



**April 16, 2020**

**Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: Parents, Students, Staff**

I trust you all enjoyed spending Easter weekend with your loved ones – likely much differently than normal (whether at home and/or online). We now eagerly look forward to the liturgical season of Easter – an entire season for celebrating and reflecting on the finished work of Christ. This is because the comprehension and joy of this amazing gift cannot be confined to just one day!

At the cross, Christ conquered sin and death, and through His resurrection, we are promised eternal life. Our spirits are renewed by such assurance, and signs of spring – snow melting, hints of green grass, and longer, warmer days – brighten our worlds and our lives.

As I noted in my last communication, this time of transition to learning at home has, at times, been challenging for everyone. However, as a community of parents, students, teachers, support staff, and division staff, we have made our first few weeks in this journey of faith and learning successful. I know many of you have questions about assessments and reporting. We are working together to develop answers that will be shared with you next week.

We have just released our [third video story](#), which is posted on [our website](#) (gsacrd.ab.ca). In this video, students and staff share what hope means to them. They describe some personal challenges and how those challenges have helped them become more hopeful in this Easter and Spring season.

We'd like to know the community's thoughts about faith and learning at home. Using [this online form](#), please let us know – in one or two words – what your experience has been like. We'll compile the results and share them in a Wordle as our fourth community story next week.

We will continue to post stories weekly on our website and through our social media platforms. Thank you to all of you who have told us your own stories of faith and learning. I encourage everyone to keep sharing these with us on social media, using the hashtags #ABLearnAtHome, #GSACRDproud, and #GSACRDgrace. Be sure to tag GSACRD on [Facebook](#) (fb.com/gsacrd) and [Twitter](#) (@GSACRD), and – if you have not already done so – please follow and like GSACRD on social media. You can also send your stories to us by email (communications@gsacrd.ab.ca).

Just as we continue to follow and implement the recommendations of the Chief Medical Officer and all levels of government, we encourage you to do the same. You can find credible, up-to-date health and safety information about COVID-19 as follows:

- [Government of Canada](https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19.html): <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19.html>
- [Alberta Government](https://www.alberta.ca/coronavirus-info-for-albertans.aspx): <https://www.alberta.ca/coronavirus-info-for-albertans.aspx>
- [Alberta Health Services](https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/topics/Page16944.aspx): <https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/topics/Page16944.aspx>
- [City of St. Albert](https://stalbert.ca/city/eps/preparedness/resources): <https://stalbert.ca/city/eps/preparedness/resources>
- [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019): <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

I appreciate your ongoing efforts to learn and live together, focused on our individual and collective health, safety, and wellbeing.

Sincerely,

David Keohane  
Superintendent of Schools