An Update from your School Administrative Team

March 24, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

You are receiving this message from Mr. French and Mrs. Paul. Our entire school staff wish you and your families well and hope that you are finding some positive moments during this unprecedented time. Information is evolving rapidly, and we want to make sure that you are kept informed to the best of our abilities. In order to provide precise and timely information we will be using many forms of communication, including School Messenger which is how we are contacting you today. It is very important that you listen to all messages that come from us and the School Board via telephone and that you read carefully all written notices and communications from Director DeSantis, Senior Team and School.

Mr. French and Mrs. Paul have been in close contact over the March Break with our Board Leadership team and continue to lead our staff in preparation for the next phase of learning and what that will look like. Once we have fully developed our plan, we will communicate it with our families. There are many resources available and we are working with our Special Assignment Teachers to distill the ones that will relate directly to our students and their families. This information will come soon.

Our main form of communication and a key source for Board information is through Twitter. We encourage you to follow Mr. French (@principals3), St. Mary’s (@alcdsb\_stmt) and our Director of Education David DeSantis (@DavidDeSantis). Each day Mr. French and Mrs. Paul will be Tweeting important sources of information and guidance, if you follow us then you will be notified during our Tweets. We also encourage you to continue to monitor our School Board Website at **alcdsb.on.ca** and our school website, where important messages will be posted by our Communications Officer Jessica Salmon.

We appreciate that there are a lot of questions and want to assure our families that as a system and as a school team we are working very hard to create a sense of purpose and wellness during these quickly evolving times. It is important to remember that we are a strong and resilient community and we are confident this will continue in the future. God Bless all of you and please keep watching for more information.

Mr. D. French & Mrs. K. Paul