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Subject: COVID-19 ISK Update #16 - Finalizing End of Year/Planning for 2020-21

Dear ISK Community,

I sincerely hope all of you and your families are well and staying healthy.

First of all, we are planning our 'Summer' Program of Activities so please fill out this survey to provide your thoughts about this program. Click on the following link to fill out this short planning survey - [ISK Summer Program of Activities Parent Survey](#). More information is provided below.

As we head into the last couple of weeks of school, here are a few items to share.

Lion's Roar Lip Dub Video

It is time to have some fun with [ISK's Lion's Roar Lip Dub Video](#)! We hope that this video brings a smile to you and helps remind people that our spirit is strong and that even though we may be apart, we are still lions, and we all can't wait until "we'll meet again." Thank you to the ISK Roar Lip Dub Team: Pamela, Alexa, Laois, Jill, Rachel, and Brendan for creating smiles.

Virtual Learning Environment Expectations Overview

All three divisions (ES, MS, and HS) have been updating and sharing their VLE expectations in their divisional emails regularly this past quarter. However, we have found that some families with students in multiple divisions are looking for a single go-to document with an overview of our 2019-20 VLE Expectations by grade levels. Please find this information in an easy to access pdf with links to the more in-depth program per division. Click here for the [2019-20 VLE Expectations Overview](#).

'Summer' Program of Activities

Co-Coordinator, Mr. Eddie Otieno and Dr. Pato Saenz, are laying the groundwork for this new program of activities. The Summer Program will be a virtual program with a variety of activities, enrichment opportunities, online and offline options for students to engage in fun and social ways. This program will be offered to students of ISK free of

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charge. Our normal summer camp is usually held on campus and has a fee for participation, but this had to be canceled. Fill out this parent survey to provide ideas for our Summer Program of Activities: [ISK Summer Program of Activities Parent Survey](#)

Session 1: June 22 - June 26

Session 2: June 29 - July 3

Session 3: July 20 - July 24

Session 4: July 27 - July 31

ISK Plans and Procedures for Reopening

We will be sharing our outline of the plans and procedures for reopening later this week with various stakeholder groups. This outline will help us gather more feedback about various possible questions/concerns you might have as we move towards reopening to on campus learning. ISK will form a Reopening Task Force with various stakeholder representatives to flesh out more of the details to begin on campus learning in September. More information about the composition of this task force and how you can interest in participating will be forthcoming.

New Start Date - September 1, 2020-21 Calendar, IB Classes

Note the 2020-21 school year will start on September 1, 2020. Click [here](#) for the approved school calendar. We are preparing for the possibility of our Grade 11 & 12 students starting the 2020-21 school year 3-5 days earlier in order to ensure enough instructional time for grade 11 and 12 academic programming with a particular focus on IB courses leading to IB exams in May, 2021. Our High School Principal, Dr. Rob Blanchard, will be developing a plan in collaboration with the high school team and communicating more information to incoming Grade 11 and 12 families in the near future. Please plan accordingly and keep an eye out for further communication soon.

Procedures to Collect Student Items From Campus

With the ISK campus closed, we understand that some students might have left artwork, instruments, or items in student lockers. If your child(ren) needs to pick items left on campus, please contact your division principal so a time can be coordinated with ISK's security to pick up your child(ren)'s belongings.

Student Check-Out Process

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The ES, MS, and HS divisions have started to communicate information about this year's modified annual student check out process. When returning items to ISK, please make sure to place your child(ren)'s supplies in a box with a label. On the label, please include the student's name, grade, contents, and date of delivery to ISK. More specifics can be found in the divisional offices' communications.

Wishing you all good health.

Sincerely,
David

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