

August 31st, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Good morning,

Thank you for your continued patience as we work through the fine details of a safe reopening here at St. Raphael Catholic Elementary School. As you know, this year has been and CONTINUES to be quite unique and challenging. Together we will continue to do our best to support one another.

Results from the parental surveys regarding this year's registration are currently coming in. Once we know how many students and families opt for online learning vs in school, class lists may be adjusted. We are hoping to have class placements online by Friday, September 4, 2020, after 9:00 a.m.

***IF YOU HAVE NOT COMPLETED THE RETURN TO SCHOOL SURVEY PLEASE RESPOND WITH YOUR INTENT FOR START OF YEAR--> In school or remote(online) by email – [vignap@hcdsb.org](mailto:vignap@hcdsb.org). The information is crucial to our forward planning. Thank you for your cooperation.***

As well, you know that schools will be staggering various parts of the day to maintain safe distancing. Schedules continue to evolve, and teachers and support staff have had access to the school Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. They will be tasked with setting up their classrooms to best meet social distancing protocols and the HCDSB Return to School Plan.

As you know, the first day of instruction for students was originally planned for Tuesday, September 8, 2020. To help ease the transition for our students, and ensure a safe and healthy return for all, the first day of school will be delayed, and we will be implementing a gradual (staggered) return to class for our elementary students. (Email sent to all families on August 28<sup>th</sup>).

**DROP OFF will take place at 3 ENTRANCES (Refer to map).** As per protocol set out by Halton Public Health, the Ministry of Education and HCDSB, parents and guardians are **NOT TO ENTER** the playground. The kiss and ride will be available, and you may also park and walk your child to the entrance of the playground while too maintaining and respecting social distancing protocols. We kindly ask that you DO NOT LINGER. A staff member will greet you at entrances to the yard and assist your child with reporting to their designated area. PLEASE REFER TO THE ATTACHED MAP that outlines class cohort line up area. Signage/Teachers will also assist as a reference point that morning.

Kindergarten parents and guardians may enter the yard. You will be directed to proceed to the rear of the gym building where you and your child will be greeted by our staff. Mrs. Laliotis' kindergarten students will be escorted in through the front doors. Please drop off and exit the yard. Students will be directed inside upon arrival.

We kindly thank you for your continued cooperation and patience. As always if you have any questions please feel free to reach out!

Yours in Catholic Education,

P. Vigna

Principal

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