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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope that you and your families are keeping safe during this period.

During the month of May, we typically invite parents and caregivers of students registered for Junior Kindergarten for the following school year to take part in a parent information meeting entitled, “Welcome to Kindergarten”. Unfortunately, due to the current circumstances with the pandemic and as a result of the current school closure, we have regrettably cancelled this year’s session.

Alternatively, the Kindergarten staff have created a PowerPoint presentation that identifies pertinent information related to the Kindergarten program in which parents can view at their own leisure.

<https://vimeo.com/420724118>

The information illustrated in the presentation elaborates on the Key Learning Frames that are of focus for student learning during the Kindergarten years. More specifically, the presentation identifies how student learning takes place through a play-base and student inquiry approach. A summary of how pupil learning is captured and reported through the “Communication of Learning Report” is also incorporated in the PowerPoint.

An information pamphlet has also been included on our school website which identifies items of importance specific to St. Michael CES. Parents may refer to the pamphlet in learning about our school bell times, procedures for reporting an absence, student transportation, student drop-off and pick- up procedures as well as learning materials required for student success. In addition, the pamphlet identifies information related to our uniform policy and uniform provider as well as a summary of general school policies and procedures. You can visit our school website using the link below.

<https://stmi.hwcdsb.ca/319321--Welcome-to-Kindergarten-2020>

Kindly note that the PowerPoint presentation and information pamphlet will be posted on our school website.

Typically, our Junior Kindergarten students begin their first week through a staggered entry process. This would mean that half the Junior Kindergarten students would start on Wednesday, September 9, 2020 of the first week of school and the other half on Thursday, September 10, 2020 of that same first week. We would then welcome all the students together on Friday, September 11, 2020. Following the first week of school, students would be expected to attend every day. Kindly note that Junior Kindergarten students **do not** start school on Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

Given the current circumstances with the pandemic, we can not confirm at this time if Junior Kindergarten students will begin school through the staggered entry procedure as describe above. Upon receiving direction from the Ministry and HWCDSB, we will notify parents accordingly of their child's start date and the entry procedure as defined for that time should they differ from the regular student entry process.

Wishing you and your family a safe and healthy summer.

Sincerely,

Mr. G. Di Martino
Principal