

Thursday, April 9, 2020

Dear Families,

As we enter Easter weekend, I am reaching out with a few important reminders and other pieces of information that you may find helpful at this time. Please note that there are two pages to this letter. We are finishing up Week 1 of online learning distance education. This week, students should have been able to login to D2L and familiarize themselves with the expectations set forth by their teachers. You are still reminded to take it slow, however it is expected that students are logging in daily and trying their best to attempt the learning experiences that have been posted. Next week, maybe try to do a little more than this week- comment on more discussion posts with classmates and teachers, experiment with ways to show a child's work to their teachers, ask more questions to support your own learning of this new way of education, etc.. Please understand that we are tracking student usage and will reach out to those families that have low usage data but this is mostly to ensure that you are not experiencing any challenges or difficulties with the D2L platform and/or the tasks that have been provided. I cannot emphasize enough that we are all in this together and should you need anything at all, please contact me.

Please be reminded that due to the Easter weekend, there will be nothing posted in the D2L courses for Good Friday and Easter Monday. Please take this time to relax, spending further time with your family and appreciating all there is to be thankful for. I hope that you are staying safe and healthy, and doing your part to follow the physical distancing rules that have been set forth. I thank you so much, with deepest gratitude for you, the parents and guardians of the children at St. Theresa. It is because of your support that we are able to launch this online learning platform. Thank-you so much for all that you are doing!

Finally, I will leave you with an Easter Blessing-

*May God bless you at Easter and keep you all year through. May God give you all the faith it takes, to make your dreams come true. May His love and wisdom always help to guide you on your way. May His light shine down upon you now, to bless your Easter day. Wishing you a blessed and joyful Easter!*

Mrs. K. Chartrand  
Principal



## **To get the Office Suite on a Windows PC or laptop or an Apple iMac or Macbook**

1. Launch an Internet browser (e.g. Edge or Safari)
2. Navigate to <https://www.office.com/>
3. Sign in using their board email address and password
4. The landing page displays the various apps which they can use online. Near the top right corner there is an Install Office button.
5. Select the Install Office button. The webpage will detect whether they are accessing the software from a PC or a Mac and provide the correct version of the software for download.
  - If they have a Chromebook, [use the instructions at this link](#)
  - If they have an Android tablet, or Android phone, [use the instructions at this link](#)
  - If they have an iPod, iPad, or iPhone, [use the instructions as this link](#)
  - When prompted to sign in, they use their board email and password.

## **Contact Information**

A reminder that all staff contact email addresses can be found on our school website on [this](#) page. If you are experiencing any challenges accessing online learning, require any further support in any way, or have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to reach out. We would like to support you in any way possible.

## **Brant Food for Thought Food Relief Plan**

Should you or another family you know need to access support, please use [this link](#) below to determine where and when food relief is available in our area.

