



# Holy Spirit Catholic Elementary School

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Sunday, March 7th, 2021

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

This week we welcome the facilitators from the BRAVE program who will be leading our students in interactive workshops. If you would like more information please visit the [BRAVE website](#). Please see the information below for the upcoming week of March 8th, 2021.

## **Lent and Holy Week**

Lent begins with the Feast of Ash Wednesday and ends on the evening of Holy Thursday with the start of the Mass of the Last Supper. This 40-day journey toward Easter is a time of penance and preparation for the renewal of our baptismal promises.

During Lent, we recall the time that Jesus spent fasting and praying in the desert and we remember the ultimate sacrifice that he made by dying on the cross. We reflect on our lives and repent for the ways in which we failed to fully live out the call of our Baptism. We do penance by offering our prayers, sacrifices, and works of love.



I would like to share one of our morning prayers with you that we will continue to share with our students throughout their Lenten journey:



God of the Journey  
Walk with us this Lent  
Help us to persevere  
In staying with you on the journey through Lent to Easter  
Amen

## **Kiss and Ride**

We kindly ask that all parents using the Kiss and Ride move up as much as possible when picking-up or dropping off students. If you wish to walk your child to their yard in the morning, we ask that you park in the designated parking spots or on the street where parking is available. This will help with the flow of traffic in the areas so that students can be dropped off quickly and safely. Thank you for your support in this matter.

## **Updated Self-Assessment**

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.

## **Updating Student Passwords**

It is encouraged that parents and students take the time to update/change their Google passwords. It is important that students do not share their passwords with their friends so that their safety can be ensured when using their GAFE account. If you would like to update/change your child's password please visit: <https://myid.ycdsb.ca/> If you need technical support, you can also visit <https://help.ycdsb.ca/vle/> to submit a ticket or participate in a live chat.

### **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.

### **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 8th, 2021	
Tuesday, March 9th, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• BRAVE Level 1 (Primary Classes)</li></ul>
Wednesday, March 10th, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• BRAVE Level 1 (Primary Classes)</li></ul>
Thursday, March 11th, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• BRAVE Level 2 (Grades 4 to 8)</li><li>• BRAVE For Kindergarten Level 1</li></ul>
Friday, March 12th, 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](http://www.ycdsb.ca) for more details.



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