

## **Message to families – March 20, 2020**

As we navigate these challenging times together, as a Catholic faith community, it is important to use our Gospel values as a guide. We understand the uncertainty and fear around the COVID-19 virus, but we must not allow that to take away from the responsibilities that we have to each other in terms of compassion, respect and service.

The health and safety of our staff, students and community is always our highest priority. In matters of public health and safety, the regional health units are the experts and the authority. It is important to remember that as a school board we take our direction, with regards to Covid-19, from Public Health and we are in conversation with them daily. If a COVID-19 case is confirmed, Public Health will provide notification to anyone they feel has been or may be exposed. Public Health will be the sole communicator of COVID-19 infection information.

If families require more information about COVID-19, please contact your local public health unit; Brant County Public Health ([www.bchu.org](http://www.bchu.org)) or Haldimand Norfolk Public Health Unit ([www.hnhu.org](http://www.hnhu.org)).

We understand that families have many questions pertaining to the education of their children. The Ministry of Education announced today that a new program called 'Learn at Home' Phase 1 has been released. In conjunction with TVO, many additional resources will be available to families soon. Please visit the [Ministry's website](#) for details.

As this journey continues, families will receive more information via the Board ([www.CatholicEducation.ca](http://www.CatholicEducation.ca)) and school websites. If you haven't already, please subscribe to the site by selecting the 'Subscribe' button near the bottom of the default page, to ensure that you receive emailed notifications when the site is updated with new information.

We are confident that, as a community, we will continue to support each other during these challenging times and we will emerge from this stronger in faith and resolve.

God bless,  
Rick Petrella, Chair of the Board and Mike McDonald, Director of Education