

January 6, 2022

Dear MMS Families,

This email contains important information about our preparations for the period of Remote Learning at Mitchell Middle School from January 10-14. Please review this information carefully. If you have any questions, please contact us at the school (204-320-9488 or mms@hsd.ca).

- **Grade 5-6 Children of Critical Service Workers attending school**
 - Parents, please ensure that you complete the survey that was sent to all families on Wednesday evening. In the survey, you are asked to identify whether you are a Critical Services Worker whose child will need to attend school.
 - *A separate information letter will be sent on Friday afternoon to the families of students in Grade 5 and 6 who will be attending school next week.*

- **Picking up learning materials for Remote Learning**
 - The following materials will be available for pick up in the school gym **beginning at 10:30 on Friday morning:**
 - Chromebook and charger
 - Chromebooks are available for all students who need one.
 - A staff member will sign out a Chromebook for your child
 - Class learning packages
 - Any materials that are needed for your child to participate in remote learning will be available for pick up
 - If your child's teacher has left materials that should be picked up, you will be notified today by email by your child's teacher

- **Picking up Rapid Antigen Test Kits**
 - Will be available for pick up in the gym **for students in Grades 5 and 6 only**
 - A staff member will sign out 1 rapid test per child
 - Families are not required to take a test and your participation is voluntary
 - Please use the following links to access further information about using these Rapid Antigen Test Kits
 - [Information Letter From Manitoba Education](#)
 - [Fact Sheet from Manitoba Health](#)
 - [Opening the Abbott Panbio Rapid Test Kits \(PDF\)](#)
 - [Nasal Swab Instructions for Panbio Test Kits \(PDF\)](#)
 - [Nasal Swab Instructions for Panbio Test Kits \(Video\)](#)
 - The same information can also be found on the HSD website at hsd.ca/covid19

- **Student Belongings**
 - At this time we are anticipating only a short period of remote learning, after which students will return to class. Therefore all student belongings and supplies in

lockers and baskets will remain at school until students return in person learning at school

- Should circumstances change at a later date, MMS will re-evaluate how and when to return student belongings

- **Mask wearing is required while in the school**
 - Please be reminded that masks are required to be worn at all times while in the school. Masks are available at each entrance to the school if needed.

- **Expectations for Remote Learning**
 - Please be reminded of the following expectations for students and families during the period of Remote Learning. For more information, [click here](#)
 - All students in Grade 5-8 are expected to participate in **synchronous learning (video calls in real time) for 7-8 hours per week**, as scheduled by the teacher
 - All students in Grade 5-8 are expected to participate in a **minimum of 3 hours of independent work** each day
 - Some parent or caregiver support may be necessary to provide support to complete the work assigned
 - Teachers are available to provide individual and small group support during the school day. Students and families are encouraged to contact your child's teacher if additional support is needed
 - Children of Critical Service Workers will participate in the same learning activities and class meetings as their classmates
 - All class schedules and links will be available on the MMS Remote Learning Website.
 - The MMS Remote Learning Website will be active at the end of the day on Friday, January 7.
 - The link to the MMS Remote Learning Website will be found on Mitchell Middle School's main page <https://mms.hsd.ca/>

- **Additional Student Support**
 - Additional scheduled online support provided by an Educational Assistant may be arranged for some students
 - This support may be arranged at the teacher's request, or by parent request.
 - If your child would benefit from some additional support, please be in contact with your child's homeroom teacher.

If you have questions about any of the information found here, please contact us at the school (204-320-9488 or mms@hsd.ca)

Yours in education,

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