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Good Evening Highlander Families,

Semester two will finally commence on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and we want to continue to support our students' success in every way that we can.

After a semester of experience with the learning system of a day in school and a day at home learning, we are changing the expectations of students for the second semester. Several instructional strategies have been tried and some will be retained. One thing that has been essential to our students' success is daily contact with their teachers.

During home learning days, students will be asked to join a team meeting for each of their five classes. When students are home learning, teachers will either teach new material, do group activities, or simply share the daily expectations of the student's work so they can learn independently. Whether students are in school or online, they will follow the same schedule as they would on every school day.

Attendance will be taken daily for all students. The expectation is for students to attend all classes daily (both in school and online). We hope this will keep students committed to learning and connected to school.

During the first days of the semester, teachers will take the time to explain and demonstrate to students how to connect to their courses from home. Students should not start connecting prior to February 8th. It is going to take a couple of weeks for this to become a regular practice for both students and teachers.

We need your help to support teachers meet these expectations. **Students, with the support of their families, are expected to:**

- Be available and report to each class on their schedule, daily (both in school and online). Working during school hours is not an acceptable excuse. As indicated in the *Return to School Plan* on page 6, "The Education Act continues to apply, and as a result, it is still prohibited to hire students during school hours."
- If possible, find a private, quiet area to participate in online learning from home. Out of respect for the teacher and other students, other individuals or members of the household are asked not to participate in, or in any way disrupt the class. If possible, students are encouraged to wear headphones when participating online.



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**We are assuming that everybody now has connectivity and devices going into Semester Two. If there are any homes where this is not the case, please contact your school.**

Helplines for Computer Issues:

Students whose laptops are provided by the school's learning support services (due to learning difficulties, reading difficulties, etc.) and for medical reasons, please direct calls to **Neil Squire Call Centre: 1-855-450-3287** for issues related to Office 365 Pro Plus, Microsoft Teams or OneDrive.

For all other students who own a computer used for distance learning, direct calls to the **Bell Call Centre: 1-833-453-1140** for questions related to Office 365 Pro Plus (home connection and installation), Microsoft Teams, OneDrive, PowerSchool, Desire 2 Learn (D2L), and Wi-Fi.

For any operating problems related to student computers purchased through the special rates, through the school (IMP Solutions), please call IMP Solutions: **1-888-387-5757**.

Families with a grade 9-12 student may still apply for a **student laptop subsidy**. Please go to [this page](#) to find out the latest information on the application process. If students' families need assistance please call **1-833-901-1963**.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to a great semester ahead.

Sincerely,

BMHS Admin