



St. John XXIII Catholic School

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Dear SJXXIII Families,

Schools will be reopening on February 16, 2021. Yesterday, the Board sent out some important correspondence regarding the transition back to hybrid learning, as well as a number of safety protocol updates. Please take a moment to read and review the letter carefully. The following correspondence is intended to summarize some of the key points:

Learning Modalities

- ☐ Any change in modality since the closure period (remote to in-person or vice versa) requires submitting a formal request for a change to j23@ycdsb.ca.
- ☐ For your reference, please review this [infographic](#) for switching modalities.
- ☐ If you did not make a request and/or did not receive confirmation, it is expected that your child will remain in the same modality they were attending prior to the school closure.
- ☐ Any absence from this (pre-closure) modality would need to be reported through the Safe Arrival System.

Returning Technology

- ☐ Students who are returning to in-class, face to face learning are required to return chromebooks and/or ipads borrowed.
- ☐ Please return the device (and charger) in a labeled bag with the child's name and classroom teacher.

Student Masking

- ☐ **Update:** Masks will be **required** for all Gr. 1-8 students; strongly encouraged in FDK
- ☐ **Type of Mask:** non-medical mask; cloth; 2-3 layers
- ☐ **Number of Masks:** 4 per day
- ☐ **Review:** [Donning/Doffing of Masks with your child{ren}](#)
- ☐ **No Mask:** Students choosing not to wear their masks, without a valid medical accommodation, will be immediately sent home.

Parent/Guardian Masking

- ☐ Mask wearing is ***mandatory for everyone on school property*** even outdoors, including parents/guardians

Transportation

- ☐ A reminder that students from Grades 1 to 12 must wear masks when riding the bus.
- ☐ This also includes at the designated pick up location.

COVID-19 Protocol Updates

- ❑ A child/staff member is to stay home if ...
 - ❑ they have **ONE symptom of COVID-19** (and get tested for COVID-19 at an Assessment Centre)
- ❑ if anyone in a household has *travelled outside of Canada (everyone in the family* for a **14-day** quarantine period)
- ❑ if anyone in your household is sick and has not tested negative for COVID-19, or does not have an alternative diagnosis from a health-care provider (**everyone in the household** must also stay home until the results are known or an alternative diagnosis is provided)
- ❑ if someone in the household is identified as a high-risk/close contact of a confirmed COVID-19 case (**everyone in the household** is required to stay home from school for the **14-day** quarantine period)

COVID-19 Self Screening:

- ❑ On a daily basis before leaving home, parents/guardians are responsible for conducting the COVID-19 School and Child Care Screening Tool with their child. Click this link for the new [Daily Screen Tool](#)
- ❑ If your child **has any signs or symptoms of COVID-19** or answers yes to any of the questions on the screening tool, do not send them to school, seek assessment and testing at a COVID-19 Assessment Centre and notify your school.
- ❑ Review this Protocol

Additional Updates

York Region Public Health released [this communication](#) regarding the reopening of schools for all parents and staff. This communication contains very important changes to the protocols parents must follow, including next steps if a child has even one COVID-19 related symptom. Additionally, we encourage our York Catholic families to review the [Board Re-entry Plan](#).

SJXXIII staff continue to practice important safety measures with our students. The safety and well-being of our students is of utmost importance to us. We thank you for your continued partnership. We look forward to welcoming our students back to a safe and engaging hybrid learning environment February 16, 2021. **Please note that all students will continue to have direct entry into the school beginning as early as 8:40 am. Similarly, staggered dismissal for FDK and Primary classes will continue beginning at 3:15 pm each day. Junior and Intermediate classes will exit the building at 3:25 pm.** Thank you for your understanding and continued support as we strive to keep all of our community members safe.

Wishing you and your family, an enjoyable Family Day weekend!

Mr. C. D'Agostini

Staying Safe @School

Changes to Covid-19 Practices

The Ministry of Education and York Region Public Health recently made the following changes for schools, effective February 16, 2021.

One Symptom



If you have **just ONE** Covid-19 symptom you must **stay home** from school and **get tested** at an Assessment Centre.

More Masks



All staff and students in **Grades 1- 12 must wear a mask** on school property throughout the day. JK/SK students are encouraged to wear masks. Two- or three-layer reusable cloth masks are recommended for students.

Parents/visitors must wear a mask when on school property, even **during drop-off/pick-up.**



Students and staff need to wear masks everywhere on school property, **even OUTDOORS** during recess.



Students should **bring four (4) masks to schools each day** and a clean paper or breathable cloth bag to store them in.

Entire Household Treated the Same

If **anyone in your household is sick** and does not have a negative COVID-19 test or an alternative diagnosis, **EVERYONE** in the household must stay home from school.



If anyone in your household has **travelled outside of Canada**, **EVERYONE** must stay home from school until their 14-day quarantine period has ended.



If anyone in your household was **identified as a high-risk/close contact of a COVID-19 case**, **EVERYONE** in the household must stay home from school until notified they can return.

Updated Screening



All students and staff must complete the **York Region Public Health school and child-care screening tool** before going to school each day. **DAILY CONFIRMATION** of screening is required for **staff and secondary students.**

Special accommodations may be made in some circumstances. Please visit www.ycdsb.ca for more details.



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