



Moncton High School

End of Semester Update

Upgrading Week Details and Changes

Track A (purple): ADAMS to KILLAM			Track B (white): KIM to ZWICKER	
January 18 th - January 25 th – Final Unit Assessment – One Hour				
January 26 th - January 29 th -Upgrading (not mandatory)				
Monday, Jan. 18 th *Period 2 Unit Assessment	Tuesday, Jan. 19 th *Period 2 Unit Assessment	Wednesday, Jan. 20 th *Homeroom* *Period 1 & 4 Unit Assessment	Thursday, Jan. 21 st *Homeroom* *Period 1 & 4 Unit Assessment	Friday, Jan. 22 nd Period 3 & 5 Unit Assessment
Monday, Jan. 25 th *Period 3 & 5 Unit Assessment	Tuesday, Jan. 26 th *Upgrading Days	Wednesday, Jan. 27 th *Homeroom* *Upgrading Days	Thursday, Jan. 28 th *Homeroom* *Upgrading Days	Friday, Jan. 29 th *Upgrading Days
Monday, Feb. 1 st *Turnaround Day* NO SCHOOL	Tuesday, Feb. 2 nd *Turnaround Day* NO SCHOOL	Wednesday, Feb. 3 rd *Homeroom* First Day Semester 2	Thursday, Feb. 4 th *Homeroom*	Friday, Feb. 5 th

Above is the assessment week schedule that was recently sent home. We felt as a staff that given it was a unique year, we would assess the above way for this year to hopefully benefit our students. Please note that our Track B students will finish their assessments on Monday January 25th.

Next week (January 26th -29th) was going to be a mandatory attendance week so teachers could do some enrichment and stretch learning. In addition, this was to allow students extra time to get work passed in and even get re-assessed in certain situations.

All of this will still take place next week, but for many of our students that have no outstanding assignments and are not re-writing any assessments they do not necessarily need to be here. Hence, if your child is one of these students, we are **not asking them to attend for the sake of attending**, given we have moved to a 'Red Phase'. Instead we will permit them to be home

and they **will be marked as Directed Learning (DL)**. In other words, they will not be penalized with their attendance.

The students are aware of this change as we have discussed this with them. We are simply informing parent's, so they know that their child is legitimate in stating they don't need to be at school if everything is complete and up to date. In fact, we encourage it so teachers can work with those students still trying to complete course requirements.

Having said that, we do have students that have outstanding assignments that should be in attendance. If the student does have outstanding assignments **it is their responsibility** to be in attendance to have the work completed. Your child's teacher would have informed them of their missing work and what is needed, and it is up to those students to know what is outstanding.

Carpooling while in Red Phase

*“Carpooling with others for work, school, medical appointments, or to access essential services such as groceries is permitted. When carpooling, **continuous masking and maintaining physical distancing is required**. If possible, only transport passengers outside your single household bubble in the back seat. Drivers must screen potential passengers for signs of illness, and drivers or passengers who are ill or who have been told to self-isolate by Public Health must stay home. Maximize ventilation in the vehicle, and do not recirculate the air. Clean and disinfect all surfaces that may have been touched by the passenger.”*

Red Phase

There has been much anxiety and uncertainty this week with the province's change of plan for the RED phase of COVID-recovery. School leaders and staff have had a few days to discuss and ask questions and understand the guidelines and expectations for schools in the RED phase.

Should your child be feeling overwhelmed, please reach out to our guidance counsellors who can help with your situation.

- Mrs Shannon Smith : Grade 9 – Shannon.smith@nbed.nb.ca
- Mrs Jennifer Campbell : Grade 10 – jennifer.campbell@nbed.nb.ca
- Mr Jason Lewis- Grade 11 – jason.lewis@nbed.nb.ca
- Mrs Charlene Yetman: Grade 12 – charlene.yetman@nbed.nb.ca

We know some parents are concerned about sending students to school and we want to ensure you that protocols are being followed at school to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission. Added measures include student (home) and staff (at work) screening and the directive to stay home with one symptom.

As per the NB Dept. of Education Return to School Plan, schools are open with the expectation students attend during the Yellow, Orange, and Red phases of the COVID-19 recovery plan.

- In high school, this will continue to involve a rotation of in-school attendance and home learning every other day (see attached calendar)
- Parents are responsible for reporting their child's absence through School Messenger when they are not able to attend school. Please download the Messenger app to help with this. (see attached document)
- Distance learning plans are/will be put in place for students:
 - who are immunocompromised, or live with someone who is (note required from their health care provider)
 - who cannot attend school due to another medical reason (note required from their health care provider)
 - who have been directed by Public Health to self-isolate
- If a parent chooses not to send their child to school, the parent (not the school) is responsible for their child's education

We understand that parents ultimately will make the decisions for their children and this is a time of great uncertainty and fear. Although we are doing our best, there are limitations to what we can support with the resources we have at the school level.

We thank you for your patience and understanding this year with all that has transpired. It is a unique time and our students have been very well behaved as we have incredible students and families at Moncton High.

Stay safe!

Mike BeLong
Principal

