



Holy Spirit Catholic Elementary School

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

What wonderful weather we have been enjoying this week. It seems that our students and parents have settled into our new re-entry plan routines and we look forward to the Autumn season. Please see the information below for updates and information for the upcoming week of September 28th, 2020.

Staff Parking Lot

A friendly reminder to use the Kiss and Ride to drop-off students in the morning. If you are using the staff parking lot and there are no parking spots available, please do not block in cars.

As per York Region Public Health guidelines we cannot have parents congregating near the Primary Yard. Also, if you are on school property we kindly ask that you wear a mask as well. This will help us in being role models for our students as well as add an extra layer of protection as we may be around others who are also dropping off students. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Morning Drop-Off

Please be reminded that parents **should not enter the playground** in the morning during our drop-off routines. Please use the sidewalks located around the school if you are dropping off students in two different locations. We ask that you do not walk across the playground.

COVID Information and Procedures

This week I sent out an email outlining the procedures as well as information on COVID-19 symptoms. Outlined below are the most current steps to be taken in regard to student illness. Please note that this is subject to change and is based on the most current York Region Public Health recommendations as well as the York Catholic District School Board Re-Entry Plan.

In the event your child becomes ill at school and you cannot pick up your child, **we ask that you arrange an alternate pick-up plan** and communicate this to our office staff.

If you are picking up your child from school after showing symptoms of COVID-19 or your child is exhibiting symptoms at home:

- We recommend seeking medical attention and being tested for COVID-19. Isolate your child at home, away from other household contacts while waiting for test results. (As long as the student has not traveled in the last 14 days or is a close contact of a case, asymptomatic siblings can remain at school while awaiting test results)

- If your child is tested and receives a negative result he/she may return to school if symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours
- If your child is assessed by a doctor and is given an alternate diagnosis for the symptoms he/she may return to school if symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours
- If your child was not tested for COVID-19 or assessed by a doctor/health care provider, he/she may return after 14 days have passed since their symptoms started and it has been at least 24 hours since their symptoms started improving

There is also a useful **self-assessment tool** that you can use to determine whether your child/children should be attending school: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

Attendance: Remote & Face to Face Learners

Whether your child is in a remote learning class or is joining us for face to face learning, please ensure that you continue to use the Safe Arrival System to report your child's absences.

Orange Shirt Day

This upcoming Wednesday, September 30th will be Orange Shirt Day. Please encourage your child/children to wear an orange shirt. The event is designed to commemorate the residential school experience, to witness and honour the healing journey of the survivors and their families, and to commit to the ongoing process of reconciliation.

Purple Shirt Day

On Thursday, October 1st, students are encouraged to wear purple in support of concussion awareness in support of Rowan's Law Day.

Terry Fox Run Update

We will be having a Terry Fox Run where each individual class will be participating in a walk for Terry around our playground area. More information on how to donate and the date of our walk will be available soon.

Visitors

As outlined in our re-entry plan below, there are no visitors allowed in the school as per the policies set out by York Region Public Health. For the safety of our students, we ask that there be no visitors in the school unless a pre-arranged appointment is made. When ringing the buzzer at our main entrance, **please wait at the front door** and someone will be with you as soon as possible.

CSC Update

Our first Catholic School Council Meeting will take place virtually on Wednesday, October 14th, 2020 at 7 pm. Our nomination form can be filled out online. Please click on the link for the nomination form: [CSC Nomination Form 2020-2021](#). All nomination forms must be received by Friday, October 9th by 7:00 pm.

YCDSB Re-Entry Dates

As per the YCDSB Re-entry plan, if at any time, those choosing to return to school find themselves in particular circumstances necessitating a switch to distance/remote learning, **a wait time to be accommodated should be expected.** The re-entry plan dates for elementary schools are:

- November 16th, 2020 (After Progress Reports)- Parents must notify the school administrator by November 1, 2020, of their request to have their child(ren) return to school

Please indicate your desire or need to switch for the first entry date before November 1st in an email to anthony.modica@ycdsb.ca

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mr. A. Modica

Principal

Upcoming Events

Monday, September 28 th , 2020	
Tuesday, September 29 th , 2020	
Wednesday, September 30 th , 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Orange Shirt Day
Thursday, October 1 st , 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Purple Shirt Day
Friday, October 2 nd , 2020	