



“NEED TO KNOW” INFORMATION FOR

Kindergarten

PARENTS

HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
BURLINGTON, ONTARIO

2021-2022

A Warm Welcome to our New Holy Rosary Families

Please find attached, all the pertinent information for Holy Rosary School and the Kindergarten Program.

All NEW Kindergarten families will be receiving information in the mail during the summer regarding:

- ☺ **Your child's tentative class placement**
 - ☺ **Date and Time of a Parent/Child/Teacher classroom visit**
 - ☺ **Date for your child's first day of school.**
- Kindergarten students have a staggered entry during the first week of school.**

We look forward to meeting all our new families!

Welcome!

****This booklet reflects general information based on usual KDG classroom routines. It does not reflect Ministry of Health nor Federal Government mandated COVID 19 safety measures.***

A Few Tips to Help You Prepare Your Child For The First Year Of School:

- All children are individuals who are growing, changing, and learning all the time.
 - Help your child feel confident. Promote good self-esteem.
 - Visit the school and the bus stop with your child prior to the first day, so your child will become familiar with their surroundings.
 - Talk to your child about school. Discuss the fun things your child will do, such as painting, colouring, cutting and pasting, playing, making new friends, etc.
 - Teach your child to print their name in lower case letters, and practice using pencils, crayons, and scissors.
 - Print your child's name on **ALL** articles of clothing and **ALL** items that will be taken to school. Do not send favorite toys to school at the risk being lost or broken.
 - Things for your child to know, mother and father's name, teacher's name, caregiver's name and the name of their bus stop.
 - Emphasize cooperation in daily activities. Establish school day routines, such as breakfast and bedtime.
 - Encourage independent dressing such as: how to put on a coat, do up zippers, bathroom routines, put on and secure their shoes, etc.
- Help your child learn how to open their school bags, lunch bag and containers, etc., without assistance.



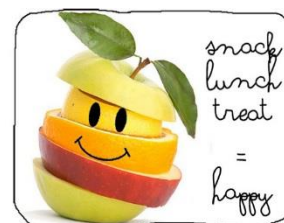
The First Day Of Kindergarten!



- Large **ZIPPERED** school bag (large enough to hold a 9x12 student agenda).
- Please check your child's planner daily for any correspondence.
- **Velcro rubber-soled** running shoes **to be kept at school**.
- **Bring lunch and two (2) snacks and a water bottle filled with water.**
- Extra clothing, including socks, underwear, non-uniform navy pants and a white or navy T-shirt (all labelled with your child's name) that can be kept at school

Lunch & Snacks!

- Morning Snack and Drink (Label #1)
 - Lunch – Sandwich/Thermos, Dessert and Drink (Label #2)
 - Afternoon Snack and Drink (Label #3)
 - All food must be "NUT FREE"
- PLEASE...No chocolate, pop or candy snacks or glass containers



Safe Arrival

On each/any day your child is absent from school or arriving late to school, contact our school by using the automated student attendance management system called SafeArrival. The SafeArrival system is available 24/7, allowing you to report your child's absence in one of three ways:

1. using the SchoolMessenger® mobile app
2. by logging into the SchoolMessenger® web site
3. by calling into an interactive toll-free phone line 1-844-445-4505

For every absence, late arrival or a recorded absence WITHOUT a reason, the Safe Arrival program will continually send you reminders every 20 minutes until you respond. Please DO NOT ignore these return notifications.

If you do not record an absence or respond to the SafeArrival return notifications, office staff will make every attempt to contact parents/guardians by all of the means of contact information you have provided the school. ***If no contact is made, Halton Regional Police will be contacted in accordance with the Safe Schools Act.*** Safety. Our First Priority!

If late, **before going to class**, a student **MUST** report to the office to obtain **an admittance slip**.

Be On Time! This is a habit that will be expected of every student. Not only is it a life skill, arriving on time shows respect and consideration for others. Being late for class interrupts the teacher and classmates.

Drop Off Routine!

All parent parking is at the rear of the school building/church parking lot.

Parents of our Kindergarten students have the following options for **morning drop off**:

- ❖ Park at the rear of the school building/church parking lot and walk their child to the front of the school to the designated Kindergarten play area. Supervision is provided daily from 8:15 to 8:30 a.m.
- ❖ Park at the rear of the school building/church parking lot and hand-off their child to the designated staff on the back playground (near gym wall). Students will be escorted by the staff member to the kindergarten play area at the front of the school.
- ❖ Use the "Kiss 'N Ride" student drop off zone along the fence adjacent to the back playground to drop off their child(ren). Please note that an older sibling will be needed to assist the Kindergarten child to the designated Kindergarten area/staff on the back playground (near gym wall) as there will be no parking in this area; it is designated as a "quick drop off zone only".
- ❖ All bussed Kindergarten students will be escorted by a staff member to the Kindergarten play area.
- ❖ For security reasons, caregivers are not to enter the gated kindergarten area at any time.



Pick Up Routine!

All parent parking is at the rear of the school building/church parking lot.

- ❖ For child safety, we must be notified in writing if there is a change in your child's dismissal arrangements.
- ❖ Non bussed students should be met by a parent, guardian or caregiver at the gate to the Kindergarten play area. School staff will hand-off each child to their respective caregiver. Once again, for security reasons caregivers are **not** to enter the gated kindergarten area at any time.
- ❖ **Bus students** are escorted to their appropriate bus by a Kindergarten staff member. For safety reasons, Kindergarten students will be seated at the front of the bus – **not** with older siblings. If your child takes the bus home, it is the policy of the Board that a parent, guardian or caregiver **must** be at the bus stop 5-10 minutes ahead of time. The bus driver will return to school with children **not** met by the designated parent, guardian or caregiver at the bus stop. Please be patient for the first few days as there may be delays on the bus routes. These are usually remedied quickly.



...a fun place to
play and learn!

It is very important that those picking up children wait outside the school in the designated area. Your presence in the halls or classrooms at this time of day tends to cause distractions for other students and does not follow our visitor access procedures. Please appreciate our concerns. We have the safety and best interest of the children at heart.

Thank you for your attention to these important matters. Your cooperation and adherence will help ensure the smooth reception and dismissal of students.

Bussing & The Kindergarten Program!

Kindergarten students will ride on a school bus with students from all grade levels (Gr. JK-8). With children at this very young age, parents and guardians must understand their responsibility relative to the school bus system. ***Parents and guardians are responsible for their children until they step on the bus and from the moment, they step off the bus.***

Exceptions will only be granted if the parent indicates in writing to the school principal, that their child is allowed to get off the bus to meet another adult (e.g. babysitter, grandparent, other relative or family friend, etc.).



In terms of safety, there are a number of safeguards in place for school start-up in September. These are designated specifically to assist the Kindergarten students during the first few weeks of school and to ensure maximum safety for these students. Bus tags, which will be adhered to the child's backpack, will identify name, bus stop location, school, and bus route so students disembark at the correct location. Children will be instructed to show this tag only to the teacher, the principal and the bus driver. ***Please ensure your child keeps their bus tag on their school bag at all times.*** To further ensure the safety of your child, we ask that you do not vary the arrival and departure routine once it has been established. Consistency in routine provides security for your child and minimizes problems that might otherwise occur.

Being new to Holy Rosary, new bussing information, routes, stops and times, will be available from the school at the beginning of the school year. After your child's first day of school, he/she will be assigned an Ontario Student Number. Using their Ontario Student Number, you can access your child's bussing information at www.haltonbus.ca for any future inquiries.

You are encouraged to subscribe to Halton Student Transportation Services Late Bus Notification System. Once subscribed you will receive a message electronically if there are any bus disruptions for your child's route. Your attention to this information will assist greatly in providing safe and efficient transportation for your child. *You will find complete instructions on how to subscribe for late bus email notifications from Halton Student Transportation Services on the reverse side of this page.*

School Uniforms

All students attending Holy Rosary Catholic School must wear the school uniform as outlined by Board Policy (II-47). The uniform consists of navy bottoms and navy/white tops embroidered with the school crest. Tights and socks must be blue or white. The uniform supplier is McCarthy Uniforms –

Website:

mccarthyuniforms.ca

Online Store:

www.mccarthyuniforms.ca/shop

COVID Appointment Only:

www.mccarthyuniforms.ca/appointment

Showroom:

202 Oak Walk Drive, Unit K1-1, Oakville, ON

Call

416-593-6900 or 1-800-668-8261

Important Reminders!



Anaphylaxis

This word describes a serious type of reaction someone may have when allergic to something. These reactions can be fatal to the person who is severely allergic. The most common allergic reactions experienced at school are food related. So that everyone can be as safe as possible, we ask:

PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANY FOODS CONTAINING NUTS TO THE SCHOOL AT ANY TIME. ALSO, PLEASE DO NOT BRING FOODS WHICH LOOK AND/OR SMELL LIKE PEANUT BUTTER (I.E. WOW BUTTER) OR SIMILAR PRODUCTS.

NO food treats are to be brought to school. This will help safeguard the safety of the students and their classmates. Everyone's safety and well-being are our first concerns.

Health & Wellness

If a student is sick, please have him/her stay at home. Germs can spread quickly in a Kindergarten setting and others can easily become infected. ***If a student is too ill to go out at recess, then he/she is too ill to be at school.*** Please allow him/her to rest at home.

School Hours

Yard duty supervision begins at **8:15 a.m.** Supervision ends at **3:20 p.m.** For the safety of your child, we request that your child **NOT** be on the school property unless a supervisor is present.

School Day	- 8:30 a.m. - 3:05 p.m.
Lunch Hour	- 11:35 a.m. – 12:35 p.m.
Kindergarten Snack Breaks	- 15 minutes each in the morning and the afternoon

Alternative Lunch Programs Offered by Holy Rosary School!

Milk Program	-Delivered every day. Choice of white OR chocolate.
Pizza Day	-Every Tuesday. Pepperoni pizza.
Mr. Sub	-Once per month
Lunch Lady	-Every Thursday

