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Dear VCI Parents/Guardians/Students:

As I am sure you are all aware, due to Covid -19, Fort la Bosse School Division has been directed by Manitoba Education to suspend in-school classes for the week before spring break (March 23rd - 27th) and the week after Spring Break (April 6th - 10th). This is eight school days in total, with the current return date set for Monday, April 13th. We hope that the notes/updates being emailed to you have enabled you to stay somewhat informed as this situation continues to evolve, and unfold.

As in-school classes have been suspended and not canceled, staff at VCI will continue to report to school during this time and will continue to deliver courses for students as effectively as possible. (Note: Some staff will be excused from reporting to work due to health or child care situations, but will still be responsible from program planning and delivery)

The delivery of these courses will obviously need to occur in a different format than the usual classroom method. As a result, staff and students have been diligently working on delivery processes and formats this week to make the transition as smooth as possible. A number of courses will be continued and supported using online resources. (eg. Google classroom, web-based, etc.) We appreciate that the online methods are not accessible by all families and have provided other options to respond to those challenges. Families will be able to pick up or drop off any course work at the school as we will still be open during these in-class suspension dates. (Hours: 8:30 - 12:00 and 1:00 - 4:00). If your child has any questions or concerns, please contact your classroom teachers directly to make sure your child's delivery method is determined and working. (teachers email addresses are located on our website)

As we head into this initial 8 days of in-class suspension, we hope that we are back in classes by April 13th, and the purpose of this ongoing delivery is to keep students connected and moving forward with their courses. It is not intended to overwhelm or add stress to an already very stressful time, so we ask everyone to do your best. If this suspension period extends, we will cross that bridge and respond accordingly, following the direction of Manitoba Education.

Virden Collegiate will be finalizing report cards during this suspension period, with the intent on sending them out on April 14th when we hopefully back in classes.

We will be updating our VCI website whenever new directives and procedures are being put in place. I appreciate the positive support and patience from all during this unprecedented situation. If you require any support please contact us at the school, as we will need to work together to get through this challenge.

Mr. Keown

- **School Work** - Keep up with your assignments so that you aren't behind when you get back; email or message your teachers if you have questions
- **Be Creative** - start a project, learn something new, practice an old skill
- **Exercise** - get up and move, go for a walk (remember social distancing!)
- **Cook, bake, clean, do laundry** - practice your household skills
- **Play games or watch movies with your family**
- **Phone, text, or video chat with your friends**

The experts strongly recommend that you maintain a schedule while you are at home. It will help you fight boredom and keep you (somewhat) productive).

- Set an alarm so you don't sleep in too late
- Schedule school work into your day
- Don't forget to move and exercise
- Make time to talk to friends
- Have some time to be creative or competitive (play games with your family)

Sample Schedule

8:30	Wake up
9-10:30	School Work
10:30-11	Break
11-12	School Work
12-1	Lunch & freetime
1-2	School
2-3	Exercise

Remember!

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Need to Talk ...

- About school
- about COVID19
- about being stuck at home
- about boredom
- about anything

**Find me on
Snap Chat
& we'll talk**



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