



Holy Trinity Catholic School

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Dear Redbird Families,

On behalf of the staff at Holy Trinity, I would like to welcome back our in-person learners on Monday, January 11th - we sure have missed seeing you in our hallways and classrooms over these past three weeks. As we return to school refreshed from our winter break, it is important that we take some time to review the COVID-19 health and safety protocols and changes to school routines that are the result of the current pandemic.

All of our staff will be reviewing safety protocols with students as they return on Monday, January 11th. Parents and guardians are reminded to please use the Ministry Screening Tool to self-assess each day by using the following link:

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/context>

Please note below, some of the actions we have taken with your child's health and safety in mind, which will continue in 2021:

- Students will only be permitted to interact with their class cohort
- Student desks/seating arrangements will maintain a 1 metre distance
- Students will be assigned specific seating on the bus and remain with their bus cohort
- Only one bus at a time will be unloaded to stagger students safely into the school
- Parents picking-up their child at dismissal will wait outside and physically distance from others
- Students will physically distance in their dismissal lines as much as possible; grades 4-6 students will be required to wear masks in line-ups
- Staff will only permit one child per class to utilize the washrooms at any given time; a tracking chart will be maintained and used if needed for contact tracing
- Students will wash their hands regularly throughout the day; they may also use hand-sanitizer
- Visitors will not be permitted access beyond the main office doors
- **Parents are not permitted to bring lunches to the school; please ensure your child has his/her lunch ready in the morning and packed in the school bag**
- All students will refrain from using any water fountains; rather, **parents are asked to provide a reusable water bottle for your child to fill at the water bottle filling station**
- An isolation area will be used for any students who become ill; the student must go home as soon as possible; the isolation area will then be disinfected
- All parent meetings and board related business will be encouraged to occur over the phone or video conferencing to reduce the number of visitors to the school

- All classes will continue with assigned designated outdoor play areas for their cohort only; cohorts of classes cannot mix in the school yard
- Recess breaks will continue to be staggered to provide ample outdoor space for distancing among cohorts
- The outdoor play climber is closed until further notice
- Each class will continue to use their own gym/outdoor play equipment
- Assemblies, masses, and any large gatherings are not permitted; students will only interact with their class cohort
- Boomerang lunches will continue; students will bring all wrappers and remaining food in their lunches home, as we do not have a recycling program at this time
- All staff will use PPE (shields, masks, gloves) as needed when distancing is not an option
- The continued use of signage and taping of directional floor arrows will be used to support all occupants in maintaining a safe distance from each other

In addition, please be reminded that students in all grades must wear a mask while riding the school bus. We highly encourage students from JK-Gr. 3 to also wear a mask inside the school. Masks continue to be mandatory for students in grades 4-6.

Should you have any questions, please contact the school office by phone at 705-470-5123 or by email at holytrinity@sudburycatholicschools.ca

Warm Regards,



Laurie Zahra
Principal



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Vice-Principal