



Yesterday's announcement from the Honourable Minister Lecce to extend the closure of schools until at least May 29, 2020 was not unexpected.

As a result, our School Board has made multiple decisions that I would like to make you aware of at this time:

- The province remains in a State of Emergency and under the direction of the Ministries of Health and Education, we are adhering to the physical distancing protocol and therefore the Board has made the decision to postpone the Grade 8 graduation ceremony until the fall.
- I know that this will be a disappointment to our Grade 8's and their families but please focus on this being a postponement and not a cancellation. We are living through unprecedented times and in order to keep everybody safe, some difficult decisions had to be made.
- Any awards that would have been awarded at our graduation ceremony will proceed as planned. All recipients will be notified by the school and, if applicable, monetary entitlements will be disbursed by June 30, 2020. Students will then be recognized and receive the physical awards at our fall ceremony.
- More information about our graduation event will be provided to our grade 8 families as soon as the details are available.
- All upcoming food orders, excursions, and year-end trips are cancelled. We are working on the refund process. More information including, when families can expect to see the reimbursements, will be shared by us soon.
- Students who remain behind on their scheduled immunizations will be contacted by public health at a time when catch-up clinics and/or processes are in place.
- A formal Message to Families from the district outlining these decisions will be released shortly.

Please know that all decisions are being made with a considerable amount of thought and concern for our students and their families. Our staff remain dedicated to distant learning and supporting our families. Please feel free to reach out if you require more information or additional supports during this time.

We look forward to being together again as a community and celebrating all the wonderful accomplishments and achievements of our St. Joseph's students. Until that time, please stay safe and healthy. God bless and take care.

Sincerely,

H. Graham  
Principal