Dear VMC Families,

All our students will be learning on-line next week and following regular school hours (8:30am - 3pm).  The school will send an updated schedule next week.

We will continue to follow our regular school calendar and therefore Monday will be Day 4.

Expect an email clarifying Minister Roberge's announcements today, both from the school and the EMSB, as clarifications and precisions are sent to us.  Please be patient.

**Help your child with on-line learning by:**

1. Discussing and establishing their routine for the week.  This should involve:

* Getting up, dressed and having breakfast a minimum of thirty minutes before classes begin.
* A dedicated work space set-up somewhere in the home.  Sitting on a chair at a table is recommended.
* Putting cell phone and other devices on "air plane mode" during class time to help with focus.
* Taking notes during class time to keep on task.
* Getting up and moving during the 6 minute interval between classes and being active during the lunch break.

Taking the time to negotiate the routine will increase your child's ability to succeed with on-line learning.

2. Teacher tutorials will be on-line during their regular tutorial time.  Encourage students to attend if they are struggling and students should communicate with their teachers for additional assistance.  Letting a teacher know, before the next class, what you are struggling with can help them adjust the lesson for the upcoming class.

3.  Reminder that the learning cues teachers get from students in class are not as apparent online.  It is important for students to use the tools available to indicate what they understand and what they are struggling to understand.

**VMC remains open:**

Guidance services and childcare worker support is also available during regular school hours next week and the staff is reachable by email and MS Teams.

The school's main office is open everyday.  If your child is one of the few students who left materials behind they can be picked up during regular school hours.  Appointments are not necessary as the majority of students brought their materials home.  The Administration Team is on premises to assist.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation.