



# **Dawson Creek Secondary School**

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Dear students,

We miss you and hope you are doing well. We are working hard to develop plans to support your learning from home. It is important that you continue your studies. You need to keep learning to prepare for the next grade or for your post-secondary endeavours. This is a strange time and learning at home presents several challenges. We encourage you to keep in contact with us so that we can support you academically and emotionally. Reach out often.

## Continuing your studies

Beginning next week, parents/students will be contacted by teachers with learning plans. It is important that you make yourselves available to your teachers. In most cases, teachers are emailing with parents. Please keep in close contact with your parents about communication with the school. If you are not receiving emails from your teachers and would like to be included, please let your parents and teachers know. You are welcome and encouraged to email your teachers directly.

We recommend that as you continue your studies from home that you follow the regular school schedule. This will help you to structure your day and connect with your teachers. We have included a [schedule](#) with this letter to help you organize and plan your time. The recommendation is that you spend about 50 minutes per class per day. The weekly schedule is flexible and has shortened and simplified blocks. We have set Wednesdays as an 'open-access' day; this is time available to freely connect with teachers to check in and set appointments.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9am - 10am	A	B	OPEN LEARNING AND ACCESS DAY	C	D
Break					
10:30am - 11:30 am	B	A		D	C
Lunch					
12:30pm - 1:30pm	C	D		A	B
Break					
2:00pm - 3:00pm	D	C		B	A

## Support

These are challenging times. We encourage you to connect with school counsellors if you need to talk. Counsellors can set up video conferencing or talk over the phone if you need to chat. Grade 12 students please contact Mrs. Smith and Grade 10 and 11 students please contact Ms. Cunningham:

[ksmith@sd59.bc.ca](mailto:ksmith@sd59.bc.ca)

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### Graduation

Grade 12 students need to complete all graduation requirements. You need to make sure that you are doing assignments and passing the courses that you are in.

We have not made any decisions around the graduation ceremony and events at this time. We will be taking direction from the Provincial Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education when we plan for ceremonial events later in the spring.

### Grade 12 Capstone

Students are required to complete a capstone project as part of their Career Life Connection Class. Students will need to complete a digital presentation and submit it to their CLC teacher. The digital submissions of capstone presentations will occur beginning May 7<sup>th</sup> with the final deadline of May 29<sup>th</sup>. CLC teachers will connect with students to provide more details about format options and assessment requirements.

### Scholarships and Bursaries

The local scholarships and bursaries will be awarded this year to deserving grade 12 students who meet the criteria and apply for them. Information regarding the scholarships and bursaries will be sent out in the coming weeks. The process will be all digital this year and Ms. Smith is working to convert our old process to a digital process. Stay tuned for more details.

### Course Selections

For Grade 10 and 11 students we will be completing our course selections online again this year. We are working to put together a document on how to do this and that will be coming out in the next few weeks. It is important that these selections are completed in a timely manner to ensure that we can mail timetables out at the end of June.

### Learning from Home Resources

We have added a learning from home section to our website. There you will find links to documents, websites and tutorials that will aid you in your learning journey at home. As we come across helpful information, we will be updating it there.

### Picking up work

Most of the communication between students and teachers will occur digitally and we encourage students to make arrangements to collect and submit work electronically. There are families that have indicated paper-based work is necessary. If you need to collect paper-base work, please communicate that with your teachers.

We have set Wednesday as the day to pick work up from the school. Students will be contacted when there is work available for pick-up. Work packages will be placed outside the front doors - No students will access the school. There will also be a drop box located outside of the front doors for students to return completed work. Students are encouraged to submit work electronically directly to their teachers (via email, cellphone photo, scan, etc).

Continue to watch the school website for updates and email/phone the school anytime with questions.

Take care of yourselves and your families,

<i>Ms. Bandali</i>	<i>Mr. Eagles</i>	<i>Ms. Jones</i>	<i>Mr. Read</i>
<i>Ms. Best</i>	<i>Mr. Eichelberger</i>	<i>Mrs. Judge</i>	<i>Mrs. Rivard</i>
<i>Mr. Booker</i>	<i>Mrs. Evans</i>	<i>Mr. Kochanowski</i>	<i>Mr. Roberts</i>
<i>Ms. Bowie</i>	<i>Mrs. Fellers</i>	<i>Ms. Kotylak</i>	<i>Mr. Rodrigue</i>
<i>Mr. Chau</i>	<i>Mr. Fodor</i>	<i>Mrs. Kurjata</i>	<i>Ms. Sapergia</i>
<i>Ms. Chmelyk</i>	<i>Mrs. Fossum</i>	<i>Mr. Kurjata</i>	<i>Mrs. Shoemaker</i>
<i>Ms. Corcoran</i>	<i>Mr. Fowler</i>	<i>Mrs. Longley</i>	<i>Mrs. Smart</i>
<i>Ms. Coutts</i>	<i>Mrs. Fox</i>	<i>Ms. Mattson</i>	<i>Mrs. Smith</i>
<i>Ms. Crouse</i>	<i>Mr. Harper</i>	<i>Mr. Moeller</i>	<i>Ms. Spurrell</i>
<i>Ms. Cunningham</i>	<i>Ms. Harpman</i>	<i>Ms. Ayott</i>	<i>Ms. Wanner</i>
<i>Mr. Damas</i>	<i>Mr. Herve</i>	<i>Mrs. Nelson</i>	<i>Ms. Watts</i>
<i>Mrs. Dean-Broughton</i>	<i>Ms. Holloway</i>	<i>Ms. Noonan</i>	<i>Mrs. Wilkinson</i>
<i>Mrs. Delawsky</i>	<i>Ms. Holmes</i>	<i>Mr. Payne</i>	<i>Ms. Withrow</i>
<i>Mrs. Dufour</i>	<i>Ms. Howes</i>	<i>Ms. Pearce</i>	<i>Mr. Wolf</i>
<i>Mrs. Eagles</i>	<i>Mrs. Jessen</i>	<i>Mr. Rand</i>	