

St. Elizabeth Seton

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER - UPDATE



Working from Home: January 4 - January 8

As we finalize the plans for Pre-K to Grade 6 working from home for the week of January 4th, I want to thank all of you for filling out the survey that we sent home earlier this week. Your responses have been incredibly helpful in our planning process. As of this morning, we have heard from over 230 families, representing over 90% of the students in our school. Thank you for giving us your input!

We acknowledge that while many of you will have your child(ren) with you during the week at home, many of our students will also be with siblings, grandparents, or at dayhome during this week. Therefore, the work that we send home to our families needs to be as independent as possible and this wish showed in the survey. We also recognize that while many of you have access to technology at home and will be able to have your children on Google Meets, many of you will not be able to make this work depending on what is accessible at home or where your children are during the week. We want to ensure that any activity that occurs online, will not disadvantage your children should they not be able to make it online for any reason.

With all of this being said, see below for the St. Elizabeth Seton Education Plan for the week of January 4 - 8.

Independent Learning Packages

These packages will be sent home next week with your student. They will have an English Language Arts and Math focus as outlined by Alberta Education. The amount of work recommended by Alberta Education is approximately one hour a day for Grades 1-3, 1.25 hours for Grades 4-5, and a half hour a day for Pre-K and Kindergarten. Your Learning Packages will take these guidelines into consideration.

Virtual Learning Sessions / Virtual Check-Ins (Google Meets)

Your teacher will provide you with a schedule for when they will be online in a Google Meet. These Google Meets are optional and are primarily designed to connect our students with their teacher throughout the week. While the activity during the Google Meet will vary depending on the grade level, some examples of activities could include a Read-Aloud Book to share with students, a Math Talk/Conversation, or game.

Office Hours

In between our Google Meets, teachers will be available during regular school hours to connect with you and your child(ren) should you wish. It could be a simple phone call to you, the parent, or even a Google Meet to help clarify or answer any questions.

Learning Commons / Library Google Meets

Our Learning Commons Librarian, Mrs. Smith, will also be holding multiple sessions throughout the week and those times will also be communicated to you prior to going home for the Christmas Break.

Moving Beyond January 4-8

This plan is only designed to support your child(ren) for the one week that Elementary students are being asked to work from home. Should the Alberta Government ask us to extend our work from home time, we will provide new plans for you to support our community in a more prolonged and in-depth manner.

Again, we thank you for your support and are so grateful to work together with you. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours in Christ,



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*Trust in the Lord with all your heart.
Fais confiance au Seigneur de tout ton coeur.*