



March 13, 2020

Dear Families,

We would like to offer some suggestions to support our students in continuing the process of learning during the school closure. These suggestions are in align with the IB homework guidelines for PYP/MYP learners to develop skills for future learning.

Home learning:

- Aligning with our St. James IB goals of inspiring curiosity and a thirst for learning we are encouraging students to continue with their inquiry skills. Attached is a document that provides login & password access to remote learning eResources (e.g. Encyclopedia Britannica) from home for students and staff at Dufferin-Peel. We are recommending use of eResources for on-line research, to ensure that our students are accessing accurate, and reliable resources. The eResources also provide options for different reading levels.
- Daily reading: Reading skills are developed through establishing a love of literature in a range of genres and forms. To support the overall language development, every student should read and/or be read to by his or her parents/guardians every day.
- Homework for IB students should be based on the student's learning needs that have been identified in student portfolios, the recent student-led conferences and up-to-date assessments. More practice in these specific areas will support students in achieving their goals. Please find below a link to the Ontario Curriculum subject area expectations, to provide learning opportunities for strengthening academic skills. <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/curriculum/elementary/grades.html>
- Additional information may be provided by classroom teachers of tasks related to the current unit of inquiry and classroom learning.

Homework should achieve a combination of the following IB Learner Profile attributes:

Thinkers: enriching upcoming learning by inspiring inquiry and/or research into the taught curriculum

Knowledgeable: supporting the five approaches to learning skills (research, thinking, self-management, social and communication)

Reflective: providing opportunities for evaluation, extension and reinforcement

Inquirer: encouraging life-long learning, and see learning in all parts of our lives



In partnership,

M. Cloutier McCann
Principal, on behalf of the school team
St. James Catholic Global Learning Centre