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Dear Legal Families,

I hope this message finds you all healthy and safe. I know for me, after 2 weeks of being at home, my extroverted self is craving visiting with friends and I'm missing my adult children. We have started playing family online games with each other to keep up our sense of togetherness while apart. I've also made some unsettling discoveries: 1) My husband is a very loud phone talker and 2) The 5 steps it takes me to go from my home office to my fridge is going to be problematic! I'm hoping I'm not the only one struggling with this new reality.

Feedback - We've now completed 2 weeks of "learning from a distance" and from the feedback we've received from parents and students, it seems to be going well. Teachers have surveyed their classes to determine whether the work is an appropriate amount, easy to find and complete, and whether they are able to meet with their teacher when needed. Teachers have adjusted accordingly based on student feedback. We will continue to ask for feedback as we go forward. This is a learning curve for all of us and we appreciate your patience and kindness towards us as we move all of our lessons to online platforms.

Weekly Google Meetings - Teachers continue to have weekly class meetings with their students to check in, detail the upcoming week's assignments, and remind students of work that is due. The junior high staff have moved from 2 general class meetings per week to one class meeting per core subject per week so you will see a change in the number of class meetings your junior high child will need to participate in during the week.

I want to remind you that your child must be joining the scheduled class meetings. This is a very important way for your child's teacher to know how your child is doing. Please also check your email regularly and remind your child to check their email regularly as teachers are communicating with everyone through email.

Learning from Home Legal Website - We are continuing to update our "Learning from Home" section of our website regularly. The prayer is updated daily if you would like to start your day with prayer and reflection. Our faith newsletter is also updated regularly with information to support your faith life, including online masses offered by the various dioceses. You will see new library and makerspace resources posted for Tuesday, April 14. If your child/ren are bored and looking for something else to do, you can always check out our website for new activities.

Mental Health Support - We now have a secure platform for online counselling so our school counsellor, Mrs. Connell will be able to start working with children again. If you or your child need support, please contact her. Our website has a lot of resources for parents and children to support mental health during this time. Miss Josey, from GSACRD Voice, is updating our website regularly with resources and videos as well. These are great resources to help facilitate

discussions with your children about how they are feeling right now, and provide calming and mindful activities for them to do.

Cancellations and Refunds - As you know, all field trips were cancelled, including our Grade 8/9 trip to Toronto. We are in the process of issuing refunds for various trips, activities, etc. but please be patient as this takes some time to complete for the entire division. For hot lunch, the Healthy Hunger school account has been cancelled so, if you did not cancel your Healthy Hunger order in time, you will get a refund but it will also take some time as they are having to process a lot of orders across the province. Just a reminder that the school does not issue refunds for transportation. All transportation refunds, questions, etc. need to be addressed through the transportation portal to the transportation department.

Student Council Activities - Last week we had a Wacky Hair day and I saw that lots of students participated but I only got one picture. Please take pictures of your children and send them to your teachers or to me at rtrottier@gsacrd.ab.ca. This week's activity is a TITAN TALENT SHOW! Please take a short 10-20 second video of your child performing something and we'll make it into a video to post on our social media accounts and to send by email to you to watch. Please note - if you send pictures or video of your child, you are consenting to have their image posted on social media.

Pictures of your child learning from home - please also take pictures of your children learning from home for us to post on social media. This is a historic time so we'd love to capture it for memories.

Grade 9 farewell and Kindergarten graduation - these events are postponed. Once we know more about the timeline of the pandemic, we will be able to advise you as to plans for both of these very important milestones in your child's educational journey.

Final exams and year-end report card - All final exams are cancelled. Staff will discuss a weighting of marks from prior to March 12 and post March 12 in order to come up with a mark for your child's year-end report card.

School Council - We had a very well attended School Council Meeting on April 8th. If you weren't able to make it, you can find the agenda and meeting minutes on our website under "Menu/Parents/Parent School Council". Our next School Council meeting is on May 6 at 6:30.

Week at a Glance:

Monday, April 13

- Easter Monday - no school

Tuesday, April 14

- All Google Class meetings that are regularly scheduled for Mondays will take place today

Wednesday, April 15

- Check your Google Class meeting schedule

Thursday, April 16

- Check your Google Class meeting schedule

Friday, April 17

- Staff meeting 8:30-9:30. Staff are unavailable during this time.
- All video entries for the Titan Talent Show are due to Mrs. Trottier today

Birthdays!

We usually announce birthdays in our WAAG and at our Monday assembly but with all the craziness of COVID-19, we missed a TON of birthdays! We're so sorry! These are all the students who celebrated birthdays from March 11 to April 17. We hope you had a wonderful birthday and were still able to celebrate YOU all day! Happy Birthday!

March 11 -	Brayden Locke
March 12 -	Daecota Cole
	Genevieve Ubeika
March 16	Brynn Charrois
March 18	Ben Kewley
March 22	Ella Huot
March 23	Zachary Cameron
March 24	Delilah LeBreton
March 26	Malaki McDonald
March 29	Dawson Kubbernus
March 31	Luca Goian

April 6	Sienna Emde
April 7	Benjamin Mesaros
April 8	Cole Smith
April 9	Greyson Hills
April 10	Nick Borduzak
April 12	Brandon Reed
	Avery Tidd

