



# York Catholic District School Board

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we wrap up the 2019-2020 school year and students begin to enjoy their summer holidays, I would like to provide you with a few updates.

### **2020-2021 Student Registrations continue online**

During the summer, online registrations for Kindergarten to Grade 12, virtual assessments for secondary students who are new to Canada, and applications for admission to York Catholic schools by international students will all continue to take place online.

Please note, as current parents/guardians of the Board, you do not need to re-register your child for 2020-21; students are automatically enrolled.

We encourage you to share this registration information with your friends and family members who are seeking to register their child(ren) for school in September. For more information, or to register a student, please visit [www.ycdsb.ca/admissions/](http://www.ycdsb.ca/admissions/).

### **Report Card Reminder**

By now all student report cards have been posted on the Parent Portal for you to view and download. If you haven't done so already, please visit your child's school website and click on the "Parents" link in the top banner. On the Parents Page you will find a link to the "Maplewood Parent Portal ConnectEd" on the right hand side. For detailed instructions on using the Parent Portal, and to get technical support if needed, please visit: <https://sites.google.com/ycdsb.ca/ycdsbparentportal>

### **TVO Summer Learning Resources**

Back in March when school closures first started, the Ministry of Education launched a new online portal - [Learn at Home](#) - to provide resources for families to help students continue their education from home. Now, in partnership with TVO, the Ministry is providing free digital summer learning resources that are based on the Ontario curriculum.

[www.tvokids.com](http://www.tvokids.com) Educational programming and games for Grades K-6

[www.tvompower.com](http://www.tvompower.com) Online games that support the mastery of Grades K-6 math concepts

[www.tvomathify.com](http://www.tvomathify.com) Free 1:1 Grades 6-10 math tutoring with an OCT certified teacher

### **Planning for September**

We know that the start to the next school year may not look or feel the same as it did just 10 months ago. The Ministry of Education has asked all school boards in Ontario to plan for three scenarios in September:

- A return to conventional, regular classroom instruction, with health and safety requirements in place
- A continuation of remote learning, including the use of live, synchronous online instruction
- An adapted delivery model that enables students to return to class while limiting the maximum number of students to 15 per class, with the support of blended virtual learning at home

At York Catholic, planning is underway to determine what these three scenarios could look like for our students and families. Once our draft plans are complete, we will submit them to the Ministry of Education for review.

Once the plans have been processed with the Ministry of Education, an implementation survey will be sent to all parents. It will only take a few minutes to complete and will help confirm our processes. You can expect to receive this survey in early August.

When the Ministry has reviewed all school board plans, it will determine which of the three scenarios will be rolled out across the province. Once this is determined, we will be able to tell you what to expect for your child in September. We hope to be able to share this information with you in mid-August.

### **Secondary student timetables for 2020-2021**

The health, safety and wellbeing of all of our students and staff remains a top priority at York Catholic. As we prepare for the next school year, we can assure you that all of our secondary schools are developing timetables that reflect student course requests and also align with the advice we're receiving from the Ministry of Education and York Region Public Health. Please be advised that as a result, students will receive their timetables when the school year starts in September.

I hope you are able to make the most of our precious summer months to rest and relax with your families. I wish you a safe and wonderful summer and hope for God's blessings to be with you in the months ahead.

Yours in Catholic Education,



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