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Dear Families of St. Bernadette's CES,

A warm welcome back to school. The staff and I are excited to open our doors to 272 students this September, of which 217 are in the building doing face to face learning.

I want to thank you for your patience and understanding over the last few weeks. After 30 years in education, I have never experienced an opening quite like this one. In this newsletter, I hope to answer some of your questions and share updates on our new routines.

I would like to remind parents and guardians not to send students to school if they are ill or exhibiting any of the COVID 19 symptoms.

COVID Self Assessment and Student Assessment

Each day prior to coming to school, parents should undergo an assessment of their children to determine if the child is symptom free, and if the child feels able to come to school. Students exhibiting symptoms should not come to school. Please see the attached poster.

[Child Care School Assessment Poster.pdf](#)

If a child comes to school exhibiting symptoms or if a child becomes ill at school, the child will be directed to a wellness/isolation room where he/she will be supervised until such time as a parent/ guardian or other adult with permission can come to pick the child up. The child should then get assessed to determine if quarantine is necessary.

Bus students have been assigned seats. Students must stay in their assigned seats while on the bus. Students in grades 4-8 must wear their masks while on the bus at all times and students from kindergarten to grade 3 are encouraged to as well. Students and parents are reminded to stay distanced while at the bus stop. Students assigned seat information will also be coming home to parents shortly.

Parents are also reminded to practise physical distancing and a mask when dropping of their child to school.

Student Agendas have been provided to all students. We kindly ask each child to provide \$5.00 to the teacher to assist in covering the cost.

Thank you to the families who purchased the 2019-20 SBE yearbook. Yearbooks will be distributed to students during

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the week of October 16th.

Our Catholic School Council is an active and integral part of our school life. Our Catholic School Council elections for 2020-21 will be held virtually on Tuesday October 13th at 7 pm. We encourage all parents to participate and get involved. If you are interested in running for Council, please fill out a nomination form.

We look forward to a safe and healthy school year full of learning. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher via email or call our office to leave a message.

May God bless you and your loved ones,



Mrs. C. deHaas, Principal, St. Bernadette's



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Back to School Blessing

God of all beginnings,

Bless us as we come together from the summer rest

To begin a new season of learning and prayer

Bless all who teach and nurture students

Bless all who assist, mend what is broken, and listen to hearts in need

Bless the families who entrust their children to our care

And send your Holy Spirit to inspire the souls and minds of students.

May everything we say, do, and learn

Be an example of Your love

And witness to justice as we build a better world.

Amen



Mark your calendars

September 28 – Wear Purple in support of Rowan's Law- Concussion Awareness

September 30 – Orange Shirt Day – Wear Orange in honour, remembrance and reconciliation of those who attending residential schools.

October 2- Terry Fox Walk/Run -Wear red and white/ Canadian in honour of Terry.

October 5 – World Teachers Day

October 10 – World Mental Health Day

October 12 – Thanksgiving

October 13- Catholic School Council Elections Held Virtually @ 7 pm

October 16 – 2019-20 Yearbook Ships

October 19-23 – Cross Country Virtual Meet Week for Students in Grades 4,5 and 6

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October 27 – Student / Class Photos - Tentative



Emergency Forms to be Verified and Returned

Emergency forms will be sent home with your child. We ask all families to verify the information, make any necessary corrections right on the sheet and return it to the school as soon as possible. If all of the information is correct, simply sign the sheet and return it to the school. Should any information change during the year, please inform the office in writing.

Routines

Yard Supervision

School staff supervises students during all recesses as well as before and after school. Supervision in the morning begins at 8:55 a.m. and ends at 3:55 p.m. Please do not drop students off at school before 8:55 AM as school staff are not available for supervision.

Recess and Lunch Time Routines

Recess and lunch routines have changed across the YCDSB in an effort to keep students physically distancing and safe in their cohorts.

10:30 -10:45 AM Recess – Primary classes have outdoor play. Junior classes have indoor routines.

12:05- 12:25 – Primary Classes and FDK A– Scullli prepare for lunch. Junior classes and FDK B-Tarantini have outdoor routines.

12:25-12:45 – All classes eat lunch inside at their desk.

12:45 -1:05 – Primary Classes and FDK A – have outdoor play routines. Junior classes and FDK B- Tarantini have indoor routines.

Parking and Student Drop Off and Pick Up

Please be reminded that you are not permitted to enter the bus loop from 8:45—9:15 am and 3:30-4:00 pm. This is to ensure the safety of all children riding buses or taxis.

If you are dropping off your child before 9:10 AM and picking them up after 3:40 pm, please enter the east parking lot slowly and cautiously. If you need to come into the school, please park and enter the building through the main doors.

Anaphylaxis



In order to maintain a safe environment for all our students, parents are reminded that St. Bernadette’s is an Allergen Safe School. Please ensure that you do not send any nut or nut products to the school in your child’s lunch or snacks. Information about other specific anaphylactic causative agents such as egg products have been sent directly to the students in that classroom. Kindly refrain from bringing in food to share for special events like birthdays.

Never assume that a food is free of allergenic ingredients. When buying pre-packaged, prepared foods, read the labels carefully every time you shop. Ingredients often change without warning – a product that was safe last week may not be safe this week.

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More information? Contact Anaphylaxis Canada
Website: www.anaphylaxis.ca

Safety Week

We will be having an upcoming "Safety Awareness Week", dates to follow. During this week, we will be rehearsing a variety of emergency school procedures to acquaint students and staff with the precautionary steps to take in the event of such things as a warning of severe weather, an intruder or a bomb threat. In addition, throughout the year we will hold practice drills to acquaint students with various emergency protocols. Teachers will review these procedures with students in class prior to our practice drills.

The safety and well-being of our children is our highest priority. Due to Covid-19, no visitors are permitted in the school at this time.

All exterior doors will continue being locked at 9:10 am, after the bell.

Should you need to speak to your child's teacher, please send an email or call the school to make a virtual appointment with the teacher. By doing so, the teacher can attend to the student's safety without interruption.

Please **do not** enter the yard as you are a stranger to staff and students and will be asked to report to the office.

Safe Arrival Absence Reporting Procedure

At St. Bernadette's, one of our greatest priorities is ensuring that all our students arrive safely to school every day. In order to report your child(ren)'s absence or late, you are required to access our Safe Arrival Program. The Safe Arrival Program allows parents and guardians to report their child(ren)'s absence or late in advance, or before bell time for the current day.

The York Catholic District School Board has implemented an enhanced Safe Arrival Program through a platform called *SchoolMessenger*, which includes a new website and APP. The Safe Arrival Phone Number remains the same (1-855-856-7862).

Parents/guardians can report their child(ren) as late or absence using any of the 3 methods below:

- Call the Toll Free Safe Arrival Phone Number 1-855-856-7862 to report an absence using the automated phone system.

- Use the Safe Arrival *SchoolMessenger* website: go.schoolmessenger.ca

Note: The first time you use this website, select Sign Up and choose Canada to create your account.

To report an absence, select Attendance followed by Report an Absence.

- Use your mobile device to download the *SchoolMessenger* App  from the *Apple App Store* or the *Google Play Store*.

Note: The first time you use the APP, select Sign Up and choose Canada to create your account.

To report an absence, select **Attendance** followed by **Report an Absence**.

These options are available **24 hours a day, 7 days a week**. **Future absences can be reported at any time**. **This Safe Arrival reporting procedure is in place for York Catholic elementary schools**. If you have children at a York Catholic secondary school, please follow that school's absence reporting procedures.

In addition, *SchoolMessenger* will send an automated notification to parents and guardians who have not reported their child(ren) as absent or late. If our system is unable to reach a designated contact after the required amount of time, office staff will follow up. By reporting your child(ren) absent or late in advance or before the bell time, you will not receive these notifications.

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Optional: To assist you in using the new **Safe Arrival Program** procedure, you should have received a business card containing the phone number and the website, which you may keep in a convenient location for your quick reference. If you require an additional card, please contact the office.

If any of your contact information changes, please contact our school office immediately with the updated details.

Should you have any questions in regards to the **Safe Arrival Program**, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.



SAFE ARRIVAL

STUDENT ABSENCE REPORTING

Before the bell time for the current day, please call **1-855-856-7862** or visit go.schoolmessenger.ca

Planned absences may be reported in advance.



It is the responsibility of parent(s)/guardian(s) to advise the school immediately upon registration and/or when in receipt of a diagnosis of asthma. It is also the responsibility of parent(s)/guardian(s) to ensure that all medical information pertinent to their child's diagnosis of asthma is always current.

If your child has a diagnosis of asthma please contact the school office immediately so that the appropriate forms are completed and school records are up to date in accordance with Policy 206.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this request and your ongoing support in the shared responsibility for asthma management in our school. Please refer to the Board's website for more information related to Policy 206.



Policy 206: Protection of Students with Asthma

In accordance with the *Act to Protect Pupils with Asthma* (Ryan's Law: Ensuring Asthma Friendly Schools, 2015) the Board follows policy # 206: *Protection of Students with Asthma*. The York Catholic District School Board recognizes that there are some students within the school system who have a diagnosis of asthma which could be life threatening. The York Catholic District School Board also recognizes that asthma management is a shared responsibility among students, parents, caregivers and the entire school community.

Policy 210 Pediculosis

The York Catholic District School Board recognizes concerns related to pediculosis (head lice) at the school and community level. Pediculosis (head lice) are not a public hazard, as they do not cause illness, but they are a nuisance. To prevent pediculosis (head lice) from becoming a problem at our school we all need to work together. Please check your child's head on a regular basis for lice or nits. If you do find lice or nits, you must contact the office so that we can notify other parents in your child's class to keep a special watch for any signs of head lice.

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A student's re-admission to school is contingent upon the Parent/Guardian submitting a completed and signed "Pediculosis Treatment Form" communicating to the Principal that treatment for pediculosis (head lice) has been administered.

More information on the identification, treatment and prevention of pediculosis (head lice) can be accessed from the Canadian Pediatric Society www.caringforkids.cps.ca/handouts/headlice and Toronto Public Health www.toronto.ca/health



Orange Shirt Day Every Child Matters

Orange Shirt Day is celebrated across Canada every September 30th. St. Bernadette's invites our students to celebrate **Orange**

Shirt Day on September 30, 2020, by wearing an orange T-Shirt.

What is Orange Shirt Day?

In the spring of 2013, a commemoration event was held in Williams Lake, BC to honour those who attended the St. Joseph Mission (SJM) residential school. Orange Shirt Day was inspired by the experience and story of Phyllis (Jack)

Webstad whose shiny new orange shirt was taken away on her first day of school at the Mission. Her story and Orange Shirt Day has become an opportunity to keep the discussion on all aspects of residential schools happening annually.

Active School Travel

We encourage all families and students to use active modes to travel to and from school as often as possible (walk, cycle and scooter). When doing so remember to:

- Maintain a physical distance of a least 2 metres or 6ft from other people including the crossing guards whenever possible. If physical distancing measures are difficult to maintain, wear a mask.
- Students are encouraged to lock their scooter or bike at the bike rack in front of the school or the library.

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