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Dear future Grade 8 and Grade 9 AJS parents and guardians,

As we are moving forward with planning for the upcoming school year, your child may or may not have received our course selection form from our counsellors before our physical stoppage in the school year. If you did not receive the form, please click the following link to review the form together with your child:

[2020-2021 Registration for Ardrossan Junior High.](#)

Thank you for completing the form after reading over the course descriptions. Please note that student choices will determine course offerings for next year.

We thank you for emailing the course selection form to our Registrar at glenda.ewanovich@eips.ca at your earliest convenience.

Please contact us at the school if you are in need of any assistance or if you have any questions.

Thank you.

ATTENTION GRADS

The final deadline to submit your grad quote for the yearbook is Monday, April 20, 2020
Please send your submission to AJSGrad@eips.ca

Grad Write-Up 2020



WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE PICTURES OF YOU AND YOUR ONLINE LEARNING EXPERIENCE!



Send your pictures to AJS.Yearbook@eips.ca

HAPPY EASTER

FROM ALL THE STAFF AT AJS



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REGISTRATION OPENS March 9, 2020



A pair of enterprising grads from Ardrossan Junior Senior High have come up with a plan to give Grade 12s a unique souvenir to commemorate their graduation year amid COVID-19. Quintin Dunham and Jessica Wolfrey started a T-Shirt making business in the wake of the pandemic and their designs are focused on graduation during the crisis. You can find out more about the shirts or order your own by visiting spirit-grad-wear.myshopify.com.





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Alternative Learning During In-school Class Cancellations

Thank you to all EIPS families and students for your patience while the Division worked out the details of how learning will take place while in-school classes are cancelled. Over the last few weeks, teachers and staff have worked hard at developing alternative learning plans at all grade levels. Students enrolled in diploma courses began working with their teachers in late March. And, on April 6, the Division officially launched its alternative instruction for all other students.

Delivering learning in this way is new for students, family members and teachers. They'll no doubt be obstacles to overcome along the way, and there will be successes that will bring surprise. Over the coming weeks, students will start to adjust to a different format, and teachers will learn what works best for those in their classes. It will take time. Know that teachers care deeply about students, about their achievement and are committed to ensuring all learners have the resources needed to successfully transition to the next year.

To help make the shift in learning as smooth as possible, EIPS has developed an online toolkit for families: [Alternative Learning During In-School Class Cancellations](#). The toolkit offers information about learning resources, supplemental lessons, navigating Google Classroom, how-to tips on supporting students, and more. In addition to learning supports, the toolkit also lists various mental health resources families can access to help navigate the unprecedented challenges everyone is facing as a result of the global COVID-19 pandemic.

Given the circumstances, it's important no one feel undue pressure to get it all right from the very beginning. There are many supports available to help along the way, and your child's education remains top of mind for every EIPS teacher and administrator. Using the resources available, teachers will do their best to help guide both you and your child until everyone is back at school, and face to face.

For more information, and questions about alternative instruction, contact the school at 780-922-2228.

A big THANK YOU to all EIPS families

National Volunteer Week takes place April 19-25. Most years, we celebrate the week in schools by thanking the hundreds of volunteers across EIPS who offer their knowledge and time to help enhance learning within the Division. This year is different. We're facing a global pandemic, and all in-school classes are cancelled until further notice. It's a challenging time for all of us. We're learning new routines and facing obstacles we couldn't even have imagined just a few weeks ago. The coming weeks and months will bring a collective effort—from teachers, students, families, staff and trustees—to ensure the success of all students.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees at Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS), I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to every one of our EIPS school families who are supporting their child as we transition to alternative instruction. Whether it's providing positive learning environments, establishing new routines at home or navigating Google Classrooms with your child, the impact each of you is making is profound. Now more than ever, it's critical we continue to work together to support student learning and inspire learners to gain the skills they need to transition to the next grade or the world of work.

So, again, thank-you for your time, for your patience, for your kindness and for your understanding as we work together to ensure all students succeed.

Watch for Thin Ice

Remember, be aware of thin ice this time of year. Depending on changing temperatures, ice can form and melt to varying degrees on outdoor bodies of water. Please remind your child about the dangers of thin ice, obey all posted signs, take the proper care and remain a safe distance from the ice.

For more information about ice safety, visit the Canadian Red Cross.

Did you know?

The colour of ice may be an indication of its strength. Clear blue ice is the strongest. White opaque is half as strong as blue ice. And, grey ice is unsafe—the greyness indicates the presence of water.