



# Park West School Division

Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow

**Date:** Monday, December 14, 2020

**Topic:** **Update to parents, guardians, and staff**

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**Grade 7-8 students and remote learning:**

- As you know, the Province has directed that students in Grades 7-12 learn remotely for the two weeks after Christmas break (January 4-15).
- The province sent additional direction on Thursday. In the latest update, they stated that in multi-level classrooms, which include Grade 6 students, all students in the multi-level classroom will have the option to participate in remote learning. Grades 7 and 8 (where applicable) students in multi-level environments that include Grade 6, will not be mandated to participate in remote learning.
- We were awaiting some additional clarification regarding the intent of this new direction. It has now been communicated that the purpose is to minimize disruptions for classes in which Grade 7 and 8 students are combined for significant amounts of time during the school day with students in Grades 5 and/or 6.
- For Park West, students in Grades 7 or 8 who are in combined classes with Grades 5 and/or 6 students for at least half of the school day may attend in person from January 4-15. Those students would also have the option of remote learning. All other Grade 7 and 8 students who are not in multilevel classes with Grades 5 and/or 6 will learn remotely.
- Schools who have Grade 7-8 students in such combined classes will contact families directly this week to determine if these students will be coming to school or learning remotely for January 4-15.

**Meeting for parents and guardians:**

- Our biweekly parents meetings will resume on Tuesday, January 12.

Best wishes of everyone for a safe and restful holiday season.