



Holy Spirit Catholic Elementary School

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Sunday, February 7th, 2021

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

The Minister of Education announced this week that schools in York Region will be reopening on Tuesday, February 16th, 2021. Until this time, we will continue with remote learning. I would like to thank our Intermediate students and French Department for putting together a fun-filled week of Carnival activities.

Please see the information below for the upcoming week of February 8th, 2021.

Appointment of a New YCDSB Director of Education

The York Catholic District School Board welcomes our new director, Mr. Robert Hofstatter who begins on March 1st, 2021. We look forward to his leadership during this unique time in education. As stated in a parent communication by our Chair of Trustees, Mr. Dominic Mazzotta, we thank our interim director Ms. Mary Battista for her guidance and commitment to student success over the past six months.

Carnaval 2021

Holy Spirit Carnival will take place from February 8th – 12th. Please see the schedule below for information on the activities that our students are invited to participate in each day.

Additional Health & Safety Measures

This week our interim Director, Ms. Battista sent out a parent communication on the anticipated school reopening. In that letter, in addition to the safety measure already in place, we will also put into place the following measures:

- Masks are now required for students in Grades 1-3, as well as those in Grades 4-12. Students in kindergarten are strongly encouraged to wear masks
- Masks are now required outdoors during recess, as well as in all common areas, in addition to in the classroom
- As a result, students are required to bring four (4) masks to school each day so that a clean, dry mask can be reapplied after being outdoors for recess, etc.
- Students are strongly discouraged from congregating before and after school.
- York Region Public Health is recommending that students wear three-layer masks. Two-layer masks are permitted if they are clean and fit appropriately.
- In addition, new screening measures are required for all elementary and secondary staff, secondary school students and visitors. Details of the screening measures will be communicated as soon as they are finalized, prior to February 16.

Our staff will be working with students to implement these changes upon our reopening.

Changing Modalities

If your child was previously a face to face learner, but you would like for them to remain as a remote learner please contact me directly at anthony.modica@ycdsb.ca

All switches in modality do require a 30-day commitment and are subject to the availability of space in the classroom as per the policies of the YCDSB. Please see [this infographic](#) for details.

For students who were already remote, no further action is required.

Mental Health & Well-Being Information

Mental health professionals are available for assistance, and resources are available on the Mental Health and Well-Being page of the Board's website. You can also stay up to date on what activities and supports the Mental Health Team are providing by following them on Twitter @YCDSB_MH.

Technical Support

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.

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](#).

Twitter & School Website

For information, including the parent weekly updates, please visit our website at [Holy Spirit School Website](#). You can also follow us on Twitter: @HST_YCDSB

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mr. A. Modica

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Principal

Upcoming Events

Monday, February 8th, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carnival Begins!• Wear Red & White Day
Tuesday, February 9th, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hat Day
Wednesday, February 10th, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wacky Hair Wednesday• VIP Gr. 6 Classes
Thursday, February 11th, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jersey Day• Virtual Magic Show with Marc Tardif
Friday, February 12th, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Superhero T-Shirt/Sweater Day
Monday, February 15 th , 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Family Day: No School
Tuesday, February 16 th , 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School Reopens

Carnaval: February 8th - February 12th 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>8</p> <p>Wear Red and White</p>  <p>Introduction To Carnaval</p> 	<p>9</p> <p>Tuque Tuesday</p>  <p>SUGGESTIONS TO ENJOY DOING WITH YOUR FAMILY:</p> <p>*make a snow angel in the snow</p>  <p>Contest: Où est Bonhomme?</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Wacky Hair Wednesday</p>  <p>*go on a scavenger hunt to find:</p>  <p>Où est Bonhomme?</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Jersey Day</p>  <p>Marc Tardif: Magic show</p>  <p>*build a snowman with the items you found on the scavenger hunt</p> <p>Où est Bonhomme?</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Superhero T-Shirt/Sweater</p>  <p>*have a croissant/crepe or pancake for snack</p>  <p>Winner: Où est Bonhomme?</p>