



# York Catholic District School Board

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Today, the Ontario Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. David Williams, announced that elementary schools in Southern Ontario will remain closed to in-person learning for two more weeks. As a result, all York Catholic elementary schools will remain closed and students will continue to participate in online remote learning until Friday, January 22, 2021. This extension also applies to Grade 7 & 8 students at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Academy and all students at St. Luke Catholic Learning Centre.

The government is deferring the return to in-person learning in elementary schools to help reduce the spread of COVID-19, in the face of record high daily case counts and rising community transmission rates.

**Secondary school closures** remain in effect until Friday, January 22, 2021.

**Before and after care programs** will not operate while schools are closed to students.

For **child care centres**, please check with your child care provider.

**Elementary** students (and students at St. Luke CLC) are expected to return to in-person learning on Monday, January 25, 2021.

**Secondary** students are expected to return to in-person learning on Monday, January 25, 2021.

## **Connecting to the Virtual Classroom:**

Students will continue to attend school through their teachers' virtual classrooms. Student schedules will remain the same.

## **Resources for Families**

Parents/guardians looking for additional resources, including assistance on how to navigate virtual classrooms such as Google Classroom and Brightspace D2L, can visit the [Parent Resources](#) section of the Board's website. The Ministry has also made available some online resources on the following Ministry and TVO/TFO websites: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/learn-at-home>, [TVO Learn](#) and [TFO IDÉOLO. apprendre à la maison.](#)

## **Technical Support**

Families looking for technical support during remote online learning are encouraged to visit our Call Centre website <http://help.ycdsb.ca/vle>.

## **Mental Health and Well-Being**

The mental health and well-being of students continues to be important during these challenging times. If you are concerned about your child's emotional well-being, please contact your child's principal. Mental health professionals are available for assistance, and resources are also available on the [Mental Health and Well-Being page](#) of the Board's website. You can also stay up to date on what the Mental Health Team is providing by following them on Twitter [@YCDSB\\_MH](#).

Thank you for your ongoing support and patience. We will continue to share updates and information as they become available. For information and updates please follow the Board on Twitter [@YCDSB](#) or visit: [www.ycdsb.ca](http://www.ycdsb.ca) \_

Yours in Catholic Education,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Battista". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mary Battista  
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