



# ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE SCHOOL

Under the direction of the Basilian Fathers

March 27, 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a safe and relaxing March Break and are feeling rejuvenated and ready to begin the final stretch to June.

This note is just an update and reminder of how we will begin our return following the break. Since many have travelled and others have managed COVID-19 in their own circles, we are committed to doing our best to keep staff and students healthy and at school. While we have been doing well in managing COVID-19 in the school community, the new Omicron variant, BA.2, is continuing to spread throughout the province and is considered to be more transmissible than the original. Prior to the break, we had 7% of our students absent due to COVID protocols. The virus is present at school as it is in the community. Limiting exposure can keep our students at school and connected to in-person programmes.

To continue to keep our community and loved ones healthy and connected, important and proven safety protocols outlined before the break will remain in place, for the time being, when we welcome students back on Monday, March 28.

Please remember to complete our daily screener for your son every morning at [smcsscreener.com](https://smcsscreener.com). Test emails were sent over the weekend as a reminder to ensure your username and password are working and ready for Monday.

While masking is no longer mandatory in many public spaces, it is still required at SMCS and will be reviewed at Easter. Students are asked to wear surgical masks properly, covering both their mouth and nose and fitting snug around their chin. Also, please remember that masks are still required in public spaces under the following conditions:

- For 10 days after close contacts with COVID-19
- 6 to 10 days after a 5-day isolation period
- **14 days after international travel**
- **On public transit and in health care settings**

In addition to completing our daily screener and wearing a properly-fitted mask, other ways to protect yourself and others include:

- Staying home when sick, even if symptoms are mild
- Getting fully vaccinated
- Keeping distanced where possible
- Washing hands frequently

With the excitement of spring, loosening of public restrictions, and several planned in-person gatherings on the horizon, we welcome a safe and responsible return to normal school routines. Thank you for your continued support in keeping our students safe, connected, and learning at school.

Sincerely,

Mr. James McKinnon  
Principal