



Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Dear Student, Parents/Guardians of Niagara Catholic Elementary Schools:

I pray that this letter finds you and your family healthy and safe. Together with the Board of Trustees and Senior Staff, Principals, Vice-Principals, teachers and support staff, we continue to support you during this time of school closure with a continued focus on the continuity of student learning, achievement and well-being.

During teacher-led distance learning, teachers will continue to provide opportunities for learning through activities and tasks, as well as provide feedback to students about their progress using Board-approved digital platforms.

No student's mark should be negatively affected by performance during the school closure period. Grades and marks will not go down from what they were on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020. However, it is important that students continue to be actively engaged in teacher-led learning activities, tasks and complete assignments to the best of their ability in order to ensure success. All elementary students will receive a final report card at the end of the school year.

The Kindergarten Communication of Learning Reports: The reports will be issued to Kindergarten students in June and will include comments based on teachers' observations of key learning and growth in learning prior to March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Comments on growth in learning demonstrated during the school closure period will be included when in the best interest of Kindergarten students.

Final Report Cards for students in Grades 1 to 8: The final report cards will include information based on achievement and Learning Skills and Work Habits prior to March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020. When in the best interest of students, report cards will include comments and evidence of learning completed during continuity of learning.

Parents/guardians and students are encouraged to communicate regularly with teachers through Board-approved digital platforms about ongoing learning, progress and achievement.

The *Niagara Catholic Continuity of Learning Update for Families of Elementary Students* is attached and available on the Board website. This information will be updated as required.

On behalf of Bishop Bergie, Chair Fera and the Board of Trustees, members of Senior Staff, Principals, Vice-Principals and staff, we thank you for your continued support and cooperation to ensure the success of all Niagara Catholic students. We continue to offer our prayers that you and your family are healthy, safe and well as we work together for the continuity of learning for all students.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Crocco".

John Crocco  
Director of Education