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### DIGITAL GRADES FOR A DIGITAL AGE: LAKECREST INDEPENDENT SCHOOL TAKES REPORT CARDS ONLINE

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St. John's, NL - For the first time, Lakecrest Independent School has created and distributed online report cards to parents and guardians. This new method of delivery helps to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and follows a Lakecrest trend of providing innovative education solutions in the face of the pandemic.

The new digital reports were available last week for parents to view and download online. The goal is to make the reports more current and to utilize design elements to communicate the teaching and learning that is happening at the school. **A draft of the new digital report card format is attached to this release for reference.**

Head of School, Mr. Patrick Boekhoud, credits the teaching staff at Lakecrest for making this transition to digital report cards possible, saying "Since the beginning of the pandemic our teachers have embraced the need to modify how we deliver education during the COVID era, and the move to digital report cards is just the latest example. Their hardwork and dedication to providing the best teaching and learning experience has fueled the innovation happening at Lakecrest."

The use of digital report cards is one example of a number of new initiatives designed to engage with the parent community in safe and modern ways. In October the school hosted a Halloween assembly where parents were invited to join and were allowed to cast votes to judge the door decorating competition. This week Lakecrest will host virtual parent-teacher conferences for the first time and there are plans for a virtual winter concert this year. Mr. Boekhoud spoke to the scope of modernization happening at the school, saying "We're using the COVID-19 restrictions as a catalyst to be innovative and creative with how we engage with our families and we're digitizing regular school procedures which used to be done manually."

Mr. Boekhoud is available for interviews upon request by telephone, in-person at Lakecrest school, or virtually.



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