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Good day to our Riffel Families!

Regina Catholic Schools wanted to pass along an update connected to our end of semester course finalizations. See details below.

Regina Catholic Schools is committed to the academic success of our students through best practice instruction and assessment. Part of this practice at the local and provincial level is to provide students with the opportunity to write comprehensive final exams. Educational research indicates that comprehensive assessments provide students an opportunity to organize and reflect on learning and apply concepts.

Due to the January surge of Omicron, which impacted attendance and disrupted the learning term, semester one final assessments were restructured as risk-free opportunities for students to increase a grade. In cases where students were unable to write due to health reasons, coursework was utilized to determine the final grade. ThoughtExchange survey data collected from students and parents, regarding the restructure of January finals, supported that change as important for the mental health and well-being of students during the peak of the pandemic. It also expressed concern for eliminating future opportunities for students to learn study and preparation skills required for comprehensive assessments, particularly in post-secondary settings, and concerns for overall student engagement.

As Covid restrictions have lifted, and student attendance and health have improved, **mandatory course final assessments will occur June 21,22, 23, 24 & 27 as scheduled in the school year calendar.** The following considerations will be in effect to support the mental health and well-being of students:

- The final week of classes will focus on course review, assessment preparation, and recovery of outstanding assignments to provide students with every opportunity to reflect and prepare for final assessments.
- Course final assessments may consist of a written final exam, a performance assessment, OR a final project with consideration to adjustments in weighting, length and structure depending on the nature of the course, and grade level.
- Students unable to attend a final as scheduled due to medical reasons will work with the school administration.
- Supplementals for students in 30 level accredited courses may still be accessed for students who write a final and have a failing grade.
- Students will know their grades prior to the start of the CFD week: Monday, June 20.

Regina Catholic Schools continues to review division assessment practices as part of a new high school gradebook and parent portal platform, Edsby. This includes exploring some changes to the current structure and scheduling of course finals for the 2022-2023 school year.