



ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE SCHOOL

Under the direction of the Basilian Fathers

December 22, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We certainly had hoped we would not be updating you so soon on school plans for January 2021.

On December 21, 2020, the Government of Ontario announced a province-wide lockdown to protect the health care system and those most vulnerable to COVID-19. This lockdown applies to all publicly funded and private schools.

As a result, St. Michael's College School will implement the following changes in January 2021:

- Temporarily closed to in-person (student) learning for Grades 7-12.
- Resume classes online for all grades effective January 4 and will follow regularly scheduled class times.
- Plan for all grades to return to our hybrid learning model by cohort on January 25 pending further public health restrictions.

Although we would rather be learning in-person, we have been anticipating this unfortunate possibility for some time and we are well prepared.

There may be further communication necessary in the New Year, but we wanted to notify families of our plans as soon as possible so we can all prepare for a return to online learning in January. The SMCS community has demonstrated a great ability to be adaptive and resilient throughout this past year and we will continue our commitment to keeping safe, learning, and engaged at school.

Enjoy the blessing of this season and may the spirit of Christ and celebration of Emmanuel find you and your family well as we continue to look out for each other and do our part to keep safe and healthy heading into 2021.

The good news is I get to wish you all a Merry Christmas once again.

Peace,

Mr. James McKinnon
Principal