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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope this letter finds you well. We are all experiencing challenges as we face these unprecedented times. Therefore, we wish to begin by thanking you for your ongoing patience and understanding. Now that spring break is over, you are undoubtedly wondering what our 'new normal' will be in terms of teaching and learning. Commencing this week, our learning model will be completely different from what our students are used to within a classroom and school-based setting. We are shifting to a remote learning model and our teachers and school leaders have been working hard to plan for this new reality.

We ask that you encourage and support your child's learning by reinforcing the importance of being diligent with their studies. We have produced a "Tips for Families" document ([accessed here](#)) that will help you as we continue with remote learning. This adjustment is going to take some time and we cannot expect the same level of learning at home as the students would receive at school. We need to adjust our expectations and work together to make the best of the situation providing as much continuity of learning as possible.

Beginning next week, you will hear from your school's principal and your child's teacher with information about their plan for your child's ongoing learning. They will connect with you to discuss your access to technology at home, including access to a computer and the internet. They will also provide you with more information about what you can expect in terms of assignments, how to submit any work, and resources and supports you and your child can use to support learning at home.

In broad terms, our continuity of learning plan includes the following expectations:

- Religious education will continue at all levels.
- Elementary teachers will plan activities that incorporate cross-curricular opportunities.
- Junior high teachers will plan instruction in all core subjects. Other subject areas, such as options, will continue where and when possible.
- High school teachers will plan instruction in all core subjects. As many high school students require complementary courses for graduation or post-secondary entrance requirements, instruction will continue where and when possible.
- A focus on wellness and physical literacy will continue.

We continue to pray for all those impacted by Covid-19 and that all of our students, families, and staff will remain healthy and safe. Please know that we miss our students dearly and are committed to providing the best Catholic Education possible in the weeks ahead.

Yours in Christ,

Robert Martin
Acting Superintendent

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