



"We Help Each Other Grow"

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DECEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

Dear Cavalier Families,

The good news is we are still open and coping well in the current circumstances. The bad news is we are all a little more on edge with the rising number of cases of COVID cases in HRM. We appreciate all your support by doing a daily check for symptoms, keeping students home who are feeling ill, and keeping us informed about student absences.

Together, we can get to the end of this pandemic marathon,
Stephen Driscoll

PHOTOMASTER STUDIOS

School photos can still be ordered by visiting Photomaster Studios' web site at photomasterstudios.ca. All orders will be mailed to the home address of the student by Canada Post instead of being delivered to the school for the time being.

Please note that Photomasters has all of the school photos on file for the past 7 years. If you missed a year, you can order past years online too.

STUDENTS AND MASKS

As everyone gets more comfortable with the new "normal" school routines we are noticing that a lot of students are forgetting to bring/losing their masks on a daily basis. Please encourage your child to make sure they have a mask with them when they leave for school in the morning and when not being worn to keep them in a safe place. Keeping an extra mask in your child's book bag is also helpful for those who misplace their masks or get them dirty.

HELPFUL MASK GUIDELINES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA WEBSITE

Well-designed and well-fitting masks or face coverings can prevent the spread of infectious respiratory droplets.

How well a mask or face covering works depends on the materials used, how the mask is made, and most importantly, how well it fits.

A mask or face covering can be homemade or purchased, and should:

- be made of at least 3 layers
 - 2 layers should be tightly woven material fabric, such as cotton or linen
 - the third (middle) layer should be a filter-type fabric, such as non-woven polypropylene fabric
- be large enough to completely and comfortably cover the nose, mouth and chin without gaping
- allow for easy breathing
- fit securely to the head with ties or ear loops
- be comfortable and not require frequent adjustments
- be changed as soon as possible if damp or dirty
- maintain its shape after washing and drying

Face shields do not replace masks or face coverings.

A face shield is used to protect the eyes of the person wearing it. Using a face shield without a mask won't protect:

- you from potentially inhaling infectious respiratory droplets exhaled by others
- others from your infectious respiratory droplets, as they can escape around the face shield

Neck gaiters (neck warmers)

Neck gaiters (also known as neck warmers) are not recommended because they:

- aren't well secured to the head or ears, and are likely to move or slip out of place
- are difficult to remove without contaminating yourself

INCLEMENT WEATHER AND SCHOOL CLOSURES

If schools should need to close before the regular dismissal time the teachers and school staff will contact all parents to find out any special arrangements for a child. Generally, school closures are announced by 11:00 a.m. As the phone lines are usually quite busy during an Early Closure event, we ask that parents refrain from calling the school to make arrangements for dismissal. Teachers will contact parents before children are allowed to leave.

PROPER CLOTHING

Please remind your children to dress properly for the winter conditions that often change throughout the day. Children need to wear boots, snow pants, winter jackets, hats and mittens each day as they are often outside for long periods of time. It would be a good idea to pack a spare set of clothes in your child's book bag in case they need to change out of wet clothing.

LATE MORNING ARRIVALS

If your child is arriving at school after 8:00a.m. they are considered late. Aiming to be in the door at 7:55a.m. allows a student time to get to their class, organize their belongings and be ready for the beginning of class at 8:00a.m. We are experiencing a high number of late arrivals and would ask parents to ensure their children arrive on time. Children who are walkers or dropped off by parents are able to arrive at school at 7:40 a.m. If they arrive after 8:00 a.m. please have them go to the main doors to check in at the office.

DAILY SCHEDULE

AM arrival	7:40 - 7:55
Classes Begin	8:00
Recess	Specific to homeroom
Lunch	Specific to homeroom
Dismissal	2:00

SAFE ARRIVAL



Please remember to call the Safe Arrival line if your child is going to be late or absent - 902 864-3176. Thank you.

SCHOOL VISITORS

Due to COVID-19 restrictions we are asking all parents to please call the school, 902-864-7524, if you are dropping off items or dropping off/picking-up your child early. All parents/caregivers are reminded that vehicles are not permitted on school property from 7:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. **Parents should remain outside of the building at all times.** Parents are reminded that they must park on one of the neighbouring streets and not enter the school yard with their vehicles. Please share this information with any adult who may be picking your child up or dropping your child off at school.

LOST AND FOUND

We will not be keeping Lost and Found items for any length of time this year. Pictures or videos of the lost and found are sent to the community and are available on the website. It would be very helpful if parents could label all items/clothing with their child's name so that we can return the items to them throughout the week.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec. 1	Student Report go home
December 3	AM - PD Day PM - Parent/Teacher Virtual Interviews (no classes)
December 22	Last Day of Classes before Christmas Break P - 12
January 4	Schools Reopen
February 1- 26	Registration Month
February 15	Heritage Day - Edward Francis Arab Day (no classes)
March 24	Assessment & Evaluation Day - Elem/Jr High (no classes)
March 15 - 19	March Break (no classes)

March 24	Assessment & Evaluation Day (no classes)
April 2	Good Friday (no classes)
April 5	Easter Monday (no classes)
April 7	Student Reports go home
May 21	AM - PD Day
	PM - Parent - Teacher Interviews (no classes)
May 24	Victoria Day(no classes)
June 29	Assessment & Evaluation Day - P-12 (no classes)
June 30	Last Day of School - Report Cards Home