

INVERNESS EDUCATION CENTRE ACADEMY

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From the Principal's Desk

Parents/Guardians/Students,

- Firstly, and most importantly, I must compliment students, staff, and the extended community for their preparation and cooperation to adhere to the COVID-19 conditions under which the school must operate. Students are displaying awareness of the importance why these conditions are in place. Group work is limited, and desks and chairs are set-up in the "old fashioned way", in rows and facing the same direction and at least 1 m apart, wherever possible. Mask wearing is adhered to, which is particularly a task in classes where 6 feet/2 meters distance cannot be maintained due to the high number of students in the room. Thanks to everyone for ensuring that the school remains a safe environment.
- The breakfast program started on September 14. Particularly the elementary students are making use of the service provided by Chartwell's, which operates the school cafeteria. It looks like it that at some time in November the breakfast program will return to the operation of the school, which volunteers would be needed to support the program. Items will be distributed and individually packaged.
- School sports. With the changing conditions under which school sports can take place, it was not feasible to have soccer teams ready before the declaration deadline. However, the following sports will be operational (responsible staff member): Sr Girls Volleyball (Angie MacDonnell), two teams in Jr Girls Volleyball (Jill Campbell-Jessome & Kelly Sofan), Sr Girls Basketball (Kendra MacEachern), Sr Boys Basketball (Phil Blackwood), Jr Boys Basketball (Gary Forgeron), Golf (Robert LeLièvre). Spectators are unfortunately not allowed to attend the games.
- Report cards will be emailed to parents/guardians/students as occurred last year after March Break. Please ensure that your email address in our system is current. Hard copies will be available upon request. Deadline for including assessment of work to be included in the Grades 9 to 12 report card is Friday, November 6. For Grades PR to 8 that deadline is November 20.
- Parent-Teacher meetings for Grades Primary to 12 are scheduled for November 26. The format for the parent-teacher meetings will NOT be in-person meetings. At present, the SRCE is discussing what would be the most effective method for all parent/guardians. Likely scenario is that all meetings will be held by appointment, which can be booked through the school office as of Monday November 23.

Sincerely,

Peter Goosens
Principal of IECA



Inverness Education Centre Academy will not be able to provide students with our regular large assembly to honor our vets. We will recognize this momentous event in a smaller scale with our students ensuring Covid 19 safety measures are in full effect. Please note that community members will be **unable** to join us this year.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Remembrance Day – No Classes	Nov 11 th
Admin Day, Gr. P-8 No Classes, Gr. 9-12 Regular Classes	Nov 17 th
GSA Meeting for interested students Gr. 7-12, 12:15pm	Nov 18 th
Report Cards, Gr. 9-12	Nov 19 th
Report Cards, Gr. P-8	Nov 23 rd
In-Service(am), Parent Teacher(pm), No Classes	Nov 26 th

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Supervision of Students



As we head into winter and inclement weather begins please keep in mind that your child **should not** arrive at the school before 8:25am. With Covid 19 restrictions there will be no indoor area for students to wait for the doors to open. There will also be **no** supervision available until then.

After School Arrangements

With Covid 19 restrictions in place, parents should make afterschool arrangements between themselves and other parents, friends, extracurricular team members, etc. IECA **will not** be responsible for arranging departures or handling of messages in these circumstances. Please ensure that you make after school arrangements for your child/children before they leave your home for the day.

Safe Arrival Process Reminder:

1. Parents/guardians are responsible for notifying the school when their child(ren) will not be in attendance.
2. If your child(ren) is going to be late or absent from school the parent/guardian is asked to contact the school by email ieca.office@srce.ca or telephone 902-258-3700 before 9:15 a.m. An explanation is required.
3. On a daily basis, homeroom teachers will complete morning attendance. A list of those students who are absent will be generated.
4. If a student is marked absent during the first class, and we have not been previously notified by parents/guardians, we will call the numbers provided in the student demographic information.
5. When direct follow up contact with parents/guardians cannot be reasonably made, we will then determine appropriate action. **This may involve contact with RCMP.**

Dress for Winter



Please remind your child(ren) to dress appropriately for the winter weather (i.e. hats, mittens, boots, slush/snow pants). We encourage all students to go outside and play. Outdoor play increases fitness levels and builds active, healthy bodies!



Does Attendance Really Matter ?

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem much but

If your child misses....	That equals....	Which is.....	and over 13 years of schooling that's...	Which means the best your child might perform is ...
1 day per fortnight	20 Days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years	Equal to finishing in grade 11
1 day per week	40 Days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years	Equal to finishing in grade 10
2 days per week	80 Days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years	Equal to finishing in grade 7
3 days per week	120 Days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years	Equal to finishing at grade 4

How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won't affect my child?

He/ She is only missing just....	That equals....	Which is.....	& over 13 yrs of schooling that's...
10 mins per day	50 mins per week	Nearly 1.5 wks per year	Nearly <u>½ year</u>
20 mins per day	1hr 40 mins per week	Over 2.5 wks per year	Nearly <u>1 year</u>
Half hr per day	Half a day per week	4 wks per year	Nearly <u>1½ years</u>
1hr per day	1 day per week	8 wks per year	Over <u>2½ years</u>

If you want your child to be successful at school then YES, attendance does matter!

'Every Day Counts!!'



A copy of the October Strait Regional Centre for Education - Regional Executive Directors Report is available [online](#) for your review.



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2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat					
1	Day E	2	Day F	3	Day G	4	Day H	5	Day A	6	7
8	Day B	9	Day C	10	11 Remembrance Day No Classes	Day D	12	Day E	13	14	
15	Day F	16	Day G	17		Day H	18	Day A	19	Day B	20
			Admin Day, no classes for Gr. P-8		GSA Meeting for interested students from Grades 7-12. Room 226 @12.15pm		Gr. 9-12 Report Cards				
			Regular Classes for Gr. 9-12								
22	Day C	23	Day D	24	Day E	25	26 No-Classes In-Service (am) Parent Teacher (pm)	Day F	27	28	
	Gr. P-8 Report Cards										
29	Day G	30									

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