



JOHN OLIVER SECONDARY

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Hello everyone,

We hope you and your family are all safe and doing well during this most uncertain and difficult times.

We are aware of the many demands, challenges and concerns students and parents have right now around what will happen next at school. We are doing our best to ensure that the learning is accessible, equitable, inclusive and relevant. We intend to start very slowly and gradually increase the rigor for learners for each of your children's classes. We will continue to check in with parents and students for feedback to inform our instructional practice. I want to thank all of you for supporting our teachers, your student and the school during these unprecedented times. We have been thinking about our students and their families and are committed to doing our best to support you over the unforeseeable future.

Last week the district and John Oliver staff worked to make contact with students and families through emails and or phone messages. Having your child's email as well as your own is of vital importance to communicate and learn as we move to out of school learning. If you or your child have never received any communication from the school or the teachers could you please contact the administration at the school either via phone (604-713-8938) or via email to: Mr. Schieman - bschieman@vsb.bc.ca, or Ms. Sandri - dsandri@vsb.bc.ca, or Ms. Kinnon ckinnon@vsb.bc.ca so that we can update any missing information.

This week our goal is to connect students with their new learning environment through their classroom teachers. A big part of realizing this goal will be to support students without access to technology or learning resources. Students can expect opportunities to engage in some learning as we slowly roll out continuity of learning. Our goal here is to not overwhelm students, but continue to reinforce our connections as a school community.

All teachers will be using Microsoft Teams classroom to continue learning with your child. Our students are familiar with Office 365 as they have a free account through the school. If you currently do not have access to the Internet or you do not have any technology at home like a computer or a tablet please let us know by contacting us by phone. Please also check our website: <https://johnoliver.vsb.bc.ca/> as we are continuously posting updated information.

If your child does not currently have an active Office 365 account, go to: <https://office365.vsb.bc.ca//for-students>

Or, if they have forgotten their password, please have them follow the instructions on the link here <https://studentpass.vsb.bc.ca> – students will need to provide their PEN and birthdate in order to reset their password. If your child is still unable to access their Office 365 accounts, please do not hesitate to contact the school. With this we would like to remind all students that they are bound by the John Oliver Code of Conduct and need to always be aware of Internet Etiquette.

We thank you for your patience while we establish the structures necessary to provide these learning opportunities. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Our office staff are available by phone from 9-2:30pm [\(604-713-8938\)](tel:604-713-8938)

Student counsellors are as follows:

Grade 8/ Grade 12 last names beginning with A-D – Ms Alvares - aalvares@vsb.bc.ca
Grade 9/ Grade 12 last names beginning with E-R – Ms Birkenhead - sbirkenhea@vsb.bc.ca
Grade 10/ Grade 12 last names beginning with S-Z – Mr. Steinruck – asteinruck@vsb.bc.ca
Grade 11 and Take A Hike – Mr. Edge - redge@vsb.bc.ca

All our best and please stay safe! - JO Administration