



# Holy Spirit Catholic Elementary School

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Sunday, April 18th, 2021

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

I hope you are enjoying a safe and restful break. While the school reopened on Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021, since then the provincial government has implemented province-wide restrictions to help in the battle against the spread of Covid-19, which includes a pivot to remote learning for our school.

As discussed in the most recent email from our Associate Director, Ms. Di Nardo, **Monday, April 19th will now be used as a transition day**. As much as possible, teachers will provide live, synchronous learning on Monday, and may also post asynchronous work in their virtual classrooms. Please see your child's classroom schedule and posts for details. Teachers will be using this transition day to retrieve essential learning items that will help them transition to remote learning.

## **ShareLife Week**

This past April 5<sup>th</sup> to April 9<sup>th</sup> was designated as ShareLife week. I would like to thank the students and staff for their participation in the activities including the virtual bingo. We kindly ask that if you have not done so already to consider donating to ShareLife. Please see the letter sent previously with information on how you can donate online.

## **Easter Mass**

Our Lady of Grace Parish has shared a YouTube video for a virtual Easter Mass. The Mass video will be shared on Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 at 12:35 pm. Should you wish to join the virtual mass, please click on the live stream link below.

[Easter Mass Live Stream](#)

## **Student Absence Information**

Please continue to use our Safe Arrival system to input student absences during the school closure period, including tomorrow. As all students will now be learning remotely, there is no need to indicate that your child is 'learning remotely for the day' if they are a face-to-face student.

## **Pick Up of Technology**

We will begin the pick-up of technology on **Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021** for those who have filled out the Google Form. An email will be sent with a curbside pick-up time. Once your appointment time has been confirmed, please ensure the following:

Before accessing the school for curbside pick-up you must conduct a [self-assessment](#) for COVID-19 and

- a) Be symptom-free of respiratory illness
- b) Have not travelled outside of Ontario within the last 14 days from the date of entry to the school
- c) Have not cared for or had known contact with an individual with confirmed COVID-19 or COVID-19 like symptoms (fever, new cough, difficulty breathing).

### **Pick Up of Student Essential Items**

Due to the strict restrictions at this time, parents and students cannot enter the building to retrieve personal belonging/items. If there is an **essential item** that is needed by your child please email me directly at [Anthony.modica@ycdsb.ca](mailto:Anthony.modica@ycdsb.ca)

If the retrieval can be facilitated, then I will respond with an appointment time for curbside pick-up later in the week. As above, before accessing the school for curbside pick-up you must conduct a [self-assessment](#) for COVID-19.

### **Earth Day**

On Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021, students and staff are invited to wear green and/or blue in celebration of Earth Day.

### **Twitter & School Website**

For information, including the parent weekly updates, please visit our website at this link: [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, April 19th, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcome Back!</li><li>• School begins</li></ul>
Tuesday, April 20th, 2021	
Wednesday, April 21st, 2021	
Thursday, April 22nd, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Earth Day</li><li>• Wear green and/or blue</li></ul>
Friday, April 23rd, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Virtual Easter Mass at 12:35 pm</li></ul>