Dear VMC Families,

Happy New Year!

We hope that everyone had a restful holiday and that we are already to get back to work.  Schools have not received any new directives and therefore we are planning to resume our regular schedule January 11th, 2021.  If there are any changes, information will be sent to you by the school.

As specified in the December Newsletter, the following modifications have been made for this week’s school hours.  Reminder that Friday, January 8, 2021 is a PED day.

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| **On-line Schedule**  Dec. 17-18, 2020  &  Jan. 5-7, 2021 | Time |
| Period 1 | 8:30-9:00 |
| Period 2 | 9:05-9:35 |
| Period 3 | 9:40-10:10 |
| Period 4/5 | 10:15-10:45 |
| HEALTH BREAK | 20 minutes |
| Period 6 | 11:05-11:35 |
| Period 7 | 11:40-12:10 |
| LUNCH BREAK | 50 minutes |
| Teachers’ Available Online  (Office Hours – MS Teams) | 13:00-14:00 |

As previously mentioned, this schedule mimics the requirements mandated by the MEES for on-line learning (15 hours of teaching time) without modifying the actual subject blocking currently in place at VMC.  During these days, teachers will take attendance using the MS Teams automatic attendance module, which records students’ attendance during class.  Therefore, if a student is late for class, they are required to advise teachers in the chat and verbally, otherwise they will be marked absent.  You will receive notifications throughout the day if your child misses a class.

As usual, if your child must be absent from school, please advise the office through Mozaik parent portal or by phone.

**January Schedule, based on current instructions from the MEES:**

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 | 4 – January 11th | Virtual | Virtual | VMC |
| Tuesday | 5 – January 12th | VMC | VMC | Virtual |
| Wednesday | 6 – January 13th | Virtual | Virtual | VMC |
| Thursday | 1 – January 14th | VMC | VMC | Virtual |
| Friday | 2 – January 15th | Virtual | Virtual | VMCFSL EXAM |
| Monday | 3 – January 18th | VMC | VMC | Virtual |
| Tuesday | 4 – January 19th | Virtual | Virtual | VMCFSL EXAM |
| Wednesday | 5 – January 20th | VMC | VMC | Virtual |
| Thursday | 6 – January 21th | Virtual | Virtual | VMCFSL EXAM |
| 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 |

**VMC Sweatshirts 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 and therefore orders must be placed by January 15th, 2021.

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Sincerest Regards,

Franca Cristiano, Principal