



ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE SCHOOL

Under the direction of the Basilian Fathers

December 31, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy New Year's Eve, as we prepare to launch into 2021.

We wanted to update you before we begin the new year on our plans for returning to learning on January 4, 2021.

As you know from our letter on December 22, 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. The school will be temporarily closed to in-person learning for Grades 7-12. At this time, our plan is for all grades to return to our hybrid learning model by cohort on January 25, pending further public health restrictions.

St. Michael's College School will begin online classes on January 4:

- All students will be online
- We will follow our regular schedule
- Block 1 classes
- Cohort A and Cohort B together

Upon returning to school on January 25, we will continue with all our existing COVID-19 protocols including our daily online screening process. As case counts in our region continue to grow, guidelines are being adjusted weekly. As of today, the Ontario Chief Medical Officer of Health is recommending, with respect to inter-provincial travel, that individuals and families self-isolate for 14 days when arriving in or returning to Ontario during the province-wide lockdown. This recommendation is out of an abundance of caution since much of the inter-provincial travel occurring is to other current outbreak regions such as Quebec and Alberta, although no provinces are immune.

We currently have three weeks before we return to in-person learning at school, so we hope and expect that everyone will be healthy and cleared for their return to school by January 25. Our daily screening process will be updated to reflect current public health recommendations.

Of course, any students or staff who are returning to Canada from another country after the holiday are required to quarantine for 14 days under the federal Quarantine Act. They are required to follow the quarantine directions set out by the Public Health Agency of Canada.

Although it is not how we intended to begin 2021, we do plan to start the year by welcoming the boys back to a virtual world of learning as we navigate a path to academic success and well-being in these unprecedented times. As always, we appreciate your feedback and support.

Sincerely,

Mr. James McKinnon
Principal

