

Good evening HMMS students and families, this is Bonnie Demmons, with lots of information for you this evening about how our students and teachers will work together using online learning through Microsoft Teams (Office 365).

I would like to thank you all for your patience as our teachers have been setting and preparing lessons for students using Office 365 and more specifically, Microsoft Teams. This is the main platform that will be used for online learning and so I have attached a few documents herein to support installation of, signing in, and navigating "Teams". [Home install Office 365.pdf](#) [Install Teams Desktop Version.pdf](#)

I have also included an attachment for families needing IT support in case students do not remember their password, where you can text **(1-506-469-5013)** or e-mail your request to southstudents@nbed.nb.ca . [student passwords and IT support.png](#)

I hope that these attachments help, and if you are still in need of support in the days ahead, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's homeroom teacher to let them know. We will try to assist in any way we can. At this time, we would encourage your child to log in to their Office 365 account and then go to "Teams" to ensure they are able to access the learning next week.

Our teachers are compiling activities to create a grade and program specific 'newsletter' that will be sent to you each week through the School Messenger program. It will also be posted on the main page of our school website by the end of the day Friday. In the EECDC Continuity of Learning Plan released last week, there were 4 subject areas identified for continuity in learning: Literacy (ELA and FILA), Numeracy, Science, Social Studies. These are the core subjects that will be included in the weekly 'newsletter'. It is important to understand these activities are not required for our students to complete and students will not be formally assessed on these activities. Students are however, encouraged to build upon their skills by reviewing previous topics with their teachers, learning new ones, participating in virtual times with their classmates and teachers, and submitting their completed activities to the teacher in order to gain feedback from the teacher, where applicable. We are hopeful our students will engage in these activities as your family situations permit.

You will also receive a schedule of teacher "office hours" during which times our teachers will be available to connect with their students in each of the classes they teach. Homeroom teachers will also be connecting virtually with the students in their homeroom classes. These schedules will be sent by e-mail to all families early next week. We will continue to send this out each week with the HMMS 'Newsletter' each Friday by the end of the day. Homeroom teachers will also continue to reach out to your children virtually and/or by phone. We miss them and we want them to know they can join in virtually for homeroom times, class times and that teachers will also be able to assist and respond to questions students have as they move through the work. Students can send an e-mail or post a question on the "Teams" page and teachers will respond as able.

We will also be including activities for Phys Ed, Art, Music, Tech and Social Emotional Learning which we know are areas that can assist with our mental health and are helpful to incorporate into our daily routines. If your child is in need of Guidance support, please see the attached information from ASD-S regarding the Guidance Plan for the District and contact numbers for the three centers. Please call the HEC number 506-349-6241 or please feel free to e-mail our Guidance counsellor, Mrs. Hatfield at candace.hatfield@nbed.nb.ca . [ASD-S School Counselling Message for Families edit final.pdf](#)

Thank you so much for your patience and understanding as we learn together and so look forward to connecting with our students next week. The weekly newsletter will be forwarded to you tomorrow by the end of the day. For this week only, office hours will be forwarded on Monday.

Take care, stay safe and have a Happy Easter.