



MIDDLE SCHOOL - SPRING PLAN FOR SCHOOL & CAMPUS ACCESS

Monday, May 25, 2020

Dear Middle School Parents,

In this letter, you will find the Middle School *Continuity of Learning* plan for the remainder of this academic year. Prior to outlining this plan, I wanted to reiterate Principal Johnny Bevacqua's message to the school community from March 2020:

"We need to profoundly listen and care for each other; together we will achieve more; patience and hope are mandatory."

I realize that the last eight weeks have been a challenging time for our VC families. With that in mind, I wanted to sincerely thank all of you for the love and support you have provided daily when working with your sons. From getting your son out of bed in the morning to having him engaged in his learning through his online attendance to monitoring his weekly workload - it has not been an easy road.

Thank you for the patience and hope you have all demonstrated when working alongside our faculty. We realize when a partnership is established between the parent body and the school, the chances of reaching a boy's heart and mind multiples. You have played a fundamental role in the success of our Continuity of Learning plan. Our school is beyond appreciative of your time and efforts.

Our current model of emergency online learning will remain in place until the end of Middle School classes on June 12, 2020 (Grade 9) and June 19, 2020 (Grades 7 and 8). Grade 9 students will have until June 17, 2020 to complete all necessary requirements including assignments. Our [online academic timetable](#) will continue for the remainder of this year. This timetable, as well as adjustments, can be found on the [Covid-19 section](#) of the Vancouver College website.

We are opening the campus for those students who, through our online survey sent to parents on May 15, 2020, have asked to continue their online learning in our building during the last few weeks of classes. The schedule [for those boys only](#) is posted below. Note that we will be following all WorkSafe protocols, as summarized in our Covid 19 Safety Rules

On their assigned day, boys who are continuing their online learning on campus must be dropped off on Cartier Street at 8:20 am. From there, they will be directed to an assigned classroom, where they will work individually on their online classes, as well as eat lunch. There will be a mid-day supervised break. Dismissal will be at 3 pm. We ask that all boys be picked up from Cartier Street.

Please do contact me directly if there is to be a change in your son's attendance on his specified day.

- Monday, June 1 and Monday, June 8 - Registered Grade 7 students
- Tuesday, June 2 and Tuesday, June 9 - Registered Grade 8 students
- Wednesday, June 3 and Wednesday, June 10 - Registered Grade 9 students

With our Safety Plan in mind, we are unable to accommodate more on-campus time for our registered students as we will have Elementary School and Senior School students also on-site. Moreover, students who would benefit from on-campus learning will continue to be invited back in small groups, while following all safety protocols during those times. These groups include students who would benefit from increased structure and supervision, as well as those in classes that require special equipment or facilities.

Middle School Final Visit Plan - Each group of approximately 32 boys will be allotted one hour to drop off textbooks and pick up yearbooks in the cafeteria, empty their lockers, and say good-bye to teachers as per the schedule below.

We ask that during these pickup days, students access Manrell Hall using Cartier Street and avoid the Hudson Street parking lot due to courtyard construction. Students are asked to line-up outside the Book Room (in the Dining Hall) and drop-off their textbooks prior to proceeding to their lockers.

Grade 9:	Wednesday, June 17th:
9-1	9:00 - 9:45 am
9-2	10:00 - 10:45 am
9-3	11:00 - 11:45 am
9-4	12:00 - 12:45 pm
9-5	1:00 - 1:45 pm

Grade 7:	Friday, June 19th:
7-1	8:00 - 8:45 am
7-2	9:00 - 9:45 am

Grade 8:	Friday, June 19th:
8-1	10:00 - 10:45 am

8-2	11:00 - 11:45 am
8-3	12:00 - 12:45 pm
8-4	1:00 - 1:45 pm
8-5	2:00 - 2:45 pm

In the meantime, we are planning for full return, under safe conditions, in September. We will communicate with you the many details involved well in advance of school start-up. Until then, do not hesitate to reach out if you have any concerns or questions about this unusual year-end.

As always, I appreciate your hard work with your sons on a daily basis, your ongoing support of our community, and your patience and goodwill in these trying times.

Semper Fidelis,

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