June 19, 2020

Dear Families:

We hope this correspondence finds you, your family and your loved ones healthy and safe. We know these are uncertain times and we wish to provide as much information as possible regarding your child’s education, including assessment and evaluation processes.

The Ministry of Education has provided direction that all students will receive a report card in June. York Region District School Board will be providing electronic report cards for our students. Our goal is to have all electronic copies of report cards distributed to families by July 3. Families will be notified when their child’s electronic report card is ready and instructions for access to the report will be provided in that communication.

During the school closure period, The Ministry of Education indicated that students’ marks should not be negatively affected by performance during online learning from home. Therefore, end of year marks can only remain the same or increase based on work completed from April 6 and onward.

Teachers have been focused on student learning by providing tasks, projects and culminating activities for assessment and evaluation, and have been recording and communicating the results of all marked work to students. Comments and the evaluation of Learning Skills will reflect work done by students prior to the school closure.

In the case where the teacher does not have sufficient evidence to determine a grade, students may receive a code “I” on the report card. A code “I” is used when, due to extenuating circumstances, there is not enough information to assess or assign a final mark. It is in no way a penalty to the student, nor is it a statement about the student’s competence or capacity to learn; it is merely an indication that at this specific point in time, learning could not be validly evaluated for report card purposes.

In the case of courses which started after April 6th (e.g., Civics, Careers, new Quadmester courses), students who did not engage and/or provide sufficient evidence of learning will be ineligible to earn the credit and will receive an “I” on the final report.

Where a student receives an “I” on the final report card, a credit will not be granted. The course with the “I” will not appear on the student’s official Ontario Student Transcript. School staff, in consultation with the parents and the student, will determine program options, including credit recovery and retaking the credit to meet the expectations and earn credit.

Note: please disregard the Median column in this report card as the use of the “I” may result in some inaccuracies in calculations.
York Region District School Board will once again be offering acceleration and credit recovery/reinforcement courses during the summer. Please see YRDSB’s Secondary School Summer 2020 web page for registration information. Students may also apply for e-learning by visiting the e-learning website after receiving permission from their home school.

We remain committed to supporting our students and families as we continue to navigate the effects of COVID-19 on education. If your school can support your family in any way, we encourage you to connect directly with the teacher, guidance counsellor, vice-principal or principal.

Sincerely,

Ann Pace
Principal