



# Holy Spirit Catholic Elementary School

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Sunday, January 3rd, 2021

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Happy New Year to you and your family. I hope you had an opportunity to relax and safely enjoy the holiday with family and friends. Tomorrow we will begin remote learning at Holy Spirit. All students will be expected to log in to their Google Classroom and Meet at 8:25 am for attendance as well as at 12:20 pm after lunch for afternoon attendance. Based on the information that was shared by both Minister Lecce and our Director Ms. Battista, elementary schools will resume face to face learning on Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 unless otherwise communicated. Please see the information below for the upcoming week of January 4th, 2021.

## 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](#)

## Access to Technology

Parents and guardians who filled out the board survey requesting access to technology have been sent an email today with a pick-up date and time. Please take the opportunity to read the important information in the email and remember to complete the self-assessment before arriving at the school.

## 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, work will be posted asynchronously so that it can be completed by the student throughout the day

## **Kindergarten Registration for 2020-2021 School Year**

On January 4th, 2020 Holy Spirit will begin accepting registrations for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year. Please review the flyer and information attached in the email if you are interested in registering your child at our school. We look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mr. A. Modica

Principal

## **Upcoming Events**

Monday, January 4th, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcome Back</li><li>• Remote Learning for All Students Begins</li></ul>
Tuesday, January 5th, 2021	
Wednesday, January 6th, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Epiphany</li></ul>
Thursday, January 7th, 2021	
Friday, January 8th, 2021	

