



March 26, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians of Holy Name Community;

We hope this email finds you well. We pray that those of you who travelled over the March Break have returned safely and are in good health.

These are extraordinary times that we find ourselves in and is a time for us to come together and take care of our loved ones as best as we can, despite having to keep our distance for the time being.

Our Director of Education, Ab Falconi, has been providing you with regular updates throughout this rapidly evolving situation and will continue to do so. We thank him and his team for their timely updates to parents.

With the Premier's announcement of schools being closed for an indefinite period of time, all schools in the province are following a path to deliver online education. The Ministry of Education and the school Board have already set up online resources for parents and students to access as of March 23. These resources can be found online at the Ministry of Education Learn at Home website ([Learn at Home](#)) and our school board website [ycdsb.ca](#). This was the first phase of the provincial government-mandated school closures. Stay tuned for more information from the YCDSB in the coming days re. details pertaining to the second phase.

Over the next few days, classroom teachers will be reaching out to families. They will be contacting you via telephone or email. If you receive a phone call that may have "NO Caller ID", please answer for it may be your child's teacher calling. The purpose of the call is to speak to you and/or your child, to see how you and your family are doing and ensure that you have access to online resources and support.

In a few days, we will share with our families, updates re. cancellations/rescheduling of school activities, initiatives, hot lunch program, excursions, and sacraments.

We thank you for your continued support and cooperation. We look forward to the opportunity to gather together as a Catholic School community before we end our school year.

Yours in Catholic Education,

L. Barone
Principal

L. Bianco
Vice Principal

We leave you with this prayer:

Prayer for a Pandemic

(Author Unknown)

May we who are merely inconvenienced, Remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors, Remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home, Remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our own children when their schools close, Remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips, Remember those who have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market, Remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home. Remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country, Let us choose love.

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other,

Let us find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbours.

Amen