



# DUNCAN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Building on Faith, Family & Community

April 15, 2020

Dear DCS Families,

What beautiful weather we're enjoying lately! The change in seasons always reminds me of God's faithfulness in our lives. Each spring, flowers bloom, the sun's warmth brightens our moods, and we see evidence of new life. Seasonal changes have a complex relationship to life on earth - the design of our world is amazing and intricate! I'm grateful that our God does not watch from a distance, but is active in sustaining our lives and world.

This week, I'd like to highlight a few reminders and announcements:

**DCS Virtual Clubs** have begun with Art and French. The schedule for virtual clubs and other special events/activities can be viewed on our DCS community calendar here: [https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=duncanchristian.com\\_ibjnnsd5tr3atgp9k8mg9anjhg%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America%2FVancouver](https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=duncanchristian.com_ibjnnsd5tr3atgp9k8mg9anjhg%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America%2FVancouver)

**Elementary French Club** (Optional): Debora de Vries, our elementary French teacher, is beginning virtual French clubs for some elementary students this week. Watch for optional French Club times and Google Meet links from your home teacher over the coming days and weeks, as these virtual, interactive sessions will be repeated weekly. Email Madame de Vries or your home teacher if you have questions or would like more information. [ddevries@duncanchristian.com](mailto:ddevries@duncanchristian.com)

**Secondary French Club** (Optional): Janine Vis, our secondary French teacher, is working on plans to begin secondary French Club virtual sessions in the coming week for grade 8-9 students, as well as virtual French classes for students in French 10 and 11. Watch for info and links that will arrive by email and posted in Google Classroom for French 10 and 11 students.

**Art Club** (Optional): Jen Tinsley, our secondary Art teacher, has created a virtual Art Club and online gallery for DCS grade 2-12 students. New projects will be posted every Thursday morning on her Art Club website: <https://mrstinsleysartroom.weebly.com/>. Check out the first one involving a piece of fruit! An invitation to participate will be emailed to K-9 families by your home teacher, and posted on Google Classroom for secondary art students. Send Mrs. Tinsley a photo of your finished artwork at [jentinsley@duncanchristian.com](mailto:jentinsley@duncanchristian.com) and she'll post it to the online gallery!

**Home Learning Support Videos:** Amanda Broadway (DCS Student Support Coordinator) was recently featured by WellBeingBC.ca, and the videos [linked here](#) demonstrate strategies that can provide social and emotional learning, positive behaviour support and mental health and well-being for home learners. Many of the strategies are also commonly used by educators in the classroom. Some of the videos are paired with downloadable files of the strategies discussed in the videos.  
<https://www.wellbeingbc.ca/home-learning>

**DCS Library:** Our elementary and secondary libraries are running and able to receive your book requests through this online form: <https://forms.gle/z3mtTPf9BysQz4XdA>. Bev Rayner will work on fulfilling your book requests within 2-4 days, and book orders can be picked up at the elementary school (there is a library table one step inside of the elementary lobby) or delivered to your front door if needed. Please do not come to the school unless Mrs. Rayner has contacted you to let you know that your book order is ready.

**Technology Requests:** If your family does not have the technology needed to engage in learning at home, please contact your home learning teacher or the school office. We have been able to help a number of families by temporarily lending out Chromebook laptops, or providing desktop computers that have been donated to the school.

**Emergency Tuition Relief:** If your family is enduring financial hardships as a result of lost income due to the COVID-19 pandemic and is in need of tuition relief support, please contact Stacey Green, DCS Bookkeeper. DCS wishes to help support families through these challenging times. [sgreen@duncanchristian.com](mailto:sgreen@duncanchristian.com)

**Other Supports:** If your family is in need of other supports, such as food hampers, limited in-school services, or counselling, please contact your home teacher, the school office or school leadership and we will make every effort to provide supports to your family.

*All DCS letters to the community are posted on our school website at*  
<https://www.duncanchristianschool.ca/covid-19-updates/>

You and your family are in the prayers and thoughts of DCS staff, and we are grateful for your prayers and words of encouragement.

Please continue to reach out to your home teacher or the school office if you have questions.

God is good, all the time.

Jeremy Tinsley  
Principal