



## Bruce Middle School

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Hello families of Grade 7 & 8 students,

The division reached a decision to extend SJASD students in grades 7 & 8 in alternate day, in-class learning. In response to this decision, a revised daily schedule that includes an increased amount of synchronous (real-time) learning experiences will be provided for all grade 7 and 8 students during their at-home learning day, as well as an in-school component.

These synchronous learning experiences will be supported by the addition of three supplemental teachers who will connect with our students in the areas of literacy, numeracy, and physical education. These teachers will be working collaboratively with our students' Math, ELA and PE teachers to support and extend the learning in class. We would like to welcome the following teachers to our Bruce team and community:

Ms. Daniela Stahl – Mathematics (Grade 7 & 8)

Ms. Maggie Cox – English Language Arts (Grade 7 & 8)

Ms. Emily Turgeon – Physical Education (Grade 7 & 8)

The at-home learning day for all grade 7 and 8 students will now consist of the following:

**Physical Education:** During their scheduled time, students learning from home will meet in our back field with Ms. Turgeon to participate in an outdoor physical education class that will include a variety of fun and competitive games with students from their current grade level cohort. Please take a moment to read through the information page found at the end of this communication to find out more about the procedures for these scheduled outdoor physical education classes.

**English Language Arts:** In collaboration with your child's current ELA teacher, Ms. Cox will schedule real-time, virtual lessons via Teams to engage students in literacy activities, and general ELA support to ensure all grade 7 and 8 students further develop their ability to read, write, and respond to a variety of topics and genres. Attendance will be taken for each class.

**Mathematics:** In collaboration with your child's current math teacher, Ms. Stahl will schedule real-time, virtual lessons via Teams to engage students in numeracy activities and general math support with all grades 7 and 8 students to review and consolidate their understanding of math concepts that have been covered throughout the year. Attendance will be taken for each class.

**Independent Work Time:** Time will still be set aside to allow for students to catch-up and complete any unfinished assignments from their in-school and at-home learning days.

**Attendance at these new meeting times is expected.** The following page outlines the at-home learning day schedule that is specific to all grade 7 and 8 students. We hope this daily schedule will help provide balance and structure to your child's day as we continue to maintain our alternate day attendance format. **These at-home learning day schedules will come into effect on Wednesday, May 5th.** Expectations and discussions will take place with students at the school in the days ahead.

Please do not hesitate to contact either one of us directly with your questions, concerns, or requests in support of your child's learning.

Sincerely,

Dan MacNeil  
Principal

April Waters  
Vice Principal

<b>BRUCE AT HOME LEARNING DAYS - IN SCHOOL OPPORTUNITY</b>			
	<b>7A &amp; 7B</b>	<b>7C &amp; 7D</b>	<b>8A, 8B, 8C</b>
<b>9:00 – 10:00</b>	Physical Activity (at Bruce)	ELA (online)	Math (online)
<b>10:00 – 10:30</b>	<b>BREAK</b>	<b>BREAK</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
<b>10:30 – 11:30</b>	Math (online)	Physical Activity (at Bruce)	ELA (online)
<b>11:45 – 12:15</b>	Independent Work Time	Independent Work Time	Independent Work Time
<b>12:20 – 1:20</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
<b>1:30 – 2:30</b>	ELA (online)	Math (online)	Physical Activity (at Bruce)
<b>2:30 – 3:30</b>	Independent Work Time	Independent Work Time	Independent Work Time

**Students who are at school for their physical education learning experiences are asked to follow the specific arrival and departure times to ensure there is no contact with other cohorts who are in school.**

## **At-Home Learning Day Physical Activity Classes at Bruce**

On your child's at-home learning day, they will be participating in an outdoor physical education class to connect with their cohort peers, and to be physically active each day. Your child's schedule ensures that his/her group sizes are limited, both in size and to their current grade level cohort. When attending, please be sure to follow the requests below to make this physical education experience as smooth and safe as possible for all our participants.

### **Be Prepared:**

- Dress for the weather! Rain or shine, our outdoor activities will go ahead as planned.
  
- Please bring a filled water bottle each day. A designated washroom will be made available.
  
- Only in the case of heavy rain, hail, or lightning, will these classes be held inside.
  
- Any student with medications, inhalers or EpiPen's are responsible for their medication.
  
- All outdoor physical education classes will take place in the field on the north side of Bruce, away from other school gym classes that could be taking place