



York Catholic District School Board

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

On behalf of the York Catholic District School Board, I would like to begin by extending my sincere thanks for your ongoing patience and understanding as we prepare for a safe reopening of our schools in September.

As part of our School Re-entry Plan, students will return to school on a staggered schedule to help them learn new routines and familiarize themselves with new learning environments. This approach was approved by the Ministry of Education.

A schedule was included in the School Re-entry Plan that was presented at the Special Board Meeting on August 20, 2020. **That schedule has now changed** to allow more time for staff to review all of the health and safety protocols and new school routines established through directives from York Region Public Health and the Ministry of Education.

The REVISED staggered re-entry schedule is as follows:

All Elementary and Secondary Schools:

September 8 and 9: no students - staff preparing for learning during Covid-19

Elementary Start Dates:

September 10: Grades 1-3

September 11: JK/SK

September 14: Grades 7 & 8

September 15: Grades 4-6

NOTE: Once students return to school on their designated start date, they will continue to attend school every day after that.

Secondary Start Dates:

September 10: Grade 9 orientation Cohort A face to face (Cohort B + C virtual)

September 11: Grade 9 orientation Cohort B face to face (Cohort A + C virtual)

September 14: Grades 9-12 Cohort A face to face (Cohort B + C virtual)

September 15: Grades 9-12 Cohort B face to face (Cohort A + C virtual)

Parents will receive an update from their child's school principal next week with additional school-specific re-entry information.

Elementary Switching Dates Adjusted

As a result of the staggered entry dates, we have extended the deadline for elementary parents to choose to switch their child between face to face and remote learning from October 13, 2020 to November 16, 2020. Parents must notify the school of their request by November 1, 2020. If you wish to change your choice of face to face or remote learning based on this new information, please contact your child's school before 3 pm on Friday, August 28, 2020.



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We are continuing to work with the Ministry of Education, York Region Public Health and all our YCDSB stakeholder communities for a safe return to school in September. We remain committed to regular communication to keep our parents and families properly informed.

Yours in Catholic education,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Battista". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mary Battista
Director Designate