



January 3, 2022

Dear TCDSB Families:

As you may know, the Government of Ontario has [announced](#) that all publicly funded schools in the province **will move to remote learning on Wednesday, January 5, 2022 until at least January 17, subject to public health trends and operational considerations.** This means students enrolled in in-person learning will be learning remotely. Students enrolled in St. Anne's Catholic Academy, School of Virtual Learning will continue to learn remotely.

Teachers have reminded their students and parents/guardians about how to access their online classroom. On Wednesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, teachers begin teaching classes remotely and will inform students of the hours for learning. Teachers will be using one of the TCDSB approved learning platforms (Brightspace or Google Classroom) and one of the TCDSB approved video conferencing tools (Zoom or Google Meet). Students will need to access these applications with their TCDSB accounts. For students who need assistance logging into one of these applications, you can access video instructions at the following links:

- [Zoom How-To Instructions](#)
- [Brightspace/D2L Login Instructions](#)
- [Google How-To Instructions](#)

**Elementary and Secondary students with special education needs** will also be supported remotely by their classroom/special education teacher(s). This includes virtual support from education workers and board professionals as required (e.g. Social Workers, Mental Health Professional Workers, Speech and Language Pathologists, Psychologists and other professionals). Beginning Tuesday, January 4, **school staff supporting students with multiple and complex needs** will be contacting families directly to discuss any concerns, answer questions, and explore available support options which may include in-person learning beginning as soon as possible. Families whose children require support will hear directly from the Principal/school staff.

**Learning Devices:** Last year the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) distributed over 22,000 devices to students in need. Most of these devices remained with students this school year. However, some new requests may exist. For those students who are not able to acquire an appropriate device on their own for remote learning, they will be able to temporarily borrow a device from their home school. Supply is limited and students in most need will be prioritized. Please contact your school Principal for assistance.

**Technology Support:** Last year, the TCDSB launched technology support services for families and students to help facilitate access to remote learning. These supports remain in place and are available Monday to Friday from 7:30am to 8pm. For more information, please visit the [IT Support website](#). A friendly reminder, students can use the MyPassword self-service to reset their password themselves. Please visit the [MyPassword page](#) for instructions on how to reset your password.



**Child care programs** for infant, toddler and preschoolers continue to operate in schools. Families should contact operators directly. Free emergency child care is planned for school-aged children of health care and other eligible frontline workers. More details to follow.

Please be assured that the TCDSB remains committed to providing the best possible education while ensuring the safety and well-being of all students and staff. We will continue to provide families with timely updates as we receive them.

For more information, please visit our [Frequently Asked Questions page](#) for questions related to health and safety, curriculum, and more. If you have questions not covered in the FAQs, please contact the school Principal.

Thank you for your continued patience, cooperation and understanding.

Toronto Catholic District School Board