



Holy Spirit Catholic Elementary School

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Sunday, January 10th, 2021

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Based on the information that was shared by both Minister Lecce and our Director Ms. Battista, we will continue with online learning tomorrow. Face-to-face learning will begin when schools reopen on Monday, January 25th, 2021 or when it is safe to do so, as communicated by the Premier of Ontario and Minister of Education. Please see the information below for the upcoming week of January 11th, 2021.

P.A Day

This Friday, January 15th, 2021 will be a P.A Day for students. There will be no classes.

Water Safety

The school water has been tested and passed. If you would like more information, please see click on this [water testing link](#).

YCDSB Programs and Pathways For All Students in Grades 8 to 12

Please see the flyer below for information sessions for students in grades 8 to 12 regarding Programs and Pathways options for YCDSB students and post-secondary options and supports.

Registration links for each session are provided on the flyer. A meeting link will be emailed to you on the day of the scheduled session.

Google Meet Resources for Parents

- Parents/Guardians are invited to view the resources in the following document which will provide information on Google Classroom as well as step by step instructions for joining a Google Meet through Google Classroom: [Parent/Student Resource](#)

Google Meet Guidelines Reminders

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

- Students must log in to their Google Classroom at **approximately 8:25 am** and at **12:20 pm** (just like regular school hours)
- If your child is going to be absent or late, please **report your child's absence** using the Safe Arrival line or App **prior to the 8:25 am cut off time**
- Parents are reminded that if their 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 their Google Classroom if the students/parents require them
- As in a regular classroom, remote learners are expected to show courtesy, respect, and consideration for their teachers and peers
- At all times, where there is concern about content, the parent will contact the teacher through established teacher-parent communication protocol including a phone call or email to the teacher
- Technical support is available to assist parents who may be experiencing technical issues at home. Please visit the [YCDSBvle Website](#) and submit a ticket if you are in need of technical support.

Asynchronous and Synchronous Learning

- As communicated by the Ministry of Education in Policy 164:
 - Synchronous learning happens in real-time. Synchronous learning involves using text, video, or voice communication in a way that enables educators and other members of the school- or board-based team to instruct and connect with students in real-time
 - Synchronous learning can involve the use of Google Meets, live chats, and email
 - Asynchronous learning: Learning that is not delivered in real-time. Asynchronous learning may involve students watching pre-recorded video lessons, completing assigned tasks, or contributing to online discussion boards
- In the event of a teacher's absence and no substitute teacher is available, work will be posted asynchronously so that it can be completed by the student throughout the day

Kindergarten Registration for 2020-2021 School Year

Holy Spirit has begun accepting registrations for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year. Please see our school website <https://hst.ycdsb.ca/> for more information.

Yours in Catholic Education,

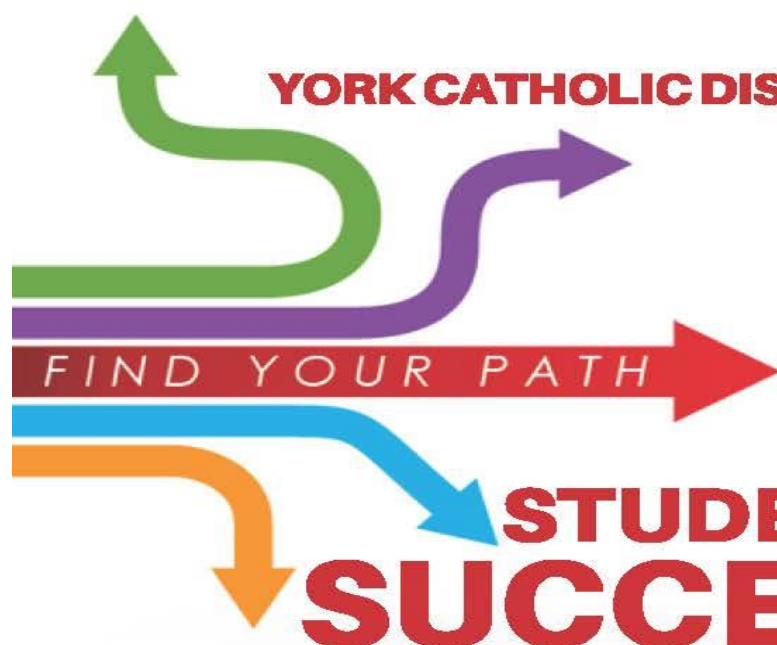
Mr. A. Modica

Principal

Upcoming Events

Monday, January 11th, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remote Learning Continues Until Jan. 25th, 2021
Tuesday, January 12th, 2021	
Wednesday, January 13th, 2021	
Thursday, January 14th, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VIP Gr. 7 Virtual Visit
Friday, January 15th, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PA Day: No School For Students

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CREATING PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS: INFORMATION SERIES



U of T and Queen's U Information Night for Black Students

January 11/21 @ 6:00 pm - Grade 9 - 12

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/y79saxfi>

The University of Toronto and Queen's University in partnership with the YCDSB are hosting a university information night for Black students and parents. Join this webinar to learn about undergraduate programs, applications/admissions, supports and community for Black students at both universities.



Black Foundation of Community Networks Post-Secondary Information Session

January 18/21 @ 6:00 pm - Grade 8 - 12

Register here: <http://bit.ly/YCDSB-BFCN>

Hosted by the YCDSB and the Black Foundation of Community Networks Black students will learn more about accessing post-secondary education supports, and scholarship opportunities. BFCN provides free and low-cost programs and services, and connects people with resources and other local organizations.



Post-Secondary Pathways for Indigenous Students

January 28/21 @ 6:00 pm - Grade 8 - 12

Register here: <http://bit.ly/YCDSB-Indigenous>

This session will be hosted by the YCDSB and a variety of post-secondary college and university partners to provide Indigenous students with information regarding post-secondary supports, scholarships and bursaries.



Post-Secondary Supports & Scholarships for All Students

February 4/21 - Grade 12

Register here: <http://bit.ly/YCDSB-Grade12>

Hosted by the YCDSB and post-secondary partners in college and university, this session will provide graduating students with information regarding post secondary pathways, student supports, and scholarship.



YCDSB Programs and Pathways For All Students

February 11/21 - Grade 8 - 11

Register here: <http://bit.ly/YCDSB-Programs-Pathways>

As we move into course selection, the Pathways team will be providing information for students regarding the various pathway programs offered by the YCDSB including: Co-op, OYAP, Dual Credits, SWAC, SHSM, eLearning.



Pre-register for a session of interest - a link will be emailed the day of the webinar presentation.

Future Pathways presentations will follow as we continue our Pathways presentation started in Fall, to build awareness and understanding of student supports and pathways to success. For more information contact lou.paonessa@ycdsb.ca

