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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

Attached you will find our tentative exam schedule for the end of Quarter 1 along with a Q&A from Alberta Education regarding November Diploma Exams. We will send out revisions as necessary should we receive updates from Alberta Education or the school division.

As many of you are aware, Alberta Education announced on Tuesday that Diploma Exams will be optional for November. All students wishing to **not** write their diploma exams in November will be exempted and their teacher-awarded grade will be their final mark. If students wish to write the Diploma Exam, please let your teacher know so we can order an exam for you. While we need to order exams by Monday, October 19 students can choose up to the day of writing whether or not they wish to write. At this time, most Alberta post-secondary institutions have said an exempted diploma exam will **not** influence acceptance. See our Counsellor page for up-to-date information on this: https://sab.eics.ab.ca/students/counsellor

As of today, the EICS school division has said it is exempting our students from writing Provincial Achievement Exams (PATs) in grades 6 and 9.

Our final exams will be as follows: EXAM SCHEDULE NOV 2020

Grade 9s:
All of our grade 9s will have a teacher-made final exam in their core classes in place of their PATs.

Grade 10s and Grade 11s:
These grades will have teacher-made final exams as they have always done. No changes here.

Grade 12s and any students in a Diploma Exam course:
As noted above, Diploma Exams are optional. Students choosing not to write a Diploma Exam will be exempted and their final grade will be determined by their teacher. However, our school division has said that students wishing not to write a diploma exam will have a lower-stakes teacher-made final exam. Teachers will determine the weighting of these exams and communicate this to students.

If you have any questions, please let us know.

SAB Admin Team