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Dear Parents,

Hello everyone. As the global pandemic engulfs every corner of the planet, it is difficult to send a greeting which reflects **reality, sincerity** and **optimism**. I shall do my very best to paint a picture with words about our life today.

**Reality** The reality is that we in Canada have been blindsided by the Covid-19 pandemic. We spend a lot of time pining for life as it was only two months ago. The converse of this reality is that we are in fact doing quite well compared to many. Our food supply remains safe and plentiful. Our health care system although challenged has been able to provide care for most of our vulnerable. Slowly our community and economy are opening up just in time to greet the warm weather. We are doing this gradually and cautiously. Our students are safe in their residences. Our graduates await confirmations from their post secondary schools.

Our students who are doing courses in Semester 3 are getting a trial run with the challenges of online courses. The reality is that many universities may be delivering courses online in September.

Our teachers are delivering and assessing the curriculum online using a great deal of creativity. We are using a variety of approved platforms and conferencing sites that are secure and reliable. The reality is that online learning and teaching are difficult. We have built conferencing time between teachers and students into the timetable. We are doing our best to provide individual help to all students.

**Sincerity** It is with sincerity that I state that our students are proving themselves to be very resilient against the odds of a great deal of uncertainty. They all took a huge risk in coming to a new country, a new continent, a new hemisphere. Here, they have faced cultural differences, extreme climate differences, unfamiliar landscape, and now a global pandemic. The strength that they have built will make them our leaders of tomorrow.

## **Optimism**

- We are looking forward to an excellent end of semester 3.
- Most of our April graduates have received confirmed offers of admission to universities.
- Our students studying in Semester 3 are preparing for mid-terms May 26, 27 and 28
- Many of semester 3 students have received conditional offers to universities or colleges
- The staff are preparing a virtual graduation ceremony. We will keep you advised on the details.
- Final Exams for Semester 3 will be on June 22, 23 and 24

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In closing please keep safe, keep healthy and keep us in your thoughts as we do with you.

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