

Dear ESDH Families,

We sincerely hope that you are all keeping safe! Thank you for supporting our entire school community with your commitment to practicing the various health protocols, getting tested and vaccinated (when it is your turn). It certainly holds true that it will take the entire village to come together to overcome this and to do our best to keep everyone safe!

Monday, January 10th, virtual ESDH will be open for online learning. Students are to follow the online schedule which was emailed earlier today to the student's gnspe email address and to their parent/guardian who is listed as the first point of contact in PowerSchool. Teachers will be communicating synchronous and asynchronous time schedules to their students through postings in Google classroom. Attendance will be taken twice during each class and students need to stay connected during this week and continue with their learning as it counts towards their grades. Your support in keeping your student connected is greatly appreciated. Should you need assistance, please reach out to your child's teacher/s, our guidance counsellor, and/or administration.

Below is some information that you may find helpful as we move forward with online learning. Please feel welcome to reach out should you need any assistance.

Thank you for supporting our Schools and our entire school community as we all navigate these stormy Covid seas and stay committed to actions that will bring calming waters again soon!

Take care and stay safe,

Jen Murray

Principal, ESDH

**Online Learning - CHANGE IN SCHEDULE AND TIMES**

The schedule for Jan 10th - Jan 14th will be two - 150 minute classes a day. The extended class allows for enough time for lessons and activities to take place in the online environment.

### Online Schedule for Jan 10th - Jan 14th

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:05 - 11:35	B Block	A Block	C Block	D Block	B Block
12:30 - 3:00	C Block	D Block	B Block	A Block	C Block

### **Online Learning - Expectations**

Students are expected to respect privacy and confidentiality of their fellow students and staff. The Provincial School Network Access and Use Policy, the HRCE Digital Citizenship Policy and the Provincial School Code of Conduct Policy are to be followed at all times including during online learning. Please report any concerns to your teachers and/or administration.

### **Online Learning and Attendance**

Students will have a combination of Synchronous Learning (real-time connection/communication with teachers as a whole class, small group and/or individual student) as well as Asynchronous Learning (Connection/communication that does not occur in real time ie- emails, discussion forums, videos, task/assignments/projects).

Active learning is expected of students and grading will continue during this online learning. Teachers will be using conversations, observations and product submissions to assess student learning.

Attendance is important. If an extenuating absence is necessary, as usual, parents/guardians can contact the school attendance line at 902-889-4025 ext 1 or send an email to Ms. Foley at [pamela.foley@hrce.ca](mailto:pamela.foley@hrce.ca) or Ms. Gaetz at [kgaetz@hrce.ca](mailto:kgaetz@hrce.ca) . Attendance will be added to PowerSchool by teachers and Ms. Gaetz and Ms Foley will continue to update AWN (Absence With Notification) codes.

### **Student Access Accounts** (*Google Classroom, Student emails (GNSPES) & PowerSchool*)

All students have a GNSPES account for email and to link to Google Classrooms for each of their teachers and courses. If your child has any difficulty accessing, please contact their teacher directly (here is a link to the Staff Directory on our school website: <https://esd.hrce.ca/staff-directory> ) as they can reset access. If you are having difficulty with PowerSchool, please contact the main office at [kgaetz@hrce.ca](mailto:kgaetz@hrce.ca) or [pamela.foley@hrce.ca](mailto:pamela.foley@hrce.ca) or 902-889-4025 ext 0.

### **Chromebooks**

If you are having issues with your school Chromebook or your home technology isn't working, please contact [kgaetz@hrce.ca](mailto:kgaetz@hrce.ca) or [pamela.foley@hrce.ca](mailto:pamela.foley@hrce.ca) you may also call 902-889-4025 extension 0.

If you currently have a Chromebook that is locked out. Please complete the form at this link

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf62NikTNt-h2nyxj\\_6pR0FopBvJXFe4OnfVgtnHRQ3rtGvJA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf62NikTNt-h2nyxj_6pR0FopBvJXFe4OnfVgtnHRQ3rtGvJA/viewform?usp=sf_link) as soon as possible and it will be unlocked by Monday morning.

### **Internet Issues**

If you have issues with your home internet, please call the school at 902-889-4025 extension 0 so arrangements can be made to support your learning during this week.

### **Guidance**

Students who would like to receive personal counselling support from home should email Ms. d'Entremont [lise.dentremont@hrce.ca](mailto:lise.dentremont@hrce.ca) for a phone or zoom appointment. Don't hesitate to reach out if you require emotional support. Everyone needs help, support and understanding at different times in life.

### **At-Home Learning: Food Access**

If families require access to food, Feed Nova Scotia and local support programs are ready to help. Families can call 211 weekdays between 8am and 8pm or 211 online (<https://ns.211.ca/>) is available 24/7 to provide more information and connect people to the nearest option.

### **Students who are supported by Ms. Murrant and Ms. Rivalin**

Ms. Murrant and Ms. Rivalin will be following daily on-line course schedules and providing direct support for students within the scheduled classes for each day. Synchronous (live and in person) support will take place during student class time and will be a combination of the teacher lesson and hosting an open google meet with Ms. Murrant and Ms. Rivalin. They will also be available throughout the school day to answer e-mails and connect with students.

All students directly supported by Ms Murrant and Ms Rivalin have been invited to their google classrooms and will have access to the google meet link from there. Students will be shared a more detailed schedule of support time in the google classroom.

Parents and students are welcome to reach out with any questions they may have:

*Corinna Murrant - Resource Teacher - [cmurrant@hrce.ca](mailto:cmurrant@hrce.ca)*

*Darah Rivalin - Learning Center Teacher/Resource support - [drivalin@hrce.ca](mailto:drivalin@hrce.ca)*

### **Students who are supported by Mr. Zinck**

Students who are supported by Mr. Zinck will follow an individualized, in-person schedule as supported by Learning Center staff. Parents/Guardians are welcome to reach out with any questions they may have:

*Aaron Zinck - Learning Center Teacher - [azinck@hrce.ca](mailto:azinck@hrce.ca)*

### **Exam Week - Jan 24th - Jan 27th**

High school students will participate in summative assessments the week of January 24, 2022, as planned. Teachers will be communicating their exam plan to students and a schedule will be released shortly. Modifications to value and format for exams/summative assessments are being reviewed by teachers. More information will follow.

### **Grad Photos Retakes**

The grad photo retakes have been rebooked for February 1 & 2. There will be more information about how to book appointments closer to the date.

### **Return to In-Person Learning**

Please note, when we move back to in-person learning there will be another communication sent home.