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Dear Parents,

We continue to closely monitor news related to "COVID-19" – while the risk remains low in Canada, the World Health Organization has deemed it a Pandemic as of Wednesday, the 11<sup>th</sup>, morning. We want to assure you that the school is taking precautionary measures to mitigate any risk.

We wanted to share with you some of the steps and precautions St. Charles School is taking and some information that is being shared with your children:

- Be sure to wash hands properly with soap and water.
- Avoid touching the face.
- Do not share drinks, utensils, or cups.
- Use a tissue when you cough or sneeze and throw it into the garbage. Wash your hands immediately. If no tissue is available, use the inside of your bent arm to contain the cough or sneeze.
- Most importantly, stay home if you are sick or feeling unwell.

We ask that you take the time to please educate your children on the importance of proper hygiene. More information on how to care for your family can be found here:

 $\underline{https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/prevention-risks.html}$ 

The school has increased cleaning procedures (such as disinfecting doorknobs, water fountains, faucets, sports equipment, etc.) We will be providing reminders and tips to students on proper hygiene and maintenance over the next few weeks. We are also monitoring the situation daily and have established a pandemic planning team to ensure we are prepared to respond if needed and communicate as changes arise.

Further information will be following as it becomes available.

God Bless, Tammy

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