***Dear VMC Families,***

***What to expect next week when students return to classes?***

There will be some changes in order to implement the new directives from Santé Publique regarding masks, clarifications about eating lunch at school and regulations for physical education classes.

***Disposable Procedural Mas*ks:**

Two disposable procedural masks per day will be provided to students.  Distribution will occur weekly.  Students will receive their weekly package during first period at the beginning of each week.  A durable plastic envelope is being provided to students to store their disposable procedural masks.

On Monday, students may arrive at school with their face covering until they arrive in their first period class.  They must immediately change into the new procedural masks.  Their face covering should be stored in a sealed bag and stored until the end of the school day.  During their lunch period students will change into a fresh one.  The idea is that these standardized masks and the standardized procedure will offer better protection since everyone is using the same methodology and materials.

***Eating Lunch at School:***

We will continue to have students eat in their classroom bubble.  Students are expected to eat at their desk without their mask.  Immediately after eating, their masks must be in place.  Students will continue to be allowed and are encouraged to leave the building during lunch.

If students do not respect these guidelines or if the government decides to go ahead and place further safety restrictions, the following lunch time procedures will be implemented:

All classes will be divided into two groups with one group eating while the other group exits the building during lunch.  This will reduce the quantity of students in the classes by half during the eating portion of the lunch period.  After 25 minutes these groups would switch.  This is reminiscent of elementary school lunch periods.  Preparations have already been made to implement this plan as soon as it becomes necessary to do so.

***Physical Education Classes:***

Team sports will not be practiced, and procedural masks must be worn at all times until further notice.  Exception: Only activities where the physical education teacher can ensure a 2-meter distance between students will masks be optional. Ex. Yoga

***Ministerial Exams, Reporting & Weighting of Terms:***

Ministerial exams are cancelled.  Discussions regarding final local and/or board exams are pending.  Information will be issued in the Spring.

Report Cards will be issued **on February 5th, 2021** through Mozaik Parent Portal.

Weighting of terms has yet to be determined by the MEES.  Additionally, information about essential knowledge that must be covered this year is scheduled to be available at the end of January.  The VMC team has already met and done the preliminary work in preparation for this new term.  As information is sent to the schools, we will adjust and inform students and parents.

***PPO Save the Date – February 5th, 2021***

Read the PPO Newsletter to find out more about the event and other initiatives.

***Fitness ECA Survey – For students or join as a family!***

In conjunction with a local fitness center, we will be offering afterschool online physical training sessions several times a week.  If you are interested, please check the survey link.  It’s time to get in shape!

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***Youth Clinic***

As the nurses have been reassigned from schools to aid in the vaccination initiative, we have been asked to share the following information with students:

Youth Clinic in CLSC Hochelaga Maisonneuve is open Monday to Friday from 12:00 to 20:00.  Appointments can be made via Clic Santé. Tuesday, there is a walk-in clinic starting at 14h30.  There is a doctor and a social worker available.

***Holiday Book Sale:*** 415$ was raised by sale of used books.  Prices ranged from 0.25$-1$.  We hope to continue this tradition.

***Class Schedule for the Next Two Week***

Reminder that Secondary 1 and 2 students are to attend full-time.

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| Day of the Week | Cycle Day – Date | Secondary 3 | Secondary 4 | Secondary 5 |
| Monday | 3 – January 18th | VMC | VMC | Virtual |
| Tuesday | 4 – January 19th | Virtual | Virtual | VMC |
| Wednesday | 5 – January 20th | VMC | VMC | Virtual |
| Thursday | 6 – January 21th | Virtual | Virtual | VMC |
| Friday – Switchover | 1 – January 22th | Virtual | Virtual | VMC |
| Monday | 2 – January 25th | VMC | VMC | Virtual |
| Tuesday | 3 – January 26th | Virtual | Virtual | VMC |
| Wednesday | 4 – January 27th | VMC | VMC | Virtual |
| Thursday | 5 – January 28th | Virtual | Virtual | VMC |
| Friday | 6 – January 29th | VMC | VMC | Virtual |

**\*\*New semester begins February 1st for half-year courses.**

***VMC Sweatshirts, Track Pants and Other Items for Sale***

Due to student and parent requests, our navy and green VMC activity hoodies will be on sale until mid-January.  A link with information is attached.  Although the hoodie is not part of the official uniform, students have been granted permission to wear it during class time for the 2020-2021 academic year.  In order to keep the price low, we are making a group purchase therefore orders must be placed by January 18th, 2021.

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