Dear VMC Families,

Spring temperatures seem to have finally arrived and with it new protocols to help everyone stay safe.  As of today, students will be asked to vacate their classrooms during lunchtime; weather permitting.  Only students who are participating in an activity or tutorial will be allowed to remain on premises during their lunchtime.  Students will have approximately 15 minutes to eat their lunch in class (if they do not wish to leave immediately) and then enjoy the exterior school premises and the surrounding parks if they have permission to leave school grounds.

Additionally, this weekend you were advised of a COVID-19 case.  This case created the need for a class closure.  It has been confirmed as a variant case.

What does this mean?

Covid-19 and variant cases are treated similarly in their initial phases.  The main difference is that staff members who teach the students must automatically quarantine when the case is deemed to be a variant.  This may also lead to a school closure if too many staff members must quarantine.  Like students, even if their test is negative, staff members must remain home for an extended period of time.  As a result, we will be asking students as of tomorrow to bring their materials home each day in case this variant case leads to more staff members being asked to quarantine.  The closed class, staff and students, were asked to be tested today by Santé Publique and we should have a clearer indication in the next few days.

Please be patient and rest assured that the health and safety of our staff, students and their families are our priority.  We will share any new information with you as soon as we are advised by Santé Publique.  It is important that you take the time to read emails being sent to you by the school.  If you receive an automated call, even if you miss the content, it is usually advising you to check your emails.  Check your email daily for any school news.

Thank you for your time and attention.

REMINDER: If someone in your home has symptoms, remember to:

1. Call Santé Publique for instructions.  Review the list of symptoms that lead to testing.
2. Stay at home if you meet the criteria – everyone in the household.
3. Contact the school.

Sincerest Regards,

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