

January 9th, 2022

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

As we continue into our second week of virtual learning, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your support, flexibility, and patience as we pivot our classes to our remote learning environment. We look forward to continuing to support our students through their Google Classroom.

Please take an opportunity to review the information below for more details on our upcoming week at Holy Spirit CES.

Changes in Modality

As communicated by our Director of Education, Mr. Domenic Scuglia in an email on January 5th, 2022 the YCDSB is putting a hold on requests for a change to remote or in-person learning. As more information becomes available regarding the school closures from the Ministry of Education, our school board will revise the timelines and communicate them to parents at a later date.

Google Meet Guidelines Reminders

Please find below important information regarding Google Meet and its use for live lessons:

- Students must log in to their Google Classroom at **approximately 8:25 am** and at **12:20 pm** (just like regular school hours)
- Attendance will be taken in both the morning and afternoon
- 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 daily schedule will follow the student's regular classroom schedule including all itinerant subjects (Music, French, Physical Education)
- Students who receive special education support will continue to receive support remotely through the Core Resource Department
- Parents are reminded that if their child is engaged in a **live Google Meet**, and their **microphone is on**, that any and all conversations will be **heard in the classroom.** Please refrain from interrupting lessons as they are taking place.
- Only the student should be on the camera and microphone or engage in the chat feature of the Google Classroom
- To protect the **privacy of all of our students**, do not take any photos or videos of the lessons or materials; teachers will post the materials on their Google Classroom if the students require them

- As in a regular classroom, remote learners are expected to show courtesy, respect, and consideration for their teachers and peers
- At all times, where there is concern about content, the parent will contact the teacher through established teacher-parent communication protocols including a phone call or email to the teacher
- Technical support is available to assist parents who may be experiencing technical issues at home. Please visit the <u>YCDSBvle Website</u> and submit a ticket if you are in need of technical support. There is also a live chat option for support.
- Please note that in the case where a teacher is absent and no supply teacher is available, students will be asynchronous (not live) for the day. A notification will be sent to parents as early as possible.

For more information, please see the email sent from the YCDSB on **Friday**, **January 7**th entitled "Code of Conduct for Remote Classrooms".

Google Meet Resources for Parents

Parents/Guardians are invited to view the resources in the following document that will provide information on Google Classroom as well as Google Meet: <u>Parent/Student Resource</u> You can also visit the <u>YCDSB Parent Resource Page</u> for more information and resources.

Kindergarten Registration for Next School Year

On January 3rd, 2022, Holy Spirit will begin accepting registrations for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year. Please review the flyer and information attached below if you are registering your child at our school next year.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mr. A. Modica

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Kindergarten Registration

Registration for the 2022-2023 school year begins January 3, 2022

Parents are invited to register online at: <u>www.ycdsb.ca/admissions</u>

Following submission of an online registration, you will be asked to upload the following documents via a secure link:

- Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate (child or parent) or a Catholic Church in Communion with the Holy See of Rome
- Proof of age
- Proof of legal status in Canada
- Proof of residency
- Proof of Separate School Support (i.e. MPAC Assessment Notice), or you can complete a school support form that is included in the registration package.

JK: Children must be 4 years old by Dec. 31, 2022 (born in 2018) **SK:** Children must be 5 years old by Dec. 31, 2022 (born in 2017) *If your child is already attending a YCDSB school for JK registration is not required.*

