



Rosthern Community School

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Good afternoon RCS families!

January has certainly been an interesting time for everyone in our RCS community. Our staff have been **very** grateful for the support, encouragement, and cooperation that we have received from RCS families – we are lucky to work in a community that places such a high priority on learning and trusts staff to take good care of their kids. As we head into the month of February it feels like a good time to send some additional COVID-19 information to families:

LOCAL COVID UPDATE - SHA

The Saskatchewan Health Authority has shared that the number of active cases in our local zone (North Central 3) as of Monday, January 25th is at 86 (which is down significantly from the number last week). At Rosthern Community School, we want to thank everyone in the Rosthern area for their diligence in helping to keep our students safe.

ATTENDANCE UPDATE

With a number of confirmed COVID-19 cases last week and the cold weather this week, we want to remind parents, guardians, and students about a couple things:

- *Any grades/cohorts impacted by positive COVID-19 cases are isolating at home at the direction of the Saskatchewan Health Authority. They will return to school when their designated isolation period ends.*
- *All other students continue to attend school as normal. We want to remind families that we have many layers of protection in place to prevent transmission of COVID from occurring at school (including masking, sanitizing, and separating grade groups from each other).*
- *On cold weather days our buses often do not run – these are still regular school days and we look forward to seeing all students (even bus kids, if they can find another way to school) here at RCS!*
- *Teachers are providing at-home/online learning opportunities for students who are required to isolate at home or who are absent from school for several days due to illness – all others continue to access full-time in-school learning.*

If families have questions about attendance we encourage them to contact the office (mitch.luiten@spiritsd.ca) or 306-232-4868 for more information!

ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES/UPDATES

- *In accordance with current PSSD guidelines, all in-person extra-curricular activities are still suspended (including sports). Thankfully students are still able to participate in PE class and use the gym/outdoor spaces during recess.*
- *At this time we have been asked to start planning graduation activities that are virtual and/or outdoors – Mrs. Foster will keep updating grade 12 families as more details become available.*
- *Field trips are still not permitted at this time, but our teachers have been doing an outstanding job of finding “virtual field trips” or local activities that help students stay connected with the world outside of their classroom.*

Despite the challenges that have come with COVID-19, the 2020-2021 school year has been an awesome one at RCS. We can't wait to keep learning alongside students and see what exciting activities are in store for the rest of the year!

Mr. Mitch Luiten & Mrs. Andrea Foster