



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Lockerby Composite School's weekly news on Viking academics, events, extra-curriculars, and more!

RETURN TO IN-PERSON LEARNING

To Our Viking Community:

We would like to take this opportunity to reiterate the information that was provided to us yesterday by the Government of Ontario. It is important to know that that all elementary and secondary students in northern Ontario (including the Sudbury Region, Rainbow Schools, and Lockerby Composite School), will be returning to in-person learning on Monday, January 11th, as planned.

What this means is that if a student was an in-person learner, entering the school each day, we will be welcoming them back - bright and early on Monday morning - for their Week 1 classes. As usual, for those students who chose online remote learning, we will be seeing their friendly faces on Monday morning through their classroom Google Meets.



RETURNING TO



IN-PERSON LEARNING

**Monday,
January 11,
2021**

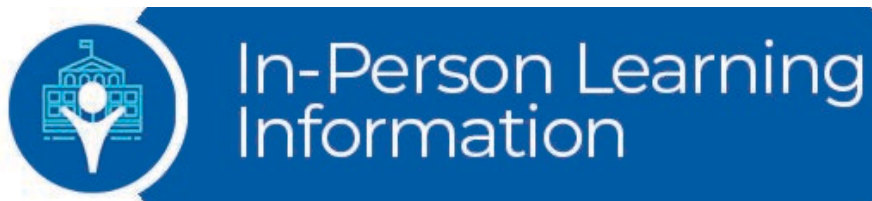
Having said that, and unfortunately, the provincial-wide lockdown of businesses and a variety of other sectors, continues. At the time of print, there are currently 46 active cases of COVID-19 in the Sudbury Region (one of the highest active case counts our community has had since the start of this pandemic). As part of our Monday classes, all Vikings will be reminded of our school's COVID-19 safety protocols, so that we can all get back into the routine of trying to prevent the spread of this virus at our school and in the community.

Until then, keep wearing masks, sanitize hands often, continue the practice of physical distancing, continue to self-monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 using the provincial screening tool found on our website, and stay home when feeling unwell and get tested. We know that the ebb and flow of this situation over the last year has been a challenge – and we are certainly proud and thankful of our Viking students, staff, and parents/guardians for their resiliency and adaptability. Should anything change between now and Monday, we will certainly reach out and provide any and all updates on our website, through social media, and through students' Google Classrooms and VLE environments. Until then...we look forward to seeing our in-person Vikings on Monday!



MONDAY'S IN-PERSON LEARNING

Keep reading this week's Newsletter for further information regarding updates about our return to in-person learning from Rainbow District School Board and the Ministry of Education (starting on Page 9).



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR ONLINE CLASSROOMS?

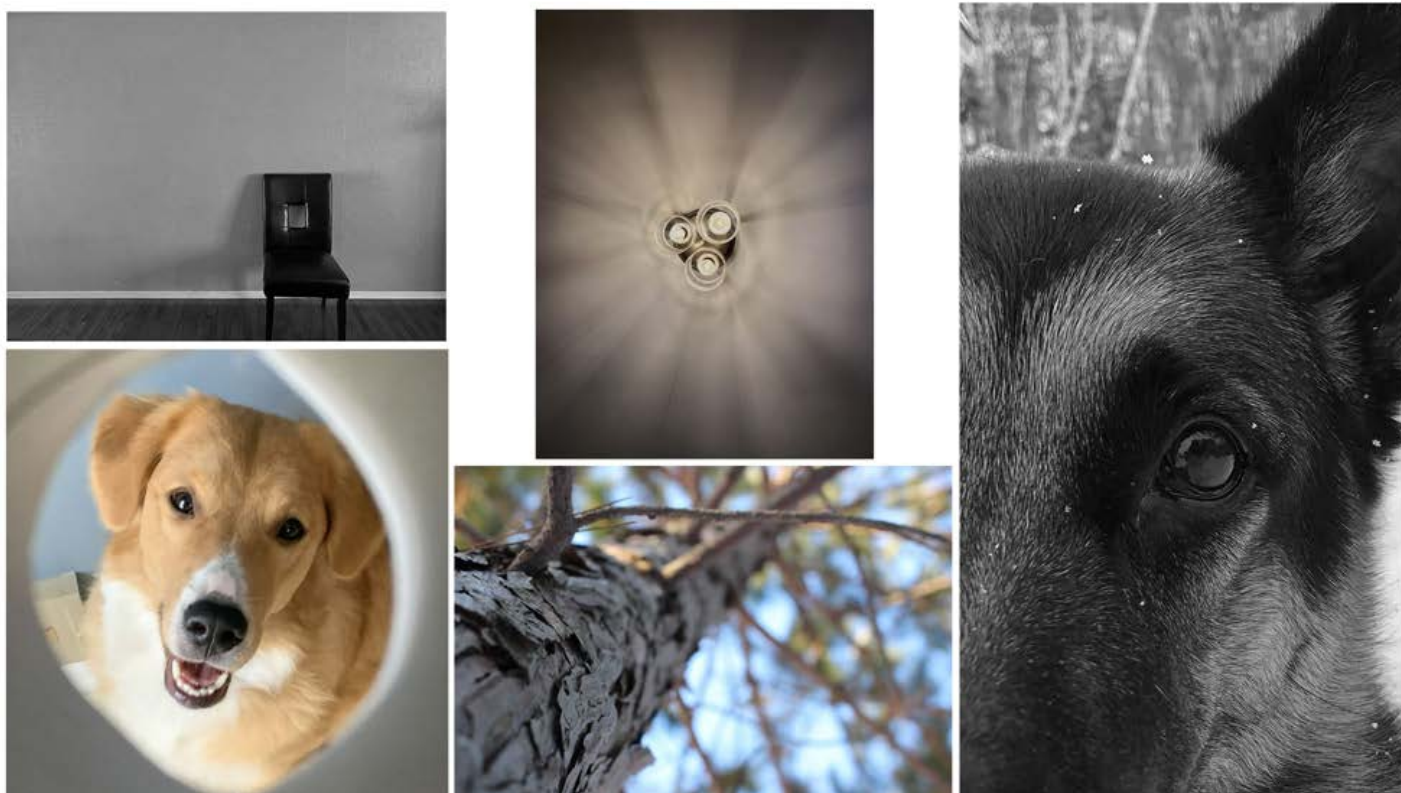
Physical Education

Just because all of our Vikings were at home this week, didn't mean that physical education stopped! Our Grade 9 and 10 Vikings spent some time this week doing some Group Fitness Presentations and



Technological Studies

This week some of our Vikings learned about photo composition. The need to stay safe at home presented an abundance of opportunities for some great photographs! Thank you to Abby, Beth, Kate, and Lauren for sharing their work!



Visual Arts - Grade 9

This week, our Vikings in Grade 9 Art class were treated to a daily 10- to 15-minute creative activity led by our peer mentor, Kallie! Here's an example of one of Kallie's Awesome Art Activities, where she led the class in making Origami swans. With lots of laughter and quite a few questions, we came up with some pretty cool results. Thank you Kallie! Be sure to check-out our Newsletter next page for some close-ups of this activity and even more adventures with Kallie's Awesome Art Activities!





**Great
Work!**



VIKING ATHLETICS UPDATE

Due to the province-wide lockdown, all sporting competitions will be placed on pause. Likewise, all Viking Athletics training will also be put on pause.

Stay tuned in the coming weeks for more information about resumption of participation in the following sports:

- Nordic Skiing
- Alpine Skiing
- Curling
- Snowboarding
- Volleyball
- Basketball



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR STUDENT COUNCIL

Your Student Council would like welcome everyone back! We are looking forward to all the great 2021 initiatives we have planned for our Viking Community. This month the Council is focusing on self-care and will be highlighting different mental health resources as a lead into Bell Let's Talk Day on Thursday, January 28, 2021. Follow us on Instagram @lockerbystudentscouncil to see what we are posting! Below is a sample of a self-care BINGO to help you keep focused and energized as we were learning from home this past week. This BINGO card was found on Canva; we loved it so much that we decided to share it with all of you!

TOOK A SHOWER	GOT DRESSED	CAUGHT UP WITH FRIENDS	PROCESSED MY FEELINGS	COMPLIMENTED MYSELF
MEDITATED	ATE GOOD FOOD	LISTENED TO MY BODY	HAD FUN	ASKED FOR HELP
TOOK A MUCH - NEEDED BREAK	DRANK WATER	<i>Free</i>	TAKE A SOCIAL MEDIA BREAK	TREATED MYSELF
COMPLIMENTED SOMEONE	GOT 8 HOURS OF SLEEP	TOOK STEPS TO TAME NEGATIVE THOUGHTS	BREATHED DEEPLY	DROPPED A HABIT THAT IS NOT FOR ME
ATE A VEGETABLE	SPENDING TIME WITH NATURE	DECLUTTERED MY SPACE	WROTE DOWN IN MY JOURNAL	PRACTICED SELF - COMPASSION

KIDS CARING FOR KIDS CANCER DRIVE - 2021

A message from Lockerby's Kids Caring for Kids Cancer Drive Committee:

Welcome back, Vikings!

We hope you had a great holiday season and a great first week back... even if it was virtual, rather than in person. We are excited to hopefully see you all back at school next week wearing your Cancer Drive gear!

That's right Vikings, masks are still for sale for you to purchase for only \$12 on School Cash Online. As well, for those of you who are distance learners and have ordered Cancer Drive sweatshirts, you can come pick-up your orders at the Main Office on weekdays from 8:00am to 3:00pm. Please come pick-up your sweatshirts as soon as you can! Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Cancer Drive. We appreciate every single one of you!



How to access School Cash Online:

- Open the website rainbowschools.schoolcashionline.com
- Create your account.
- Confirm your email.
- Add your child(ren) to your account.
- Choose the Cancer Drive sweatshirts and masks of your choice.

How to donate to Lockerby's Kids Caring for Kids Cancer Drive through the Northern Cancer Foundation (NCF):

As you all know, all profits made from the Cancer Drive are donated to the pediatric unit of NCF. Despite this year's challenges, we are still trying to reach our goal of \$1 million donated over the past 25 years to NCF and we appreciate every penny our Viking and Sudbury community has donated to this wonderful cause. If you would like to donate, follow the steps below.

- Open the website www.ncfsudbury.com into your browser.
- Scroll down and click the green button that says "Donate Now."
- Scroll down and click the green button that says "Donate Now" under the label "Lockerby Cancer Drive."
- Enter the amount you wish to donate and proceed with your online donation.

BREAKFAST CLUB RETURNS!

Breakfast Club will take place on Tuesday (bagels), Wednesday (grilled cheese) and Friday (muffins) next week!

Start your day-off with a nutritious and delicious snack in Room 223!



STUDENT SERVICES

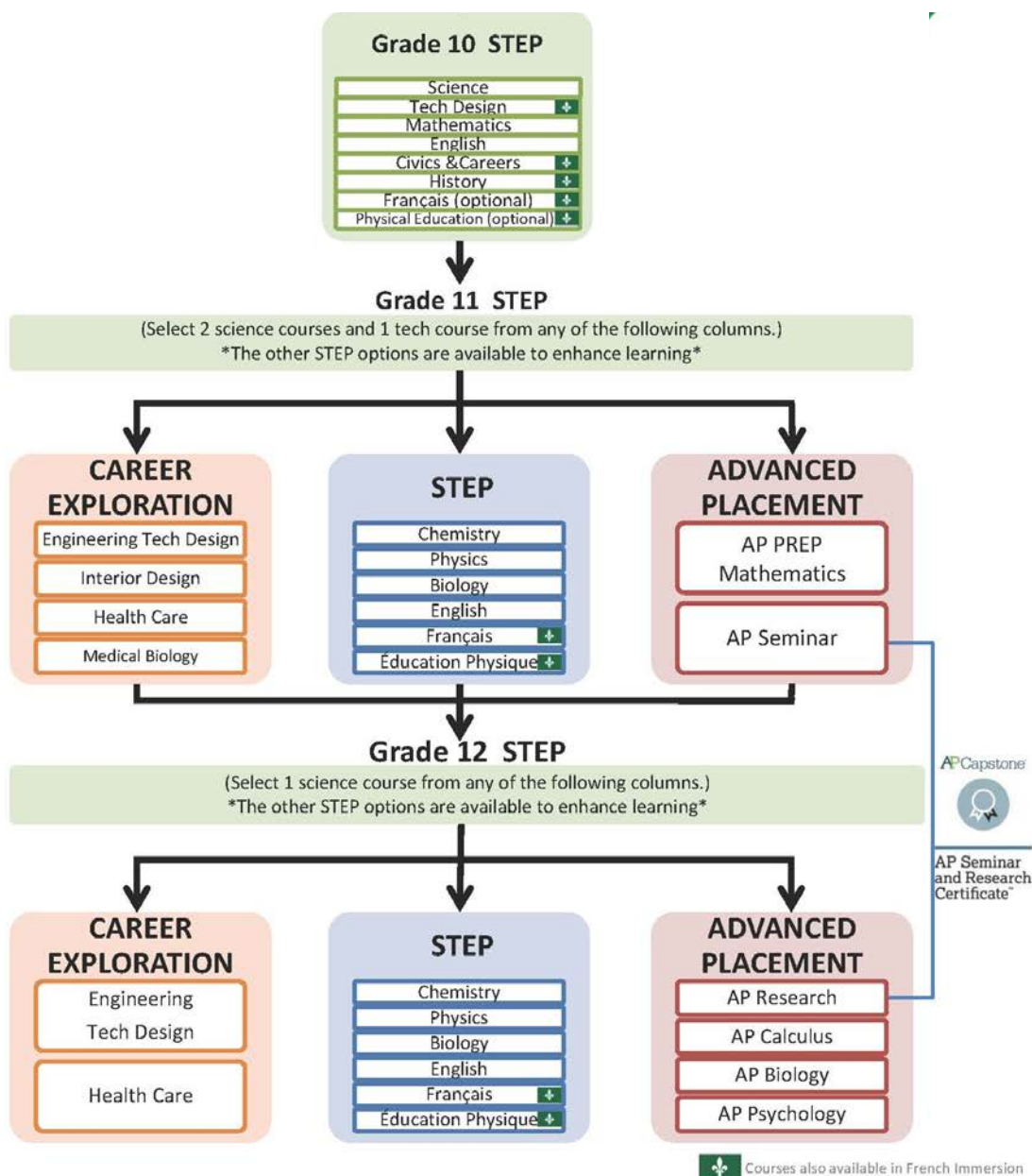
Post-Secondary Applications (College and University)

Many of our students have completed and paid for their applications to post-secondary institutions however, there are still a number of students who still need to complete this process. It is important to ensure that application deadlines are met in order to be considered for a students' chosen program. It is also important to note that the institutions will not receive any information until applications have been paid.

Deadline for University Applications is Friday, January 15th, 2021 (\$150 fee - 3 programs)
 Deadline College Applications is Monday, February 1st, 2021 (\$95 fee - 5 programs)

Course Selections for 2021 - 2022 (Grade 9 - 11)

Student Services will be completing course selections with our Grade 9 -11 Vikings from February 4 - 11, 2021. Students are encouraged to start considering which courses they are interested in completing, as well as researching post-secondary prerequisites. Students can begin the process at home with their parents/guardians by logging into the MyBlueprint software at myblueprint.ca. If students have any questions or concerns please contact a Guidance Counsellor.

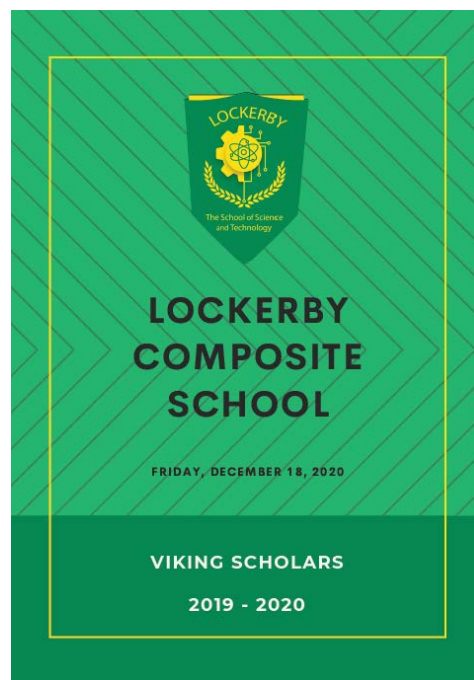


VIKING SCHOLARS RECOGNITION

Attention Viking Scholars

Lockerby Composite School is putting together the final details in recognition of all of those students from the 2019-2020 school year who earned over 80% in their courses and who achieved the highest standing in subject areas. Our recognition and distribution of awards will be happening in the coming weeks, so stay tuned!

Congratulations



LOCKERBY

The School of Science & Technology

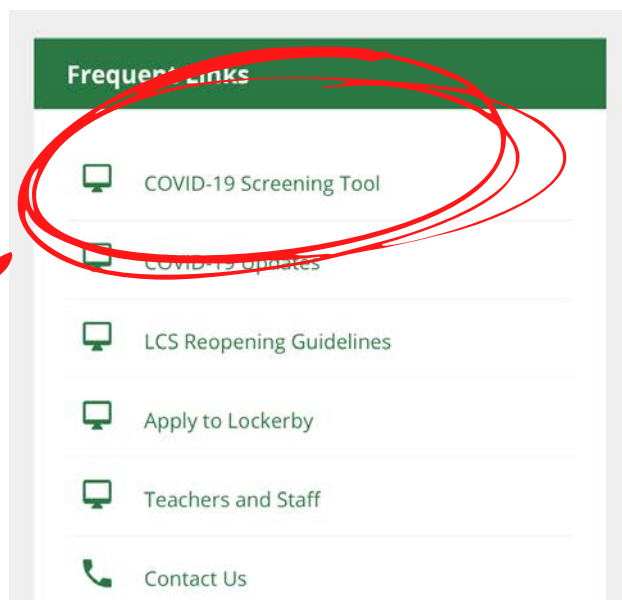
VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

lockerbyopenhouse.ca

Explore

Don't forget to Self-Screen before coming to school!

Visit our website for the Screening Tool





408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury, Ontario P3E 1P2 | Tel: 705.674.3171 | Toll Free: 1.888.421.2661 | rainbowschools.ca

January 8, 2021

**RE: IN-PERSON LEARNING RESUMES MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2021
SCREEN FOR COVID-19 AS PART OF YOUR MORNING ROUTINE**

Dear Parents/Guardians:

As directed by the Ministry of Education, in-person learning will resume at all Rainbow Schools on Monday, January 11, 2021. Transportation will also resume.

Please continue to follow the health and safety protocols in place to keep everyone safe – wearing masks, washing hands, physical distancing and maintaining cohorts.

Parents/guardians are reminded to screen their children daily for any COVID-19 symptoms. Students must stay home from school if they are sick, have had close contact with anyone diagnosed with COVID-19, have been advised by a doctor, health care provider or Public Health to self-isolate, and/or have travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days. Secondary students can self-screen and monitor for symptoms.

The COVID-19 screening tool can be accessed at rainbowschools.ca at the following link: <https://www.rainbowschools.ca/parents/covid-19/covid-19-updates/>

Students with symptoms are encouraged to get tested.

Students who test negative for COVID-19 can return to school if they do not have a fever (without using medication) and it has been at least 24 hours since their symptoms started improving (if they had symptoms), 48 hours after the last episode of vomiting/diarrhea.

Students who test positive for COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19 as determined by Public Health, can return to school only when they are cleared by Public Health Sudbury & Districts to do so.

Thank you for working together to keep everyone safe.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Norm Blaseg".

Norm Blaseg
Director of Education



NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Extends Teacher-Led Online Learning Until January 25 to Keep Students and Staff Safe in Southern Ontario

Province Also Extends Provincewide Shutdown in Northern Ontario

January 7, 2021

[Office of the Premier](#)

TORONTO — As COVID-19 cases continue to rise at an alarming rate throughout the province, the Ontario government, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health and other health experts, is extending certain measures to keep students, education staff, and residents of Northern Ontario safe. This includes extending online teacher-led learning until January 25, 2021 for elementary school students in the 27 Southern Ontario public health unit regions and extending the shutdown in Northern Ontario for another 14 days, aligning with the shutdown period in Southern Ontario.

These time-limited measures are being taken to help ensure that all Ontarians stay at home as much as possible to minimize transmission of the virus and prevent hospitals from becoming overwhelmed, while at the same time being responsive to the fact that Northern Ontario students are not able to learn at home as effectively due to limited access to reliable Internet service.

"With the public health trends where they are across the province, our priority remains keeping students, teachers, school staff, and all Ontarians safe," said Premier Ford. "That's why we're extending the remote learning period for students in Southern Ontario and the shutdown period for Northern Ontario, while continuing to provide financial relief for parents through the Support for Learners program as well as electricity rate relief for all time-of-use customers. We have to get the numbers down and today's measures will help us continue to stop the spread of this deadly virus."

Targeted testing done among students and staff in December 2020 confirmed that schools are not a significant source of transmission. However, with students having been at home for several weeks and with reports of concerning behaviour over the holidays, the positivity rate among school-aged children has increased sharply. Most troubling, the positivity rate for kids aged 12-13 years old increased from 5.44 per cent in late November, early December to nearly 20 per cent in early January.

In response to increasing community transmission, in-person learning will be deferred to January 25, 2021 in Southern Ontario, which aligns with the planned return of in-person learning for secondary school students in these regions. Elementary students and secondary students in the seven Northern Ontario public health unit regions will proceed with returning to in-person learning on January 11, 2021.

Returning students to school now with community transmission and positivity rates so high risks losing the hard-fought progress made in keeping schools and students safe. The Ministry of Education will continue to act on the best advice of medical and health experts to ensure that students in Northern Ontario are able to return to school safely and, when safe to do so, students in Southern Ontario as well.

The government's comprehensive plan of more than \$1.3 billion to protect students and promote safe learning environments will continue to be in place to support students and staff. The plan includes investments in personal protective equipment, improved ventilation, money to support the hiring of additional staff, and the introduction of asymptomatic testing to screen against COVID-19.

"I have and remain firmly committed to getting students back into class as soon as possible - there is nothing more important. However, the best medical and scientific experts have been clear: while schools have been safe places for kids, the sharp rise in community transmission puts that progress and Ontario families at risk," said Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education. "During this time, students will remain engaged in live teacher-led online learning with access to enhanced mental health and technology supports."

In the nearly two weeks since Ontario was moved into a [Provincewide Shutdown](#), trends in key public health indicators have continued to worsen in both Northern and Southern Ontario, including concerning trends in health system capacity, most notably in hospitals. Trends show increasing transmission in many Northern Ontario public health regions, with only one region showing a sustained low level of transmission. In addition, with the increased risk of transmission due to the confirmed presence of the COVID-19 UK variant in the province, the seven public health unit regions in Northern Ontario will remain in the shutdown until at least January 23, 2021. The impacts of these time-limited measures throughout the province will be evaluated after 14 days to determine if it is safe to lift any restrictions or if they need to be extended.

"In the last two weeks, we have seen concerning trends at home and abroad, as well as increased community transmission during the holidays, indicating that it is not yet the time to begin easing public health and workplace safety measures," said Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "While extending the shutdown in Northern Ontario is not the news many wanted to hear, we must work together to stop the spread of COVID-19, protect hospital capacity, and save lives."

The Chief Medical Officer of Health will continue to consult with experts, review data, and provide advice to government on the appropriate and effective measures that are needed to protect the health of Ontarians. This will include an

assessment of how and when it is safe to exit the Provincewide Shutdown and move public health unit regions back into the *COVID-19 Response Framework: Keeping Ontario Safe and Open*, including how a revised approach for the safe reopening of retail may be operationalized.

"As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, it is crucial that all Ontarians continue to follow all public health and workplace safety measures," said Dr. David Williams, Chief Medical Officer of Health. "To help stop the spread of COVID-19 and safeguard health system capacity, Ontarians are strongly urged to stay at home, limit trips outside of their households for essential reasons only and must not gather with individuals outside of the people they live with."

To support families during this extended school closure, child care centres, and home-based child care services will remain open. Ontario is also expanding eligibility for the Ministry of Education's targeted emergency child care program for a broader number of frontline health and safety workers.

In order to continue to support remote learning, the ministry has recommended that a portion of the second half of federal funding, an additional \$80 million investment, will be provided for additional technological devices, such as laptops and tablets, to support school boards in procuring about 160,000 additional devices province-wide.

Financial support is also available for families during this temporary remote learning period through the [Support for Learners](#) program. Starting on January 11, 2021, an expanded Support for Learners program is providing \$200 for each child or youth up to Grade 12 and \$250 for each child or youth up to age 21 with special needs. Applications will be open until February 8, 2021.

For those requiring additional support during this challenging period, Ontario is providing an additional \$10 million in support of student mental health, including funding for Kids Help Phone to support children and youth across the province. School Mental Health Ontario will be providing mental health resources and strategies to support students during this period.



MINISTRY OF EDUCATION



Explore **STEP**
in action.

Discover your
potential.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A VIKING?

PERSONALIZED INFORMATION SESSION

Book your virtual visit today!

Mrs. Beaudry (Student Services)
beaudrg@rainbowschools.ca (705) 522-1750 ext. 6514

WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW FOR NEXT WEEK...

Dan Watson, our school Social Worker, will be at Lockerby Composite School next week.

Hazel Fox-Recollet, our school Aboriginal Support Worker, will be at Lockerby Composite School next week.

- | | |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday, January 11th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return to in-person learning! • 'Week 1 Schedule' |
| Tuesday, January 12th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast Club |
| Wednesday, January 13th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast Club |
| Thursday, January 14th | |
| Friday, January 15th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast Club |



LET'S CONNECT



<https://lockerby.rainbowschools.ca>



<https://www.facebook.com/lockerbyvikings>



<https://www.instagram.com/lockerbycomposite>



<https://twitter.com/lockerbynet>



THE SCHOOL OF
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

AP Capstone

