



## **Principal's Message**

We are nearing the end of 2020, and many people seem to be very happy about this turn in the year. 2020 has been a good year, but it has brought many complexities and challenges for all of us. Back in March we had to quickly suspend in-school learning and all extra-curricular events. In August we had to turn our entire timetable upside-down and re-invent a new timetable using a quarter system. In September, and throughout the fall, we have had to implement and enforce strict health and safety protocols. As we near the end of 2020, the news of a potential vaccine, brings a sense of optimism.

Whatever 2021 brings us, I have to report that our students have been absolutely amazing during these challenging times. It is not easy having 2 long classes every day, and it is not easy wearing a mask in all common areas, and it is not easy limiting our social circles and curtailing our community sports and activities. I have to say, I am impressed with the sense of optimism and purpose that our students bring to school each day.

I also want to congratulate our students on their report cards for quarter one. Our pass rate for quarter one was phenomenal, congratulations students!

There is just one week left before the Christmas break, and then 4 more weeks in January, and then this quarter will end. We can do this together!

## **A Time for Giving**

Our Giving Tree continues to give. It is loaded down daily with warm socks, mittens, gloves, toques, hats and scarves, and of course, candy canes. Students have been helping themselves to the bounty, and can do so until this Friday, December 18.

Our Food Drive will continue until Wednesday of this week. Thank you for donating!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All.

## **Mask Wearing**

The greatest challenge for all of us at Correlieu is wearing masks. We are all required to wear masks in all common areas as well as on the bus. This is not our rule, it is the Centre for Disease Control's rule, but it is our rule to follow and to enforce.

It is unfortunate that there are still some students who want to push the boundaries on mask wearing, assuming that perhaps it is a negotiable rule. I have had many conversations with students about the proper and continued use of masks. In some situations I have had to phone parents and ask for

reinforcement in helping their child comply with the rules. Thank you parents for reinforcing with your child that mask wearing is not negotiable and must be adhered to. It is a health & safety issue and all of us are relying on each other to keep our school safe and covid free. We're in this together.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Emergency Door**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue door is no longer an emergency and delivery door. This door will remain locked at all times and can only be used by staff.

We will now use the 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue door as an emergency door. The 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue door, as well as the 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue door, will remain unlocked all day. All deliveries and late student arrivals will enter the school by the 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue door.

### **Interim Reports & Achievement Certificates**

As we are midway through this quarter teachers will be issuing interim reports to parents. These reports on student progress will come as emails or phone calls.

We will be issuing Honour Roll, Principals' Roll and Effort Roll after quarter 2. The certificates will be based on quarters one and two.

December 16	Last day for Food Drive
December 18	Last Day before Winter Break
January 4	First Day Back

### **Locker Clean Out**

Students are requested to empty their lockers of any perishable items (food, beverages etc) that may spoil over the two week break, by this Friday, December 18th. As well, they are encouraged to take home any clothing that they may need over the break. There will be no access to the school over the break.