

March 17, 2020

Dear DCS Community,

Although the situation related to COVID-19 is unprecedented and deeply concerning, we always have hope! We know that Jesus is the Creator and Sustainer of the world. Hold fast to the words of Isaiah 41, "Fear not, for I am with you".

Join us in being "helpers" not "hoarders" within our society. Join us in being a people who "love rightly" in how we respond to this crisis and care for our neighbours, especially the vulnerable. As author Andy Crouch reminds us, we must go beyond simply acting ethically to being a people who offer healing and restoration through sacrifice.

Contingency planning at DCS began prior to spring break and continues in earnest. **Please be assured that DCS remains fully committed to providing continuity of education for all our families.** Grade 12 students who meet graduation requirements will graduate on-time in June.

**DCS will extend Spring Break for students by one week**, through March 29, 2020, in order to give staff time to implement plans based on today's government announcement and to clarify the government's expectations related to providing both online learning and some in-school services to students and families.

Please note that all our plans are subject to change based on government recommendations as this situation continues to develop. We are receiving valuable support from both the Ministry of Education and the Society of Christian Schools in BC (SCSBC).

**DCS is committed to supporting families in need through additional student support services, increased tuition assistance, child services, and food donations.** We are working on plans to support those in our immediate school community as well as others in need.

Please keep in prayer those at the front lines of this crisis, particularly those working within our health care system. Please adhere to government calls for social distancing as an important way to protect those most at-risk and limit the spread of COVID-19.

Additional information will follow once we have more details related to today's announcement. Attached is an important letter from the Minister of Education.

If you are a member of the DCS community and are not receiving our emails, please contact the school office and provide an updated email address or contact information.

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Be well and stay strong in hope!

God is good, all the time.

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