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**\* Friday, May 1 - Non Instructional Day - No School for Students.**

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Hello everyone!

I cannot believe that we are nearing the end of April. To think we began our journey on March 30, 2020, launched our programs on April 6, and here we are. With everyone so busy, the time has flown by.

We began by sending out surveys and links and google docs and so much more. We have had to introduce zoom meetings, google classroom, embedded links in slide shows, paper packages, and all those wonderful things that are new to many of us. Some of us are quick studies and then there are the old folks like me who need a minute or two to figure it all out. We will get there...together.

Our first priority in all this is you and your child/ren.

Your health and wellbeing are the most important issues we need to address. The stress of trying to get the kids online, to do their worksheets, to read, to explore....so much to do in so little time. It is more important that you are taking care of you. The rest will fall into place...maybe not this week, but perhaps in the next. And maybe not at all until the normal regular in school classes begin. In the meantime, you need to take care of you and yours.

If at any time you feel overwhelmed, have too many zoom meetings, too much classwork is needed to be completed, too many emails....just too much in general, please reach out to the classroom teachers. We can't all work at the same pace. We can't all complete everything asked. And Notre Dame School needs to know that. It's through this communication that we can continue to build and reshape what we have already started. It is so important that each teacher understands the rigors and stressors of our parents and students. Some will do well in these settings, others may not. Like a giant classroom, we need to adapt and modify what we send out. If we hear from you, we can make changes or give reassurances that you are on the right track. We don't all learn the same way, whether we be 5 or 65. If we do not know, we cannot help...and neither can your neighbour who you might be talking to. Turn to the teachers. We are here for you.

For the time being, enjoy the splendour of spring whether it be in a mud puddle or basking in the sun. Enjoy the outdoors and get some physical exercise. It is so good for the brain, body and peace of mind.

The snow is gone, the days are getting longer, and we are only 2 months away from summer break!

Notre Dame Staff