



Holy Spirit Catholic Elementary School

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Sunday, February 28th, 2021

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Next week we look forward to virtual presentations from the BRAVE anti-bullying program. We thank all of our students and staff for participating in Pink Shirt Day this past Wednesday. Please see the information below for the upcoming week of March 1st, 2021.

Attendance Reminders

This is a reminder that remote students must log in to their Google Classroom and Google Meet at **8:25 am** for morning attendance. This includes also being logged in at **12:20 pm** for afternoon attendance. 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**. The safe arrival system will call out to all families whose child has been marked as absent by the classroom teacher and whose absence or late has not been reported.

CCAT Results

Our Grade 4 CCAT results have been delivered to the school and will be filed in each student's Ontario Student Record. If parents would like a copy of the results, please notify the office through our school email hst@ycdsb.ca and we will arrange for the copy to be sent home.

Grade 8 Graduation Sweaters

Our Grade 8 Graduation Sweaters have been delivered and will be sent home with our face-to-face students on Monday, March 1st, 2021. Families of our remote Grade 8 students can pick up their child's sweater by contacting the office to set-up a pick-up time for curbside pick-up.

Elementary Students Daily COVID-19 Self-Screening

On a daily basis before leaving home, parents/guardians are responsible for conducting the [COVID-19 School and Child Care Screening Tool](#) with their child. This is a self-assessment to be completed before attending school. If your child has even one symptom of COVID-19 or answers yes to any of the questions on the screening tool, please do not send them to school, seek assessment and testing at a COVID-19 [Assessment Centre](#) and notify the school. Please see the visual reference below. These are self-assessments and do not have to be submitted to the school.

Mental Health & Well-Being Information

As we continue to navigate the pandemic it is important to support students with managing anxiety and stress. The YCDSB Mental Health Website and Twitter account have great resources and links to community partners to help support families during this time.

A great place to begin may be to use an app with your child/children that teach them about mental health strategies. Apps such as Calm, Headspace, Mind Shift CBT and SBT Breathe.

Please visit the YCDSB's mental health web page for much more information.

[YCDSB Mental Health Web Page](#)

Also, St. Joseph Aurora is hosting a virtual parent information night on March 3rd titled, "Helping Your Child Tackle Stress & Anxiety". Lisa Wood from the Canadian Mental Health Association will be sharing strategies to help children deal with anxiety and promote health and wellness. There will be a Q and A following the presentation. You can find information on the flyer attached below and join the session by accessing this link: [Canadian Mental Health Association Presentation](#)

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

Principal

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Upcoming Events

Monday, March 1st, 2021	
Tuesday, March 2nd, 2021	
Wednesday, March 3rd, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• St. Joseph Aurora Virtual Parent Event with Lisa Wood at 7 p.m. Google Meet Link
Thursday, March 4th, 2021	
Friday, March 5th, 2021	

Staying Safe @School

Changes to Covid-19 Practices

The Ministry of Education and York Region Public Health recently made the following changes for schools, effective February 16, 2021.

One Symptom



If you have **just ONE** Covid-19 symptom you must **stay home** from school and **get tested** at an Assessment Centre.

More Masks



All staff and students in **Grades 1- 12 must wear a mask** on school property throughout the day (except at lunch). JK/SK students are encouraged to wear masks.

Parents/visitors should wear a mask when on school property, even during drop-off/pick-up.



Students and staff need to wear masks everywhere on school property, **even OUTDOORS** during recess.



Students should **bring four (4) masks to schools each day** and a clean paper or breathable cloth bag to store them in.

Entire Household Treated the Same

If **anyone in your household is sick** and does not have a negative COVID-19 test or an alternative diagnosis, **EVERYONE** in the household must stay home from school.



If anyone in your household has **travelled outside of Canada**, **EVERYONE** must stay home from school until their 14-day quarantine period has ended.



If anyone in your household was **identified as a high-risk/close contact of a COVID-19 case**, **EVERYONE** in the household must stay home from school until notified they can return.

Updated Screening



All students and staff must complete the **York Region Public Health school and child-care screening tool** before going to school each day. **DAILY CONFIRMATION** of screening is required for **staff and secondary students**.

*Special accommodations may be made in some circumstances. Please visit www.ycdsb.ca for more details.



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Canadian Mental
Health Association
York and South Simcoe
Mental health for all

*Facilitated by
Lisa Wood*

Helping Your Children Tackle Stress & Anxiety

MARCH 3RD FROM 7:00 PM - 8:00
PM

THIS FREE INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP FROM
THE CANADIAN MENTAL HEALTH
ASSOCIATION EXPLORES STRESS AND
ANXIETY AND PROVIDES PRACTICAL TIPS
ON HOW TO COPE.
<https://cmha-yr.on.ca>