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St. Raphael the Archangel CES

Respect, excellence, faith in Action



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



St. Raphael the Archangel Staff Community welcomes back our student and parent communities and extending a warm welcome to our new families joining us this year. The start of a new school year always brings excitement. The staff have been working hard to ensure a smooth transition for your child(ren) in September.

Students will re-acquaint themselves with friends and build new relationships with peers in their classes. We hope that everyone will have a blessed year both academically and socially.

Approximately 14 years ago, I began working as a teacher with the York Catholic School Board. During this time I have had the opportunities to build upon my foundations as an Educator. In June, I was extremely happy when I received the news of being appointed Principal of St. Raphael the Archangel. I am excited to work among such a dedicated staff and parent community, together building and supporting our students' education. I am appreciative of the warm welcome I have received from the community.

I am thankful for the care that the SRA staff has taken in preparing the school for our students. A special thank you to our custodians who have worked hard throughout the summer to make our school a clean and safe environment.

I ask that you take a moment to read through this newsletter and its attachments. Please note that a more detailed newsletter will follow next week.

As new beginnings are full of opportunities and challenges, we pray that our faith in God will support and unite us in a supportive partnership.

Yours in Catholic Education,

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CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF FAITH



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KINDERGARTEN	<i>S. Campoli D. Bovino DECE</i>	FRENCH	<i>D. Caruana A. Morson</i>
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FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Guardians

YCDSB has prepared the following document to help transition your child back to school. Please take a moment to review: [School Re-entry Plan 2021-2022](#)!

Here at St. Raphael the Archangel, teachers are busy preparing their respective Virtual Learning Environments. Once they are up and running, teachers will be posting vital information for the first week of school and your child will receive an invitation to join their Virtual Class Learning Environment on **Wednesday**.

On the stream, teachers will be welcoming their students and providing important information regarding their daily activities in class. In keeping with the safety protocols set in place, we are asking parents to have their children meet their teachers at their designated school yard - Primary, Junior, or Intermediates to avoid

congestion. Once students have met their teachers, the class will be using their entrance/exit doors for entry to the school and for dismissal at the end of the school day.

The first day of school is Wednesday, September 8th. You may access the YCDSB 2021-2022 School Calendar [here](#). Please note that our regular school start time is 8:50 am, but we ask that you have your children come to school 5 to 10 minutes before the bell in order to have enough time to find their class/teacher. We kindly ask that you remind your child about the importance of maintaining appropriate physical distancing.

If by chance the weather does not cooperate and it happens to rain, students will be entering the school upon arrival at their designated yard entry and exit doors. Once you have dropped your child off at their entrance, a staff member will escort your child to their respective classroom. We kindly ask that you leave the property at this time so that other parents can safely gain access to the school property, limiting congestion and confusion. Due to Covid restrictions, parents are not allowed in the school building.

We kindly ask that if you are within walking distance to the school, please consider walking on the first day of school to avoid unnecessary traffic as our mutual goal is for students to safely enter the school premises. Please do not drive through the bus loop entry.

Please Note:

Hours: School begins promptly at 8:50 am and ends at 3:40 pm. Lunch is from 11:45am - 12:45 pm. Please send your child to school with snacks, lunch and a water bottle. No lunches are to be dropped off during the day. We thank you for your cooperation with helping to keep our staff and students safe.



SCHOOL MASSES AND LITURGIES

Due to the restrictions regarding school assemblies and gatherings, our masses for the first term of school will be held virtually. Details will be provided prior to the scheduled mass date. Our September mass will be held on September 29th.

Details to follow.

SRA CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

A sincere thank you to the 2020-2021 Catholic School Council Members that gave their time in supporting school endeavors in order to enrich our students' school experience. Their commitment and involvement are an integral part of creating a strong Catholic school community. Our Council is always accepting of new parents and guardians that want to join and lend their talents, expertise and ideas. Due to the restrictions brought forth by Covid, our election process has not been determined. We are waiting for directions regarding this year's CSC Elections. Stay tuned for more information.



S.R.A. STANDARDIZED DRESS CODE

A reminder to all parents and students that our SDC colours are red, white, and black. The dress code consists of white, black, or red tops with no logos, solid black pants or walking shorts, or jumpers. JK- 3 students may wear black track pants. There are to be NO JEANS of any kind. Should students not comply with the expectations, some examples of a progressive discipline approach may include:

- Verbal reminders of expectations
- Communication with parents/guardian
- Written notification to parents/guardians



Students should be in full dress code every day. Thank you for your cooperation.



SAFETY MATTERS FOR STUDENT PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF

As many parents wish to drop off their children, please be respectful of one another and always be mindful of the safety practices of ALL children! Safety is our collective responsibility.

- ✓ Supervision for students either in the building or outside in the yard is not available until 8:35 a.m. For parents needing to drop students off at school before supervision begins, please contact the Before and After School Care Program for more information.
- ✓ Parents / Guardians are urged to pay close attention to all street and school signage.
- ✓ When walking in front of the school and in the parking lot area where there may be moving vehicles please exercise caution and make use of walkways. Once children have been dropped off, please clear the area of vehicles so that others may do the same.
- ✓ Parents, guardians, and students are also encouraged to use active, supervised travel methods to come to school; e.g., walking, jogging, or bike riding to school are great ways to get some daily exercise, fresh air, and set a positive mindset for school.
- ✓ Please note that parents and guardians are not permitted in the schoolyard for morning and recess routines however, they are encouraged to pick up their children from the back of the school at the end of day dismissal time.
- ✓ Only students taking the bus will be permitted to exit the building at the end of the day from the front doors. All other students will exit from their designated school door.
- ✓ Please leave space on the sidewalk for students to enter the schoolyard safely. If you plan to remain on the sidewalk, do not congregate in a group as this blocks the sidewalk and entry to the schoolyard for students, as well as restricting our COVID protocols.
- ✓ Please DO NOT assemble near the exit doors of the school or portables as this causes congestion, and confusion for our younger students.



For those parents who will be driving and picking up their children to and from school, we ask for your cooperation to ensure a smooth and seamless traffic flow in the morning and at the end of the school day. For quick drop-off, please follow the curb in the school parking lot and leave the area once your child is safely on the sidewalk. Students will then proceed to the schoolyard. **Please do not park and exit your vehicle while at the curbside as this creates unnecessary traffic jams.** Should you need to accompany your child, please park your car in one of the parking spots. We respectfully ask that you **drive with extreme caution and that you not block the flow of traffic through the school parking lot.** The bus loop at the front of the school is for buses only. **DO NOT** drive into the bus loop between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

MASKS

Students in Grades 1 to 8 will be required to wear non-medical or cloth masks while in school, with accommodations for those with a medical condition. Students must bring either a paper bag or a breathable cloth bag in which to store their masks at their desks during recess times.

Mingle masks are not permissible in lieu of masks. The Mingle Mask is a face shield type covering which is open around the edges which would not be considered a non-medical mask and is not an acceptable alternative.

Students will be supervised by staff when doffing and donning masks. For instructions on proper mask-wearing procedures, please go to the [11-minute mark of this video](#).

Taking off/Doffing of a mask:

- Clean hands
- Remove from ear loops being careful not to touch the front of the mask
- Fold it inwards and place in a clean individually labeled paper or cloth bag
- Clean hands again



Putting on/Donning a mask:

- Clean hands
- Open mask/face covering storage bag, be careful not to touch anyone else's mask/face covering
- Pick up face covering by the ear loops and put on the face being careful not to touch the outside of the mask/face covering

SCHOOL HOURS

Following is an outline of our school day. Please take particular note of the start and end times. Students should not be at school prior to 8:35. a.m.

It is important that students be in their class line-up when the 8:50 a.m. entry bell rings.

8:50 a.m.	Entry Bell
10:10-10:25 a.m.	Recess
11:45-12:45 p.m.	Lunch
2:05-2:20 p.m.	Recess
3:40 p.m.	Dismissal



Mission Statement

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.

Vision Statement

Our students will become creative and critical thinkers who integrate Catholic Values into their daily lives, as socially responsible global citizens.

Core Values



Strategic Commitments

