



ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE SCHOOL

Under the direction of the Basilian Fathers

January 6, 2021

Dear Grade 7 and 8 Parents and Guardians,

We would like to wish you all a Happy New Year and hope you have had a peace-filled Christmas break as we continue to navigate the challenges of living during this COVID-19 pandemic. We have had a successful first term at school making the best of the current environment and ensuring quality learning, safety, and connections at school. Unfortunately, provincial case numbers continue to rise.

By now, you will have received a letter outlining our move to online learning for the first three weeks of January, with a planned return to hybrid in-person classes on January 25. The primary concern continues to be the health and well-being of students, teachers, parents, and family members.

Regarding our intermediate, Grade 7 and 8 students, we continue to commit to a programme that ensures students are taught by subject specialists in a programme congruent with our secondary school schedule and staff. We will be staying the course with our programme planning and keeping all students on the same schedule during this lockdown period. All classes for Grades 7 through 12 will remain online until January 25.

We continue to make the best decisions we can with the information before us. We continue to do our part to provide safe, engaged learning while reducing the community spread of COVID-19 as best we can.

As further information is gathered and the community conditions evolve, we are prepared to pivot and grow once again. For now, we have prepared for online learning with increased skill development, technology, and enhanced programming. This includes some revisions particularly to intermediate programming to make it more online-friendly. The intermediate faculty have been working hard to give the boys the best online experience possible before returning to cohorted hybrid learning on January 25.

We all hope the health of our community, locally and globally, improves sooner than later. Our communal commitment and contribution to safe and health-conscious protocols will support that movement.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

As always, thank you for your understanding, patience, and support.

Sincerely,

Mr. James McKinnon
Principal

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Core Intermediate Department Head