



ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE SCHOOL

Under the direction of the Basilian Fathers

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are certainly looking forward to having the boys return to school next week. Cohort A begins in-person learning Tuesday, February 16.

We are preparing for a smooth and welcoming return with a relentless commitment to keeping our students, staff, and families safe, learning, and connected at school.

The [attached letter](#) is an update from Toronto Public Health outlining the reminders and expectations for parents regarding the return to in-person learning in our region. Protocols and precautions remain a priority to keep the students and staff safe and the school open.

A few key reminders to our committed community. We have done well this year, but we cannot be complacent in attending to the COVID-19 protocols. As we have always said, we do this not only for ourselves, but for the safety of others who journey with us.

- Please be sure to test your daily screening tool and review the updated questions. If you have difficulty with the login, please email info@smcsmail.com.
- If your son has one or more symptoms of COVID-19, they must stay home. If anyone in your home has one or more worsening symptoms of COVID-19, they should get tested as soon as possible.
- Arrival and departure. We encourage parents to utilize the North Gym Entrance, off Bathurst St. for pick-up and drop-off. It has been underutilized and will alleviate some pressure and timing during pick-up and drop-off.
- Please communicate any absences through our attendance line and remember that our school Nurse, Ms. Hnidec is available to assist with questions you may have.

Please discuss and remind your son(s) of the following:

- To wipe down their area upon entering their classroom, including desk and chair.
- Hand hygiene upon entering and leaving classrooms
- Mask etiquette: students can remove their mask briefly for hydration if a 2m/6 ft distance is maintained, but should be reminded to wipe their desk upon leaving the classroom
- Masks may be off in the lunchroom only when seated and facing the plexiglass.
- Physical distancing and mask use in the lunchroom is okay if they want to participate in group conversation
- Lockers are for day use only.
- **KEEP YOUR DISTANCE** - This is a challenge while at school, but a necessary focus of behavior.

Thank you for all you do to keep your sons, families, and our community safe. We are all in this together doing what we can to thrive rather than survive in these days of constant challenge and change. This has been a year we will not soon forget, so we will move forward and continue to create memories.

We look forward to seeing the boys next Tuesday.

Enjoy the pending Family Day weekend and continue to count our blessings.

"Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, in you we contemplate the true meaning of love, to you we turn in trust" - Pope Francis, prayer to the Holy family.

Sincerely,

Mr. James McKinnon
Principal

