



May 21, 2020

Dear North Point Parents,

### **Re-Entry Plan**

Alberta Education continues ongoing communication with all public and private schools about a Re-Entry Plan for the 2020-21 school year. Their commitment is to provide a clear directive no later than August 1, 2020. We have been instructed to plan for and be ready for multiple scenarios, including full return, modified return or continued online learning.

We recognize that at-home online learning isn't the preferred choice for our families or staff. We will be respectful, prudent and law-abiding as directives and guidelines come out, but will be leaning as far as we can within those boundaries to having our teachers re-connect in person with the boys. Safety will continue to be the first priority as we make these decisions.

Rest assured that we will be as flexible as possible and respectful of the fact that parents will make their own choices based on whatever plan North Point chooses to put in place based on Alberta Education and Alberta Health Services directives.

### **School end Date**

We are amending the final day of school from Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Grade 6-9's will write their last final exams on the morning of the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Teachers will then host a farewell zoom session with their mentor group classes that same afternoon at 1 pm, to wish everyone a great summer! Report cards will be available to be picked up on June 26<sup>th</sup> at the school, or will be mailed to your home address.

### **Exams**

Our grade 6 to 9 students will write their final exams on June 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. I have attached the Grade 6-9 exam schedules to this email. The regular schedule will continue for Grade 1-5 students, with any modifications as required, made closer to the end of June. We are exploring the possibility of having two options available for writing final exams: 1) at the school in the gymnasium on a rotating basis within AHS guidelines; or 2) writing exams at home with virtual teacher supervision.

Final exams for our Grade 6's and 9's will be comprised of old provincial achievement exam questions.

### **Assessment**

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> term report cards went out on March 6<sup>th</sup>. Teachers have a very good idea where their students were at prior to school closure and the transition to at-home online programming. Teachers have been provided with the directive to assess students on an individual basis using compassion, common sense, collected data and sound professional judgement. Being mindful that many families' worlds were changed drastically, teachers will do their best to provide an authentic assessment of the past 3 months and cumulatively for the year. If students put forth a genuine effort, their mark will reflect that.

### **Mr. Redick**

Many of you may have seen that North Point is looking for a grade 4-9 math teacher – Mr. Redick's regular assignment! Rest assured that Mr. Redick is NOT leaving North Point. Rather, he is heading up our launch into high school programming for grade 10's and possibly a few grade 11 students next year. We will continue to add a grade each year until we are offering a full grade 10-12 program by no later than the 2022-23 school year. Mr. Redick will continue to coordinate our IDP process.

### **Mountain Day**

We are working on a creative way to continue our tradition of Mountain Day in some way, shape or form. Stay tuned for more details on how we plan to 'Ring the Bell' and change the day's experience with a surprise!

### **Awards Night**

This year we will be replacing our annual Award's Night with a pre-recorded Awards Video. The video will be released on Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. For junior high, all final work submissions need to be in no later than June 15<sup>th</sup> to be considered for academic honour role and academic excellence awards.

**Admissions / Enrollment / Fees**

We are very pleased with the number of re-enrollment packages we have received, and will be finalizing the re-enrollment process at the beginning of June. We have been, and will continue to accept new applications, so it is very important that we have a definitive picture of our available spaces. Fees will remain set as planned at \$13,000 for Grades 1-9 and \$15,000 for high school, based on re-entry back into school this September. We are asking our families to continue to follow our current fee payment schedule.

We recognize that some families may be facing different financial circumstances as a result of the Covid 19 crisis, and encourage you to reach out to Dave Jackson to discuss options. If the school year begins at home virtually, then fees will be reconciled to a discounted monthly rate with a pending credit. Full details will be communicated if this is the case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brent Devost". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Brent" being more prominent than the last name "Devost".

Brent Devost