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April 2, 2020

To: Parents/Guardians of High School Students

Re: Alberta Distance Learning Centre

Dear Parents,

As you are well aware, the ramifications of the global COVID-19 pandemic are significant in all of our lives. Those particularly impacted are the students currently enrolled in Grade 12 across the province.

Recently, students in the Holy Spirit School Division have shown an increased interest in enrolling in courses offered by the Alberta Distance Learning Centre (ADLC). As a result of this crisis, some Grade 12 students may experience implications outside of their control that will adversely impact their ability to graduate. At this time we are not recommending students register for courses through ADLC, unless, in consultation with your child's school principal, this is the only option for your Grade 12 student.

Distance learning courses offered through ADLC have many benefits to students in certain situations, but during this time, we cannot recommend students outside the criteria above access courses through ADLC for the following reasons:

- Holy Spirit School Division teachers and staff will not be able to provide any support, tutoring or instruction to supplement the ADLC courses.
- All students in grades 10 and 11 will have access to the full complement of courses that would have been offered to students (provided we were operating under 'normal conditions' in subsequent school years)
- The Religion course offered through ADLC is not the same Religious Studies course that our high schools offer. The approved Religious Studies course for Alberta Catholic schools still needs to be completed through our own high schools in order to be considered completed for graduation requirements.
- ADLC registration deadline is April 15, 2020 and all coursework must be completed by June 15, 2020 (at least 10 days earlier than coursework completed through our schools)
- Students must have any prerequisite courses completed prior to registering with ADLC
- Course & materials fees for any course offered through ADLC is the responsibility of the student. Resources from our high schools cannot be provided (i.e. textbooks, digital devices, etc.) for students to complete ADLC coursework.

I would encourage you to reach out to your child's teacher/administrator if you still feel ADLC programming is appropriate for your child at this time.

Sincerely,

Ken Sampson, Superintendent
Holy Spirit Catholic Schools

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St. Basil Education Centre