

East Gary Communication: January 4, 2021

Dear East Gary families,

Happy New Year! I hope that you all have had a great winter break. On behalf of the staff, we wish you a happy and healthy 2021.

As you know, the government has asked all public schools in Ontario to pivot to remote learning for the week of January 4 to 8, with the hope of students being back in the building on January 11th. Teachers have been working hard over the holidays to prepare for this switch. On Monday, January 4th teachers will be posting materials in their Google Classrooms. This work is “asynchronous” meaning that the teacher will not be online to walk students through it. Teachers will be reaching out to families on Monday through a Google Meet or phone calls to check in.

On Tuesday, using Google Classroom and Google Meet, teachers will be offering both asynchronous and “synchronous” learning opportunities. This means that teachers may be holding whole class meetings or lessons, pulling a group of students together for small group instruction, or being online and available to answer questions that students have as they complete their assigned work. Please be aware that for some staff, just like many of you working from home, there can be challenges with the internet and/or they may be trying to support their own children while supporting yours. We respect that you may also have challenges and we encourage you to let your child’s teacher know. We know that everyone, (student, parent, and staff) are doing their best to support learning.

Do you have a child that will be ready to join kindergarten in September? Kindergarten registration will begin virtually on Tuesday. Please visit Kindergarten Registration located on our website to learn more.

Wishing you all the best for 2021.
