



# Holy Spirit Catholic Elementary School

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

I would like to take the opportunity to thank our parents, our students, and our staff for their participation in our Holy Spirit CES Curriculum Night. We are thankful that we had the opportunity to meet virtually this year and we are looking forward to a great year together.

To help promote healthy mask hygiene, please ensure that students have 3 to 4 extra masks at school. Our students are encouraged through our morning announcements as well as classroom reminders to change their masks throughout the day.

Please see the information below for more information regarding the upcoming week at Holy Spirit.

## **A Prayer for The Beginning of the Year**



Dear Lord, as we begin this new school year, we gather once again as your community of believers.

We thank you for the energy and the spirit that you renewed in us through the summer months.

We thank you for the time to enjoy our family and friends and to reflect on what is important in our lives.

Let this year be marked by enthusiasm and love so that with the inspiration of your Spirit, we may continue to grow in our faith. Help us to fulfill Your hope for us with honest intentions and works of faith.

Let us be gentle with ourselves and bring laughter, joy, and love to others.

We ask this in your name.

Amen.

## **Purple Shirt Day**

On Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, students are encouraged to wear purple items in support of concussion awareness as part of Rowan's Law Day.

## **Orange Shirt Day**

This upcoming Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 is the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. Please encourage your child/children to wear an orange shirt or any orange accessory (hat, headband, socks). This day is an opportunity to honour the healing journey of the survivors and their families of residential schools as well as to commit to the ongoing process of reconciliation.

## **Kindergarten Entry Update**

Beginning this week, our Kindergarten students will be staying outside for recess at 8:10 am. This means that they will no longer be entering the building directly in the mornings. Our ECE's will be supervising the students and we kindly ask that for the safety of our students, our Kindergarten parents do not wait at the gate during this time. This will allow all of our students to safely use the sidewalk to enter the Kindergarten gate as well as the school yard.

## **Terry Fox 2021**

Holy Spirit School is on board with over 9,000 schools coast to coast to help continue Terry's dream of a world without cancer. The Terry Fox Foundation needs our support. Please consider donating directly to the Terry Fox Foundation at: <http://www.terryfox.ca/HolySpiritSchoolAurora>. Together, we can all make a difference! @terryfoxfoundation



This year our Terry Fox Walk will take place during the week of October 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 as we look to commemorate the life and achievements of Terry Fox and raise awareness for cancer research.

## **Dropping Off of Items & Change in Pick-Up Routine**

As a reminder, please do not drop off items for students at the school as per our YCDSB Re-Entry Plan. We ask that students come prepared for school. If they forget a water bottle or mask, there are extras available in the office.



Secondly, if there is a change in the pick-up routine of your child we ask that you inform both the classroom teacher and the office so that we are aware of any changes. This will help to ensure the safety of our students, especially upon their dismissal for the day.

## **Bus Seating Plan Update**

A bus seating assignment has been emailed to our parents this past week. If your child has received a seat number and will not be riding the bus, we kindly ask that you email the school directly at [hst@ycdsb.ca](mailto:hst@ycdsb.ca) so that we may update our records.

## **Visitors**

For the safety of our students, we ask that there be no visitors in the school unless a pre-arranged appointment is made as per the YCDSB Re-Entry plan. If you are picking up a student, please use the buzzer system outside and we will have your child meet you outside of the main entrance.

## **SEAC Information**

Please see the flyer attached below for information regarding the YCDSB Special Education Advisory Committee.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mr. A. Modica

Principal

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# Special Education Advisory Committee of the York Catholic District School Board

## What is SEAC?

The Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) is a group that provides important advice on special education to the York Catholic District School Board (YCDSB). It is comprised of representatives from the Board of Trustees, local agencies and associations that further the well-being of exceptional students in the YCDSB. SEAC makes recommendations on matters affecting the establishment, development and delivery of special education programs and services for exceptional students.

## How can SEAC help you, your child and your family?

SEAC members are available as a resource for students with exceptional needs, parents/guardians of such students, schools, educators, trustees and the community. Many members are parents themselves of students with exceptional needs and are aware of the educational needs and abilities such students may experience. For additional information visit

<https://www.ycdsb.ca/programs-services/student-services/special-education-advisory-committee-seac/>

## What Agencies and Associations are represented on SEAC?

- Autism Ontario ([www.autismontario.com/york](http://www.autismontario.com/york))
- Centre for ADHD Awareness, Canada (CADDAC) (<https://caddac.ca/adhd/>)
- Community Living: York South ([www.clnad.com](http://www.clnad.com))
- Children's Treatment Network (CTN) (<https://www.ctnsy.ca/>)
- Down Syndrome Association of York Region ([www.dsayr.ca](http://www.dsayr.ca))
- Early Intervention Services, York Region ([www.york.ca/specialneeds](http://www.york.ca/specialneeds))
- Easter Seals Ontario (<http://www.easterseals.org>)
- Inclusion Action in Ontario (<https://inclusionactionontario.ca>)
- Learning Disabilities Association York Region ([www.ldayr.org](http://www.ldayr.org))
- York Hills Centre for Children, Youth and Families (<https://www.yorkhills.ca/>)

## When does SEAC Meet?

SEAC holds regular monthly meetings virtually which are open to the public via livestream link. We invite all parents and interested members of the public to attend these meetings. A list of meeting dates for the current school year can be found at

<https://www.ycdsb.ca/programs-services/student-services/special-education-advisory-committee-seac/>

## Questions? Looking for more information?

Contact us: <https://forms.gle/o7CuzGWqg82DL6SE7>

Mission Statement	Vision Statement	Core Values	Strategic Commitments
Guided by Gospel values and Catholic Virtues, in partnership with home and Church, we educate and inspire all students to reach their full potential in a safe and caring environment.	Our students will become creative and critical thinkers who integrate Catholic Values into their daily lives, as socially responsible global citizens.	Excellence Equity Fiscal Responsibility Catholicity Inclusion Integrity Respect	Integration of Our Catholic Faith Continuous Improvement of Student Achievement Effective Use of Our Resources Engaging Our Communities

