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Dear Parents/Guardians,

From the beginning of the COVID-19 public health emergency, our priority has been and will continue to be the health and safety of our students, families and staff. The extended school closure has not come as a surprise. At St. Clair Catholic, we have been preparing for this possibility since the school closure was first announced. It is our goal to provide our students with the best education possible while they are learning at home during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Teacher-led learning will begin next week and will be phased in. Our teachers will use a variety of strategies, such as online, telephone and mail delivery, to engage with students. Every effort is being made to ensure access to learning opportunities for all students. While it's true that in the days ahead the delivery of education will not be what we are used to, be assured that your teachers, principals and the full St. Clair Catholic staff are committed to doing our very best to support your child(ren) as they learn at home.

Important highlights regarding Learning at Home (Phase 2):

- Students will be learning in a safe environment.
- Grade 12 students on track to graduate are a priority.
- Final report cards will be issued.
- Supports for students with special needs are being developed in collaboration with teachers, principals and families.
- Student mental health and wellbeing will be supported by our student wellness teams.
- St. Clair Catholic's [Parent Learning Hub](#) will continue to provide additional resources for parents, guardians and caregivers to help support learning at home.

Due to the concern for safety, at this time access to our schools by students and parents is not permitted. If there is a specific item that you must have, please contact your principal so that arrangements can be made. I would ask that these requests be limited to urgent matters only. For the safety of everyone, we want to ensure our buildings remain as clean and safe as possible.

Plans are being finalized to get technology into the hands of students who do not have devices at home. We are consulting with the Medical Officers of Health to ensure that our protocols for deployment safeguard the health of staff and families. If you have not requested a device but need one, please contact your principal.

Finally, I want to say that it is my prayer that you and your family are staying safe and well and that you continue to follow the advice of our government leaders and public health professionals, as we all do our part to help limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus. As a Catholic community of caring family members, and with God as our Shepherd, we can move forward in faith and hope for the future.

Sincerely
Deb Crawford
Director of Education

[Click here](#) to read a letter to parents/guardians from Education Minister Stephen Lecce.