

April 27, 2021

Hello Highland Park Families,

All schools in the Halifax Regional Centre for Education (HRCE) have moved to at-home learning for a period of two weeks.

Schools that are closed effective today (Tuesday April 27th) will begin online learning on Thursday, April 29th.

Students in all grades will learn from home while teachers teach from the school work site. Students have already signed out Chromebooks if they need a computer to assist in their learning. If anyone still needs a Chromebook please email or call the school at:

hpjh@hrce.ca OR 902 493 5124

You can expect a combination of real-time instruction delivered by teachers and self-directed learning. Students will have opportunities to engage virtually with their peers, their teachers, and all other supports.

For our students in grades 7 to 9, there will be about 4 hours of school work daily, with up to 2 hours of that time online either individually, in small groups or as a class. Students will be provided with a detailed schedule. Some students may have additional time with learning support teachers and other support personnel depending on supports required and Individual Program Plans.

Additional highlights related to Learning from Home:

- **All students are expected to participate fully in learning at home.** Students have to be online every class at the scheduled beginning time of that class.
- **Attendance is required at the beginning of each class and will be recorded every class.** Home contact will be made to connect with anyone having difficulties with attendance.
- **Student learning will continue to be assessed in all courses and for students with Individual Program Plans (IPPs).**
- Report cards will be provided to students at the end of term.
- All courses with performance elements, such as band and physical education will be conducted online.
- Access to additional supports will be provided to students to support and enhance student well-being and achievement.
- Access to Student Support Workers will continue
- The Teaching Support Team and Student Planning Team will ensure that plans to support students are flexible. They will consider how programing and services can be delivered to support well-being and achievement while students learn from home.

Erik Lang, our school guidance counsellor, invites you to visit his school counselling website (link on our school site and below) if you are looking for mental health supports for your child. If more support is required reach out to Mr. Lang via email: elang@hrce.ca.

<https://sites.google.com/gnspes.ca/elangvirtualguidance/home>

A class schedule with times will be emailed directly to each home room class by their homeroom teacher on Wednesday April 28th. We will also send this schedule to parents so you know when to expect students to be online.

We also encourage you to revisit the [Back to School Plan](#), where you can find more information and resources for you and your family.

The above information will also be posted on our website at: <https://hpj.hrce.ca/>. Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

With thanks,
Carla Christianson