



PARENT UPDATE # 2: SEPTEMBER 13-17

“The individual who says it is not possible should move out of the way of those doing it.” —Tricia Cunningham.

Welcome back to another school year! We are very grateful for the effort of Staff, Students and Parents for making this a successful first week back to school!

Daily Screening for COVID-19 Symptoms

A reminder that Self-screening **must** be completed **each** day before a student attends school by using the [Ontario School and Child Care Screening Tool](#). If a student does not pass the self-screening, they are to remain home and follow the direction given on the screening tool. To ensure the safety of all students and staff, students are not permitted to enter the school building until the self-screening has been completed.

Confirmation of Screening

We will continue to request Confirmation of screening to be submitted daily to classroom teachers for one more week (unless otherwise directed by the Ministry of Education). A reminder you can show confirmation of Screening in one of three ways:

1. Print a copy of the Confirmation of Screening log, complete, and send to school with your child. Copies of the log will be provided to students on their first day of school for those that do not have a printed copy from home. [Daily On-Site Confirmation of Self-Screening for Students Staff Visitors.docx](#)
2. Email your child’s teacher to confirm completion of screening.
3. Students who have a smart phone can show their teacher the “green pass” from the Ontario School Screening Tool.

Arrival to school in the morning - Grade 1-8

Direct entry will continue each day for Grades 1-8 students at 8:05am. Students **should not arrive to school prior to 8:05am** (unless they attend the YMCA) as there is no supervision provided until 8:05am each day. Students can enter through the Back doors (5 and 6) beginning at 8:05am each day.

Kiss N Ride expectations

Please do not get out of your car when dropping off your child in the Kiss N Ride lanes. This is reserved for those who are dropping their child off without parking their vehicle. This will ensure we do not create a backlog of traffic in this lane and those who need to drop off and go quickly can do so. Please pull all the way to the front of the Kiss N Ride lane if space permits. Please do not stop on the curve of the parking lot to drop off children, and be aware of children walking on the sidewalk near the gate to the pavement.

To further support health and safety on school premises, we ask the following:

- All adults accessing the school wear a non-medical mask when distancing cannot be maintained (ie. drop off and pick up times)
- Parents/guardians are **not** permitted access to the school yard
- Do not leave your vehicle when using the Kiss and Ride
- Do not congregate at drop off/pick up locations around the school

Exit Protocols

At the end of the day, exit procedures will be similar to entrance procedures. Classes will be dismissed in consideration of physical distancing through designated doors from the back pavement. Parents/Guardians are asked to arrange a meeting point off school property as **parents/guardians cannot come on to the back pavement.** Last year many parents chose meeting places on the grass/field area at the back of the school. Primary teachers will dismiss out the back doors (Exit 5 and 6) to parents at the end of the day. Kindergarten – Parents will be able to drive into the Kiss N Ride Lane of the West parking lot. Staff will dismiss students directly to parents. Kindergarten dismissal will begin at 2:30pm.

Office Drop offs

Please send your child each day with their healthy lunch and water bottle when you drop them off in the morning. We want to avoid disruptions to the class and student learning, so we ask that you avoid dropping materials off at the office, by ensuring they are packed each morning with all they need.

Lunch Supervisors needed!

We are in search of 2 Paid Lunch Hour supervisors to assist our staff and students with Supervision. If you are interested, we would be happy to discuss the position with you. We are seeking one person for Monday – Friday 11:25 - 12:25 and one person for a flexible occasional schedule (filling in for others when absent). Please email the Vice-Principal Mr. Shannon shannonja@hcdsb.org if you are interested or want to learn more about this paid position.

Catholic Parent Council

In accordance with the *Ontario Education Act Regulation 612*, schools must hold elections for School Council within the first 30 days of each school year. The term of office is one year, and we encourage every parent to consider volunteering to be part of Catholic School Council. Home and school collaboration is essential to maintaining a vibrant school community that considers the voice of all its' stakeholders. **Nomination forms are attached.** [OLF - School Council Nomination Form.pdf](#)

This form must be completed in full and emailed to Mrs. Varano (varanov@hcdsb.org) by 4:00pm on SEPTEMBER 17, 2021

Medical Update

Many families at Our Lady of Fatima were sent an email on **Thursday September 2** regarding students with medical conditions.

- Please complete and send back the medical documentation paperwork that was sent to you in June.
- If there is any changes from last year, please make those adjustments on the paperwork and drop it off to the main office so we can make the appropriate adjustments in our system.
- If there are no changes please sign and send back the paperwork and we will keep this on file.
- If your child requires medication to be kept at school such as an epipen or inhaler, please place in a zip lock bag with your child's first and last name. Please bring medication to Our Lady of Fatima by **Monday September 13th at 4:00 p.m.**
- If you are new to the school and your child has a medical condition, and you have not completed the documentation, please email shannonja@hcdsb.org with the child's name, teacher and information and the Vice Principal Mr. Shannon will be in touch with you.

Roots of Empathy

Please see the attached poster regarding our Roots of Empathy program being offered this year at Our Lady of Fatima.

Orange Shirt Day T-shirts

Please see the attached document with information on how you can order shirts for Orange shirt day.

Save the Evidence

Please see the attached document with information regarding the "Save the Evidence" campaign which is a campaign to raise awareness and support for the restoration of the former Mohawk Institute Residential School and to reopen the building as an Interpretation Centre and a Site of Conscience.

UPCOMING DATES:

September 19 – Terry Fox Run

September 23 – Opening School Liturgy 9:00am

September 23 – Curriculum Night 6:00pm

September 29 – Rowan's Law awareness day

September 30 – Orange Shirt Day (Information attached for ordering a shirt for your child)