



January 3, 2022

### **Virtual Learning Update January 2022**

As you may already be aware, the Government of Ontario has confirmed that elementary and secondary schools in Ontario will be closed for in-class learning following the winter break until at least January 17, 2022.

In order to ensure a smooth transition to remote learning for students and to provide time for our school staff to plan for these changes, **remote learning for all students will begin Thursday January 6, 2022.** NPSC staff will be working on Wednesday January 5, 2022 to prepare students for remote learning and for the distribution of technology. Principals will be sharing more information in the near future regarding distribution of technology for students who require it at this time.

As a measure of additional support for our most vulnerable learners, we are able to make provisions for in-person support for students with complex special education needs who cannot be accommodated through remote learning. As such, for students in our Learning Assistance Center classes (LAC) or with complex special needs, parents will be contacted on Wednesday January 5, 2022 to determine their ability to participate in remote learning and plan for their continuity of learning based on individual needs.

Please continue to regularly check your Edsby accounts, as well as the [Board's website](#) and social media for important information.

We encourage all our families and students to continue to follow all health and safety protocols (such as physical distancing, masking, and hand hygiene) and to regularly self-screen and monitor symptoms using [Ontario's Daily School Self-Screening Tool](#), as well as the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit (Health Unit) [website](#). A reminder the Health Unit is available to answer COVID-19 related inquiries between 8:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at **1-844-478-1400**.

Our local Health Unit continues to offer vaccination clinics in our community throughout January. Please visit [this link](#) for times and locations.

We wish to express our heartfelt appreciation to our school and system staff for their responsive efforts and focused dedication during this school year and we thank everyone for their continued support and partnership.

Nipissing - Parry Sound Catholic District School Board