



SMITHFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Smithfield Middle School Families:

As we complete week two of remote learning, we wanted to reach out with an update and to express how proud we are of our students, teachers and our community for the extraordinary ways you are staying connected during this time despite the challenges this entails. Thank you for all you are doing at home to help this process.

Devices and Online Safety of Students

Please know that the Board continues to complete the delivery of devices at this time. Several thousands of devices were requested Board-wide and they are working around the clock to ensure these are delivered as swiftly as possible to all families who have made requests.

It is also crucial to keep online safety for students in mind during this time and to reinforce online safety practices. The internet offers many opportunities for our communities to learn and connect, but it can also put youth at risk for cyberbullying, inappropriate use of social media, privacy issues and more. If we work together – parents/guardians, students and educators – we can help keep our students safe from online risks. Below are some key online safety tips for parents/guardians and students. For more information, please visit the [TDSB Online Safety web page](#).

- Students should never share personal information, such as their phone number, address, social insurance number, date of birth, personal images or financial information, over the Internet without adult permission
- If students see a message, comment, image, or anything else online that makes them concerned for their personal safety or feel uncomfortable, they should bring it to the attention of an adult immediately
- Parents/guardians should be aware and monitor the websites, video games and apps that your child is using to ensure they are appropriate and used in a safe manner.

Student Well-Being: A message from the Director of Education to Students

“To our students – COVID-19 has changed the way we learn. But our priority right now is your health & well-being and we want to support you in any way we can. Please continue to stay connected, reach out & know that we’re doing everything we can to help you succeed”

-Dr. John Malloy

Please take a moment for [A message to students from the TDSB Director of Education](#)

Teachers continue to reach out to students and families via phone, email and through the google classroom. Should you have any questions, please email your child's teacher directly as a first point of contact. You are also able to stay connected to the classroom programming through access to the classroom platform. If further assistance is required, please contact the school administrative team, our emails are listed below. Please be reminded of the importance of accessing the TDSB [website](#) along with many other [TDSB Resources for Parents](#) that are being continuously updated.

We are all committed to helping and supporting students, please take good care, stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

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