



## Holy Spirit Catholic Elementary School

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Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

I want to thank our entire school community for their patience and understanding regarding our school reorganization and our move into the hybrid model. We are hopeful that this change will allow for more flexibility and stability for all of our learners during this unique time in education. Our staff will continue to work to ensure that the needs of all of our learners are met.

Please see the information below for updates and information for the upcoming week of October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

### **Google Meet Guidelines for Parents**

Please find below important information regarding Google Meet and its use for live lessons:

- If your child is a **remote** learner, or **home** for a day or more, they must log in to their Google Classroom by **8:25 am** in the morning, or **12:20 pm** in the afternoon (just like regular school hours), **with their camera on**, in order to be marked "present" in the attendance
- All remote learners must have their **camera on** during the periods that teachers are monitoring the Google Meet
- If your child is going to be absent, please **report your child's absence** using the Safe Arrival line or app **prior to the 8:25 am cut off time**
- Parents of remote learners are reminded that if your child is engaged in a **live Google Meet**, and their **microphone is on**, that any and all conversations will be **heard in the classroom**. Please refrain from interrupting lessons as they are taking place
- Only the **student** should be on the camera and microphone
- To protect the **privacy of all of our students do not take any photos or videos of the lessons or materials**; teachers will post the materials on the Google Classroom if the students/parents require them
- If you need to speak to the classroom teacher please call or email them before or after school; they will be more than happy to return your call/email

### **Thanksgiving Mass**

On Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, all of our classrooms were able to view and participate in our Thanksgiving Mass. We would like to thank Fr. Frank, Fr. Eduardo, and their staff for putting together the video and sharing it with our school. The opportunity for reflection and spiritual guidance is always a welcome activity for our staff and students. We look forward to more of these opportunities throughout the school year.

### **Staff Parking Lot & Morning Drop-Off**

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.**

Thanks to your attention and cooperation, the Kiss and Ride has been working very well. We appreciate your cooperation to ensure that our students are dropped off and picked up as safely as possible.

### **Virtual Cross Country Meet**

This week, our Junior and Intermediate classes will participate in a Virtual Cross Country Meet at the school. Classes have been practicing as part of their gym classes. Classes will go out to the soccer field and officially run their distance. We will encourage our online learners to participate as well to run in a safe space under parent supervision.

### **CSC Update**

Our first virtual meeting will take place on **Wednesday, October 21st, 2020 at 7:00 pm.** A vote will take place during our first meeting to elect a new chair, secretary, treasurer, and OAPCE representative. To view the meeting, you can watch on the live stream at this link: [CSC Virtual Meeting Stream Link](#)

### **Yearbook Update**

If you have not picked up your Yearbook, please call the office to set-up a date and time. You can also email the school directly at [hst@ycdsb.ca](mailto:hst@ycdsb.ca)

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mr. A. Modica

Principal

### **Upcoming Events**

Monday, October 19th, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Virtual Cross Country Meet Week</li></ul>
Tuesday, October 20th, 2020	
Wednesday, October 21st, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Virtual Catholic School Council Meeting 7pm</li></ul>
Thursday, October 22nd, 2020	
Friday, October 23rd, 2020	