



## Holy Spirit Catholic Elementary School

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Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

The Ontario government has extended the school closure. Online learning will continue until Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021, or when it is safe to do so, as communicated by the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Education. Please see the information below for the upcoming week of January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

### **Continuing Education Programs**

The Continuing Education Department is pleased to announce that the Winter/Spring session is about to begin. There are a number of elementary programs available to support student learning. The following programs are being offered pending student enrollment and the registration process is currently opened.

Parents/Guardians are encouraged to review the following list and to take the opportunity to register their child/children:

1. **NEW: Gr. 1 - 6 Homework Helper Jr.** - A free remote learning after school literacy and numeracy skills program offered twice a week (Tuesdays and Thursdays)
2. **NEW: March Break Innovation Camps** – Fee-paying remote learning programs are being offered during the March Break
3. **ONGOING: Gr. JK - 8 International Languages** - Free remote learning Saturday and evenings for international languages
4. **ONGOING: Gr. 1 - 6 Saturday Fee Paying Programs** for French Conversation, Reading Readiness, Junior Readers, Fun with Math, and Math Booster

Parents/Guardians can register their child/children by visiting the Continuing Education website at:

<https://ce.ycdsb.ca>

### **VIP Program**

Our partnership with York Regional Police continues with the beginning of the Values, Influences, and Peers program. Officer Greg has begun visiting our Grade 6 to 8 classes virtually to share and provide information and guidance on a variety of important safety topics. Officer Greg's presentations offer students the opportunity to reflect on how their choices and decision making can impact their lives as they grow and learn. This week he will be holding virtual meets with our Grade 6 and Grade 8 classes.

### **St. Maximilian Kolbe Gr. 8 Virtual Visit**

On Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, we welcome the administration and guidance department of St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic High School who will be virtually visiting our Grade 8 classes. This visit will give students the opportunity to learn about St. Max's high school programs as well as to ask any questions they may have about registration and course selection.

## **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 an 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. Our Welcome to Kindergarten Website link is located on our school website <https://hst.ycdsb.ca/>. To register please visit this link: [YCDSB's Kindergarten Registration](#).

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mr. A. Modica

Principal

## Upcoming Events

Monday, January 18th, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Remote Learning Continues Until Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021</li></ul>
Tuesday, January 19th, 2021	
Wednesday, January 20th, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gr. 6 VIP Virtual Visit</li></ul>
Thursday, January 21st, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gr. 8 VIP Virtual Visit</li></ul>
Friday, January 22nd, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• St. Max Guidance Department Virtual Visit (Gr. 8)</li></ul>