



## ST. MARY'S ACADEMY

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

With coronavirus disease (COVID-19) having been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization, we are writing to advise you that St. Mary's Academy's pandemic planning team has assembled and is monitoring the situation very closely. We are receiving timely information from Health Canada and the department of Manitoba Education and Training. Additionally, we are in close communication with the Superintendent of Manitoba Catholic Schools.

The school has intensified our cleaning processes and we are sanitizing door knobs, railings, desks, chair backs, water fountains, sports equipment etc. As well, all of our cleaning staff are wearing protective gloves.

Should a student become ill while at school, the student is to go to the office and the parent/guardian will be called to pick their daughter up.

St. Mary's Academy's two extended educational experiences taking place in Europe, which were scheduled for the Spring Break timeframe, have been cancelled. Students and parents who are affected by this received detailed information regarding the cancellation today.

**We remind our community of the importance of the following:**

- Wash hands often with soap and water
- Keep hands away from mouth, nose and eyes
- Cover cough (cough into elbow, tissue etc.)
- Get adequate sleep and rest
- Don't share eating utensils or drinks (don't share water bottles)
- Don't share musical instruments with mouthpieces
- Stay home when sick
- Seek medical attention when necessary

**Government of Canada links regarding coronavirus disease (COVID-19):**

**Prevention and Risks**

[www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/prevention-risks.html](http://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/prevention-risks.html)

**Outbreak Updates:**

[www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html#a3](http://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html#a3).

We remain vigilant about monitoring this pandemic at local, national and international levels. As developments unfold, we will communicate schooling decisions with you.

May God bless and keep our community and the global community in His watchful care.

Regards,

Mrs. Connie Yunyk (Scerbo '77), President

Mrs. Michelle Klus, Senior School Principal

Mrs. Carol-Ann Swayzie (van Es '80), Junior School Principal

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