



# St. Elias Community School

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March 13, 2020

We would like to send a few important reminders and notices to our parents and students as we go into Spring Break.

## **Spring Break Dates:**

Monday March 16, 2020 to Friday March 27, 2020 is our Spring Break. We return to regular classes on Monday March 30, 2020.

Attached to this newsletter is a Notice to parents and guardians regarding the return to school after Spring Break. This notice comes from the Acting Assistant Deputy Minister of Schools and Student Services, David Wipf, and provides you with information and contacts to keep up to date with COVID-19. Any additional information during the Spring Break will be posted to our School Website at <http://sec.yukonschools.ca/>

## **School / Community Feast Postponed:**

SECS is taking precautionary steps and we are postponing our School / Community Feast that was scheduled for March 31, 2020. We will reschedule the feast for later in April or by the end of the school year. We will make decisions based on Yukon and Canadian Government recommendations.

## **Children's Dental Program Visits Postponed:**

The Children's Dental Therapist Visit scheduled for March 30 – April 3, 2020 has been postponed. We will notify parents of the rescheduled dates for the Dental Therapist and Dentist visit when they are known.

## **Yellowknife Super Soccer Tournament Cancelled:**

We have been contacted by the coordinators of the Yellowknife Super Soccer Tournament and with a heavy heart we are sorry to tell you that the tournament has been cancelled. The SECS Jr. Soccer team field trip for April 23 – 27, 2020 is cancelled, and the SECS Sr. Soccer team field trip for April 30 – May 4, 2020 is also cancelled.

We wish everyone a safe and healthy Spring Break! We'll see you all on March 30, 2020.

## **Upcoming Events:**

Mar. 30 – Return to regular classes.

Apr. 3 – All City Jazz Band  
Performance.

Apr. 6-9 – Gr. 8-12 Mid-term  
Assessments.

Apr. 8 – Community Ukrainian Egg  
Decorating at 6-8pm.

Apr. 10 – Good Friday Holiday.

Apr. 13 – Easter Monday Holiday.

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Dear parents/guardians

**RE: COVID-19 update before March break**

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As of Friday March 13, we plan for schools to continue to operate as normal upon return from March break. This is based on the most current recommendations from Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health.

Currently, there is no recommendation to stay home from school or be tested unless you have travelled outside of Canada and are experiencing symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing). Students, families and school staff should be welcomed back into the school and community.

However, the situation is rapidly changing in Canada and internationally. Families and school staff should check the website before school starts again for any updates: [yukon.ca/en/information-about-novel-coronavirus-yukoners](http://yukon.ca/en/information-about-novel-coronavirus-yukoners).

There are currently no cases of COVID-19 in Yukon and the risk within Yukon remains low. However, the situation is rapidly changing. The health and safety of students and staff is our first priority. We are continuing to monitor the situation and are taking all precautions at the advice of Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health.

This information is up-to-date as of March 13, 2020. We will continue to provide regular updates through the schools as needed and on the website listed above.

For more information:

- Government of Yukon website: [yukon.ca/en/information-about-novel-coronavirus-yukoners](http://yukon.ca/en/information-about-novel-coronavirus-yukoners).
- Government of Canada website: [www.canada.ca/coronavirus](http://www.canada.ca/coronavirus)
- Yukon Chief Medical Officer of Health Press Conference: [www.facebook.com/yukongov/videos/229069328230563/](https://www.facebook.com/yukongov/videos/229069328230563/)

Thank you and I sincerely wish you an enjoyable and safe March break.

Sincerely,

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