

Students Online

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Assignment Grading and Timelines

Dear Parents and Guardians:

I want to take this opportunity to make sure you understand our assignment marking procedures. There seems to be some confusion as to how, when and why we grade assignments when we do.

Every course's assignments are loosely tied to a timeline. There is some flexibility in this, but these are framed by the end of each semester and ultimately the end of the school year. Presently, our numbers show students are working on approximately 3200 assignments. We encourage our students to stay close to the timeline, and if possible, get ahead of it. As students fall behind, the inevitable workload at the end of the semester increases almost exponentially. It is at this point that we must make a decision. Which ones first!

Diploma courses are our number one priority. When it comes to January, these are the courses we focus on initially. **IF all** our students kept up with their timelines, there would be no concern. However as more and more students fall behind the assignment number grows, and we have to decide which has priority. We will, due to Provincial policy, always put Diplomas at the front. We cannot deviate from this directive.

Our internal policy is to do our best to grade each assignment and return it no more than one week after submission - at the latest. We may experience the odd exception but we feel this would be the exception. If you find that a submission is taking longer than one week, please let us know immediately. We are human, make mistakes and miss things due to the volume we go through on a daily basis.

Ultimately the timeliness of submissions dictate the return time. I encourage you to have your child(ren) keep as close to their course timeline as possible. This allows us an opportunity to hopefully stay within our 1 week return policy.

Stay Safe

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