



Holy Spirit Catholic Elementary School

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

This week we will be participating in the Terry Fox Marathon of Hope as well as Safety Week. Students will be taking part in a classroom Terry Fox walk to raise awareness for cancer research. We will also be partaking in fire drills and reviewing other safety protocols with our students throughout the week. Please see the information below for updates and information for the upcoming week of October 5th, 2020.

COVID Information and Procedures

The York Catholic District School Board has revised its protocols to align with the new provincial guidelines and will use this to determine when students who present with symptoms will need to be sent home from school and what actions will need to be taken by parents. The new screening tool can be found at this link:

[COVID-19 Screening Tool For Children in School and Child Care](#)

It relies on two sets of questions. The first set of questions asks about symptoms such as fever or cough. Students and children with any of these symptoms **are still advised to stay home until they are able to consult with a health care provider and receive an alternative diagnosis or a negative COVID-19 test.**

The second set of questions asks about other symptoms that are commonly associated with other illnesses, such as a runny nose or headache:

- Students and children with only one of these symptoms will be advised to stay home for 24 hours, after which they can return to school or child care if their symptoms are improving.
- Students and children with two or more of these symptoms will be advised to stay home until they are able to consult with a health care provider and receive an alternative diagnosis or a negative COVID-19 test.

In addition, based on the latest public health guidance the symptom list for children in school and child care no longer includes abdominal pain or conjunctivitis (pink eye).

Please use the tool to determine the next steps should your child become ill while at home.

Terry Fox Run Update

We look forward to continuing our support of the Marathon of Hope. In order to adhere to social distancing rules, classes will choose a time that best suits their schedule to walk between October 5th and 9th. **All students and staff are invited to wear our red and white or a Terry Fox t-shirt on Thursday, October 8th, 2020 to show their "Terry Fox Spirit".**

We look forward to the experience and would like to thank our Terry Fox Committee for organizing the event and sharing resources with our staff.

If you would like to donate and support this wonderful cause, please visit:
<http://www.terryfox.ca/HolySpiritSchoolAurora>. All donations are to be made using our online school page. Together, we can all make a difference!

CSC Update

If you are interested in becoming a member of our Catholic School Council please submit your nomination form online: [CSC Nomination Form 2020-2021](#). All nomination forms must be received by **Friday, October 9th by 7:00 pm**.

Yearbook Update

All yearbooks will be distributed on Monday, October 5th, 2020 for both our face to face and remote learners. For those families who have a child or children in remote learning classes, we will be distributing the yearbooks by last name at a designated time. Please see the chart below for your time and the previous email sent out last week for more information.

Family Last Name Begins With	Pick-Up Time
A – H	9:00 am – 9:20 am
I – R	9:20 am – 9:40 am
S - Z	9:40 am – 10:00 am

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, October 5th, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Terry Fox Week• Safety Week
Tuesday, October 6th, 2020	

Wednesday, October 7th, 2020	
Thursday, October 8th, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terry Fox Shirt Day
Friday, October 9th, 2020	
Monday, October, 12 th , 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanksgiving Day