



Sagkeeng Anicinabe

School Announcements

April 13, 2020

As a response to this pandemic, education is adapting how we provide current services. In the spirit of transforming we have assigned staff duties that are necessary and needed within our systems and community until school officially re-opens. As everyone may already be aware, that the Minister of Education has suspended school due to Covid-19 for the remainder of this school year. As community members and school staff we are working hard to ensure that our students continued to receive as much support as possible.

Community Check Points

For example, in the spirit of helping our community. It was necessary to reassign some staff to the checkpoints. Other staff members from different organizations, have also been assigned check point duties. This community action is imperative as it also bring us together in a common goal – combatting this virus. By safely practicing social distancing, good hand hygiene, using PPE, ensuring that we are practicing the necessary precautions – knowledge is empowering. I have heard plenty of good stuff. Shout out to everyone doing their part and occupying these spaces and ensuring community safety.

Gitchi-Meegwetch to everyone helping out with the check points and keeping our community safe. It is good to see us pull together in these difficult and trying times. Good to see that resilience in our people, especially throughout our community. We are a strong people. We will continue to thrive.

Minister of Education Announced

Classes for kindergarten to Grade 12 students in Manitoba are suspended indefinitely for this school year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

However, Teachers will continue to teach remotely, engage students via phone calls/on-line communication, assign school work, provide as much help to student/parent/guardian in understanding and completing school assignments, conduct assessments and prepare report cards.

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The following are examples of activities being utilized to support education service delivery for our First Nation students;

- Online education for High School grades;
- Homework packages assembled for younger grades;
- Continuing to follow a land-based curriculum for all grades; and
- Multi-media projects involving students - theme based learning.

Care Packages

Sagkeeng Education Authority will be providing food security for every student enrolled within our school system as part of our on-going student supports. We are providing each student a ration, same as if they were attending school daily. As part of the breakfast program and lunch program we offer to our students. We have a system in place to ensure that each student receives enough food in a timely manner.

There are two groups of staff that are working on the care packages and they consist of bus drivers, education assistants, support staff. We would like to acknowledge the team on doing a great job.

It is our hope to get food care packages out weekly. However, this will depend on when we receive the supplies. As delivery dates vary at this time. We are doing our best to ensure good quality food for our students.

Outdoor Ed – Food Sovereignty

Adapting change, has given us the opportunity to revive community gardens here in our First Nation community. Efforts will be focused on providing outdoor / land-based theme learning for all of our students. In the next few weeks, students will be provided the tools and materials needed to begin their own gardens. This learning experience will help us engage our students in a very meaningful way. Our ancestors gardened here and lived off what the land provided. This is part of that journey of reviving the ways of our ancestors as we adapt to the current conditions of this new reality of this pandemic we are facing as a community. What better way to engage our students than to empower them with some ancestral methods – gardening and living off the land. We have the means and the resources to bring back these important practices.

Through outdoor education there are many exciting opportunities for us to continue to engage our students. We will use this time to give those knowledge systems back to our children and youth. We will be teaming up with the Health Center to ensure that all community members are given this opportunity to participate in the revival of community gardens. Please stay tuned for exciting updates regarding this community project.



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Homework Packages for Nursery to Grades 8

The classroom teachers are scheduled in this week on the rules of social distancing to get their student's homework packages ready.

Homework packages can be picked up at the school starting Tuesday, April 14, 2020 from 9 am to 3 pm. If you do not have a vehicle to pick up your child's work please call the school at 204-367- Student's completed work can be dropped off at the school so their work can be assessed to increase their mark. If you do not have a vehicle to drop off your child's work please call the school.

Announcements and updates will be made through our Wolf FM, Sagkeeng Education Official Facebook page and our First Nation Website about the homework packages.

Final report cards will be going out in June.

Sagkeeng High School Update

For students in Grade 12, provincial exams are cancelled due to the pandemic of COVID-19. However, mainstream education systems that our youth participate in. Still require that they do their best to finish off any and all course work. So what does that look and feel like moving forward?....

High School Credits - Semester 2

Students will be graded on what they received as their marks on the last day of school due to the pandemic.

Example 1

Let's say a student has 53 percent already and they don't do any homework assignments, their final mark will be 53 percent and they will receive their credit. But if they do their classroom assignments, they can increase their final mark.

Example 2

Let's say a student has 30 percent already and they don't do any homework assignments, their final mark will be 30 percent and **THEY WILL NOT RECEIVE A CREDIT**. But if they do their assignments, they can increase their marks to a passing mark and then receive a credit.

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It is very important that our students do their homework packages and make sure they are dropped off at the school when completed.

Report Cards

We will be having our Mid Term Report Cards going out on Wednesday April 29. The homework packages that was sent out earlier in March and the homework that will be sent out next week will be used to help determine the midterm mark.

The deadline to have school assignments in for your midterm marks will be **Friday, April 24, 2020 at 3 pm.**

Homework packages can be picked up at the school starting Tuesday, April 14, 2020. Parents that do not have a vehicle please call the school.

Students completed school work can be dropped off at the school during the day Monday thru Friday 9 am to 3 pm. If you do not have a vehicle to drop of your child's school work please call the school.

There are other things we are working on to help our students.

- We will be using a program called Microsoft 365. This program is an internet tool to give students access online to receive school work from their teachers and do their work online. Dan Chrusch and Richard Henderson our school Internet Technology staff (IT) will be the help desk for this program. (Tim will be explaining more about this program)
- Grade 12 Students will be loaned an Ipad from the school so they can use the Ipad to do their school work online.
- Students that do not have access to internet, but have tablets or I Pads at home can drive up to one of our schools (north shore and south shore) during Mondays thru Friday from 9 am to 3 and can access the school Wi-Fi. They can drive up to the front of the school and they will be able to access the schools Wi-Fi. With this access they can receive their homework packages online or they can send their completed work back to their teachers.

The information on due dates for assignments will be announced on our radio station and will be posted on our face book page.



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In regards to our Graduating Class of 2020, we really feel for you and all our students and we hope that everything gets back to normal soon. We are looking at alternatives to make sure we celebrate and recognize our Graduation Class of 2020. We will have a graduation, but the question will be, "when". We will keep you and your parents posted and involved with the decisions that we all agree upon.

To our students do your assignment, complete your homework packages and Parents and students please call the schools if you have questions.

From Sagkeeng Education Authority please be safe and continue to practice social distancing. Take care everyone.

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