



December 14, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians:

We hope that you and your family are doing well as we celebrate this beautiful Advent season.

As noted in my October 2 letter, we regularly review the transition dates for students to change from in-person learning to virtual learning, or vice-versa, to help us stay on top of any issues that may arise. These transitions can be disruptive to student learning, and the composition of classes at the home school and the virtual school, and for these reasons, we have decreased the number of transition dates.

After careful review, we have determined that **the next transition date for students changing modalities is Tuesday, February 23, 2021**. To request a change for the February 23, 2021 transition date, parents/guardians must complete the online *Elementary Students Transitioning between In-Person Learning and Online Remote Learning Form*. The form will be available on the Board website on January 11, 2021 and will remain active until 11:59 p.m. on January 15, 2021. The five weeks allow us to ensure that teachers are in place for the first day of the transition.

The Niagara Catholic Virtual Elementary School requires that students have access to technology and the internet during the school day for their learning. The French as a Second Language program is not available virtually for students in grades 1 to 3.

Please click [here](#) for information about the Niagara Catholic Virtual Elementary School. If you have any questions about in-person or virtual learning transitions, please contact your school principal.

We recognize that there may be changing circumstances for students and their families after the transition date. A request for a change after the transition date is through the principal of the home school, and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

We are grateful for your ongoing support as we continue to practice Niagara Public Health guidelines for the safety of all members of our community.

We wish you and your family a joyful Christmas.

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