



HEALTH & SAFETY UPDATE: FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Parents and Guardians,

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As we continue to iron out the unexpected bumps and surprises, I want to thank you for the patience, flexibility and compassion you've extended to one another during this prolonged state of flux. We are now in our twelfth (!!) week of online learning with less than six weeks remaining until the close of the school calendar year. I recall mentioning an "ultra-marathon" but I think it's safe to say this is the toughest ultra-marathon any of us could ever have signed up for. With that in mind, I'd like to share some updates since our last schoolwide communication.

Science Park Reopening

This past Monday, Grade 8 and Grade 12 students along with essential faculty and staff returned to the Science Park Campus to resume in-person learning. With so many of our community still scattered across the globe, it is no mean feat coordinating the many logistical challenges and compliancy needs but the Science Park Reopening Task Force, led by Rick Bunnell, Kerry Timmerman, Faye Huang and Ava Xing, managed to pull it off successfully. None of this would be possible without the faculty and staff who are not only teaching their own classes but also supporting the classes of their colleagues. Meanwhile, we have many faculty who are calling in throughout their day (and night) to connect with their classes and ensure their students feel supported. You can look at [how Day 1 went here](#). While the campus environment may feel very different right now, I want to commend everyone (both on and off campus) who has invested so much time and energy into ensuring a safe opening of the campus and supporting continuity of learning for our students. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

Resumption Date and Preparations

At this point in time, we've not received any official dates about the next resumption date for other grades and with negative tests needing to be produced within seven days of starting school, this means that it's too early for students to be tested. At this point in time, we understand the focus will likely be on the remaining secondary school grades returning to campus after May 11 with the elementary school following afterward but [we are waiting for the official announcement from GEB](#).