



## *Holy Spirit Catholic Elementary School*

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

I hope you are all enjoying the weekend. This week we have completed welcoming our students back to school for both face to face as well as remote learning. Please see the information below for updates and information for the upcoming week of September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

### **Kiss and Ride Update**

A friendly reminder to drive your vehicle up as far as possible to ensure cars behind you have an opportunity for a safe and quick drop-off. I want to thank our entire community for their cooperation in having the Kiss and Ride run much more smoothly this past week.

### **Bus Seating Plan Update**

Each school bus has a seating plan. Our staff has been reviewing the seating plan every evening before the bus departs from school and we continued to adjust them this past week. An email was sent on Friday with your child's bench and seat number. We will continue to review the bus seating plan with students at the beginning of this week.

### **Homework Help**

This the school board will once again be offering Homework Helper virtually to all grade 7 & 8 students across our system. Homework Helper is a gap-closing measure, meant to support student success. This free tutoring service allows students to access a teacher virtually on Saturdays, from 11:00 am-1:30 pm and support them in the development of their literacy and numeracy skills across all areas of the curriculum. In addition, students can get help with any homework, assignments, or test preparation. To register please visit <https://ce.ycdsb.ca>

### **Extended Absences**

Extended absences forms must be filled out for any students whose parents are planning to go on an extended vacation or if there is an extended absence of any kind. Please submit a note to your child's classroom teachers and we will forward you a form. Ensure that you are using our Safe Arrival system to report the absences.

### **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.

### **Remote Students Technology**

We have had a pick-up date for technology. If you were not contacted and require a Chromebook for remote learning please email the school directly at [hst@ycdsb.ca](mailto:hst@ycdsb.ca)

### **CSC Update**

We currently await more information regarding our Catholic School Council meetings and elections. More information will be provided once it becomes available.

### **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
- February 2, 2021 (After First Term)- Parents must notify the school administrator by January 25, 2021, of their decision to have their child(ren) return to school
- March 22, 2021 (After March Break)- Parents must notify the school administrator by March 5, 2021, of their decision 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](mailto:anthony.modica@ycdsb.ca)

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mr. A. Modica

Principal