

JAWS Bits 'N' Bites

March 23-27, 2020



CLASSES CANCELED

Effective immediately, all classes are canceled indefinitely.

COVID-19 Updates

If you are not receiving **regular updates** on Northern Lights Public Schools' response to COVID-19, please contact the school with updated email and texting information for PowerSchool; in the meantime, you can see the latest on how

our district is responding to the pandemic at <https://www.nlpsab.ca/our-division/news/post/covid-19-coronavirus-updates>.

The **Minister of Education** recently sent a letter to all parents which can be found here: <https://msg.schoolmessenger.ca/m/?s=Tq41Z9HBdl&mal=22c1d60b8b735dc8517d79bc4fcf27a8318391336617ceedb5849d1444a99118>

Locker Belongings

Locker clean-out took place this week with JAWS staff organizing and labelling belongings for hundreds of students. Instructions for students or parents to pick up belongings is here:

In-person pickup of belongings will take place on **Monday, March 23 from 9am-3:30pm**. Only the student or parent/guardian may pick up the belongings unless you've contact administration in advance (780 623-4271) with the name of someone designated to pick up for you.

Come to the front door and ring the doorbell and **remain outside**; a staff member will take the name and grade level of the student and retrieve the belongings for you, so you do not have to enter the premises. We ask that if a lineup occurs outside, **please respect social distancing and remain 2m apart**. Everything is ready to go so you won't have to wait long.

Bus-delivery of belongings will take place on **Tuesday, March 24**. This applies to NLPS contracted buses only. If there were belongings in a locker of a student who is registered on a NLPS bus, parents will be contacted by bus drivers to confirm drop off locations and times. The school does not accept responsibility for any missing belongings as a result of bus operator delivery. We encourage all parents who are able, to pick up their child's items at schools during the scheduled times on Monday. If you need to make special arrangements for pick-ups, contact the school and we can try to accommodate your request where possible.



Continuing Programming

The following is a summary of expectations of programming for students now that schools are closed to families indefinitely. Staff will be working diligently over the next week to work with our division office leadership to organize instruction, assessment, and continued learning from home. That said, wait for updates via SchoolMessenger and take care of your family and loved ones while continuing to follow all recommendations from Alberta Health Services.

Grade 9 - Plans will focus on core math, language and literacy, science and social studies curriculum outcomes. An average of **10 hours of work per week** will be assigned per student and teachers will be expected to work with their students and parents on the delivery of the materials.

Grades 10 to 12 - While students may not be required to write PDEs, these students will focus on core courses required for high school graduation including language (English, Social Studies, Math, Biology, Chemistry and Physics). Content from other courses will be delivered wherever possible and the government has put accommodations in place for students who are unable to complete courses in extenuating circumstances. An average of **3 hours of work per course per week** will be assigned and teachers will be expected to work with their students and parents on the delivery of the materials. High school students who were on track to receive the required 100 credits to graduate will still be eligible to receive a high school diploma. Principals have been given the ability to award up to 15 credits to students in Grade 12 whose program has been negatively impacted by cancellations. Students who were at-risk of not meeting graduation requirements at the time will work with school administration to create an individual support plan in order to meet requirements.

In the meantime, as you wait for our teachers to enact our continuing learning plan, Alberta Education has plenty of resources to help you support your child from home: <https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=69874B5C32DE7-C7B9-FAFF-518A0FF91DCFD41D>

Important Dates

March 23 - Locker
pick-up day

March 24 - Bus
delivery day

April 6 -13 - Spring
Break

May 15 - Family
Friday

May 18 - Victoria
Day

June 5 - Family
Friday

June 26 - Grad 2020
(POSTPONED)