times while in the building, but students may remove their masks if they are seated in a classroom, facing forward, and if the teacher or supervising staff member allows it. Masks may also be removed while students are eating or drinking in designated areas; however, students are not to be eating or drinking in the hallways.
- Students are asked to sanitize their hands as they enter the building, enter each classroom, and before leaving at the end of the day.
- Desks will be sanitized between each class period, and our enhanced cleaning protocols remain in place.
- Junior high and senior high students remain in separate cohorts and are discouraged from mixing in order to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 within our building.
- Visitors to the school must have an appointment and must be masked while inside the building. If a family member needs to drop something off or pick something up, they are asked to call the Main Office from outside and a staff member will assist them.

Extra-Curricular Activities

At this time, school sports are permitted to continue holding practices. Games will be postponed for the coming week. The school division will review this measure as the week progresses, and we will inform families if any changes are made.

The staff at CCHS understands that the past two years have been hard on our students, and we recognize the incredible resilience and strength your children have demonstrated. We appreciate the kindness, understanding, and cooperation of all of our families as we continue to navigate the situation we find ourselves in, and we will continue to do all that we can to keep our community safe by working to keep the virus out, keep the virus from spreading, and listening to expert advice. Please don't hesitate to contact the school if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Leanne Hellman