



# York Catholic District School Board

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Dear family and friends,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year!

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, thank you for your continued support, understanding and faith in the York Catholic District School Board as our staff continue to update our plans in accordance with Ministry of Education and York Region Public Health directives.



I want to assure you that the health, safety and mental well-being of our students, families and staff is at the forefront of all that we do. We remain committed to working with all our stakeholders to ensure a safe return in September and throughout the school year.

Although this first day of school will look different, one thing remains the same and that is our passion and determination to ensure each student reaches their full potential in a safe, caring and faith-filled environment. Whether students are returning to in-person face to face instruction or staying home to participate in remote learning, our staff will be there to support them.

To our students: In the words of Pope Francis, "Do not bury your talents, the gifts that God has given you. Do not be afraid to dream of great things." I know the anticipation of the new school year, especially this one, can be a little unsettling. However, it is an opportunity for you to soak up new knowledge, learn new skills, make new friends, reunite with old friends, and explore your interests with the full support of your teachers, school staff, family and friends. I encourage you to embrace all the opportunities that await you this school year.

To our families: I pray that you may embrace each day with strength, faith and love. In the words of St. Francis de Sales, "Faith is like a bright ray of sunlight. It enables us to see God in all things as well as all things in God."

Through our support for one another, we successfully worked together during the unprecedented times we found ourselves in since March. While there are many uncertainties ahead, I am confident that, working together, we will experience another successful school year.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.

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May the Lord guide everyone throughout this school year and may He bring many blessings to you and your family.

Yours in Catholic Education,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Maria Marchese".

Maria Marchese  
Chair of the Board