

Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board



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Dear Parents / Guardians:

As Christmas vacation officially begins, please accept our board's sincere appreciation and best wishes for a peaceful, faith-filled holiday. This past year has been one like no other, and we sincerely thank you for your cooperation, understanding, and support throughout it.

We join you in praying for the continued health, safety, and well-being of our students, families, and employees. Over the holidays, we urge you to do your part to make wise and healthy decisions for the common good about socializing, travelling, and exchanging gifts. Each of our public health units has issued guidance about participating in indoor gatherings, travelling for essential purposes, and interacting with people who live beyond this region. We want all of our families to remain safe, and this requires everyone's full and intentional cooperation.

You may have learned that, recently, the Minister of Education, Stephen Lecce, advised all students to bring home essential learning materials for the holidays. Consequently, your child(ren) might be arriving home today with extra books, learning materials, and/or other items. Since none of our schools or board facilities are currently located in a red or grey zone, **the board fully anticipates that all students who have selected in-person learning and are able to pass the self-assessment at <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/> will return to their school buildings on Monday, January 4, 2021.** Students who have selected remote learning will continue learning from home. Should our region's health situation change over the holiday period and require us to pivot to remote learning, we will communicate additional details to you. Please continue to check our website at www.hscdsb.on.ca for any important updates.

On a final note, the next quadmester begins on **Monday, February 8, 2021**. Over the next several weeks, should you reconsider the learning modality of your child(ren), please know the deadline for indicating your preference to move between in-person and remote learning is **Friday, January 22, 2021**. Our board remains committed to having teachers teach only in one modality at a time, which allows students in each classroom setting to receive their educators' undivided attention. Families unable to meet the January 22 deadline who still wish to transition their child(ren) will be added to a wait list. While we cannot guarantee that all students on the wait list will be able to transition to their preferred form of learning, we will certainly do our utmost to accommodate any requests we receive.

Thank you once more for your understanding and cooperation. May 2021 be a kinder and gentler year for us all!

With blessings for a very happy Christmas,

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