



*Office of the Director of Education*

June 4, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Given the recent Ministry of Education announcement that schools will remain closed for the duration of this academic year, we take this opportunity to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation for your ongoing support of distance learning and serving as key partners in Catholic education. Parents are their children's first educators. Never before has this been more evident than during this time of uncertainty and challenge, when parent engagement has taken on a distinct new meaning in ensuring the continuity and success of your child's education while at home.

In a distance learning environment supported by caring parents and staff, student safety and well-being continues to be top priority for the TCDSB. We work together to nurture safe, welcoming, accepting, and caring Catholic school communities, even in a virtual setting. It is everyone's responsibility – students, parents, and staff – to contribute to a learning environment conducive to growth and achievement, in a manner that reflects respect and dignity for all, where everyone is included.

With the increased use of technology, it is important to remind you and your children that, when incidents of inappropriate student behaviour occur (related to technology or otherwise), the [TCDSB Code of Conduct](#) and local school codes of conduct still apply. These incidents will be addressed by the school and may be subject to progressive discipline. You are also invited to review the Student Internet Agreements signed by students/parents ([K-Gr 3](#), [Gr 4-8](#), [Gr 9-12](#)) as part of the [TCDSB Acceptable Use Policy A.29](#). It is our expectation that the behaviours of all students and their use of technology will adhere to these guidelines and policies.

In an effort to further support student safety in a virtual environment, and to continue nurturing a sense of belonging and well-being, we invite you and your children to review the enclosed safety tips for parents and students:

- [\*Parent Tips – Supporting Student Safety in a Virtual Environment – June 4, 2020\*](#)
- [\*Student Tips – Supporting Student Safety in a Virtual Environment – June 4, 2020\*](#)

You and your children are also encouraged to report any incidents of inappropriate behaviour (occurring online or otherwise) to the classroom teacher, or to the school's Vice-Principal or Principal.

As a faith community of believers, let us continue to work together to create caring Catholic school communities and a future built on kindness for all.

Wishing everyone good health and safety during these remaining weeks of school,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. McGuckin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and a stylized "McGuckin".

Rory McGuckin  
Director of Education