



Beautiful Savior

LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Excellence in Education Under the Gospel

Good morning,

Thank you for the support our families are showing to BSLS in the midst of these challenging times. BSLS is committed to providing Excellence in Education, Under the Gospel, through remote learning!

The school will begin to provide online learning opportunities for our kindergarten to grade 8 students beginning Monday, March 23. Teachers will be reviewing information that the students will require this week and parents will start to receive information to support their child(ren)'s learning at home.

The BSLS staff are excited for the new experiences to be gained and will be providing updates how the lessons, assignments, feedback, etc will be carried out in following week.

Unfortunately, due to recommendations, our student-led conferences to celebrate student successes will be postponed. If you would like to speak to the teacher now, please contact them directly and set up an individual appointment or to speak over the phone.

Intramurals and all clubs, during and after school, will stop meeting immediately, with the exception of Advanced Violin today. They are able to be spaced adequately in the music room for one last class. Our Before and After School Program remains open for currently registered students. Spring Break camp is currently still available for the currently registered students, but this could change, as directed by Department of Families of the Early Learning and Child Care Program.

Chapel this week will be conducted in a different manner where we will not gather as a school. Our best determination will be finalized soon.

Country Week will be postponed and rescheduled to a later date.

We have received communication again this morning from the Department of Families of Early Learning and Child Care Programs that childcare facilities do not need to pause or suspend services at this time. The basis of this decision is stated that the group sizes and the useable indoor floor space required per licensed space in centres (3.3 square meters) maintains a low risk. Therefore the BSLS childcare facilities (our Birchdale, St. Mary's campuses) will remain open and we will continue reviewing preventative measures that can be taken such as:

- regular and frequent hand washing
- cleaning and disinfecting frequently used surfaces
- limiting large group activities e.g. assemblies
- increased desk distance between students where possible
- encouraging sick individuals to remain at home
- calling parents or guardians to immediately take them home should they become unwell
- at pick up, adults are asked to only touch their own children

Parents are strongly encouraged to explore childcare options in case the current childcare situation changes. Parents and guardians should already have created contingency plans if your child is unwell and cannot attend child care. These plans should be confirmed and your alternative care providers should be asked if they could assist should childcare become unavailable.

If there are changes, we will update our BSLS families.

Please visit the Manitoba Public Health Website at www.gov.mb.ca/health/coronavirus/ for the most up to date information. For health questions or more information on respiratory illness, you can contact Health Links-Info Sante at 204-788-8200 or 1-888-315-9257.

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