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Dear Parents and Guardians -

Welcome to what will be a wonderful school year. We hope that the summer afforded you a chance to safely enjoy some time with friends and family during these challenging days of the global pandemic. We are grateful for all your patience as we worked diligently to plan for a safe return to school. Now, more than ever, our partnership in creating a safe and caring faith-filled learning environment is of utmost importance.

Please take the time to read through this newsletter. In conjunction with letters shared late in August and early September, they will serve as an invaluable source of information for school start up.

This year, teachers will use their virtual learning environments to communicate with parents in place of traditional agendas. Please be sure to connect with your child's classroom teacher about how you will keep in communication with one another this year. We know that regular communication is important to ensuring a successful working relationship.

Thank you to our Superintendent Opiyo Oloya and Chair Maria Marchese for all their support. Thank you to this incredible staff who have worked so hard to welcome our students. It has been so long - we are so excited to welcome them back! Afterall, ... #YouBelongToSGG.

Yours in Catholic Education,
Mr. Larry Bianco, Acting Principal of SGG

To report student absences and lates, please dial: 1-855-856-7862 or visit go.schoolmessenger.ca

SGG School Day:
8:35 - Supervision Begins
8:50 - Morning Entry
10:00-10:35 AM Recess
12:00-12:20 - Lunch
12:20-1:00 - Lunch Recess
2:20-2:55 PM Recess
3:40 - End of Day

*We have been given the gift of time;
A new school year to make a difference in the lives of other people ...
A new school year to grow in faith ...
A new school year to make peace and justice a reality ...
A new school year to create, to build community, to grow.
Thank you God for this gift of time and help us to use it wisely together.
Help us to remember that the gift of time comes but once and to use it to
sow and gather love, hope and faith.
Amen.*

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

Excellence, Equity, Fiscal Responsibility, Catholicity, Inclusion, Integrity, Respect

Strategic Commitments

Integration of Our Catholic Faith, Continuous Improvement of Student Achievement, Effective Use of Our Resources, Engaging Our Communities

Catholic Communities of Faith



SCHOOL AND PARISH

PARTNERSHIP: We value the partnership St. Gregory the Great has with St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church and parish priests.

Together with the Church we support parents in the faith formation of their children. Preparation for Reconciliation and First Communion (Grade 2) and Confirmation (Grade 7) occurs through the parish. Students receiving a sacrament this year must register their child at St. Clare of Assisi Church. Notification for these meetings will be communicated through the Church website and Sunday bulletin.



MONTHLY VIRTUES: Each month a different Catholic attribute is emphasized at school. Students are encouraged to demonstrate these attributes in their daily actions and words with one another. By doing this we show that we always strive to respond to Jesus' call as a community. During the month of

September the Catholic Virtue of **Courage** will be highlighted in our daily prayers and in our classroom reflections. We look forward to recognizing those students at SGG who best demonstrate courage in this first month of school.

SCHOOL MASSES AND PRAYER CELEBRATIONS:

Faith celebrations have always been an important part of our Catholic education. While we will not be able to gather in large numbers to celebrate together at this time, our students will still gather in prayer with their classes, led by their teachers. Thank you, SGG staff and liturgical committee, for finding innovative ways for faith celebrations to continue at SGG. *"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."* (Matthew 18: 20).

ORANGE SHIRT DAY: Our school will mark Orange Shirt Day on September 30th. Orange Shirt Day is an opportunity for First Nations, governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come. *Every child matters.* Students are encouraged and invited to augment their uniform with orange articles and accessories on that day. Classroom

teachers will engage their students in *Orange Shirt Day* themed activities including writing letters to Prime Minister Trudeau and reflecting on social justice issues.

SGG CATHOLIC SCHOOL

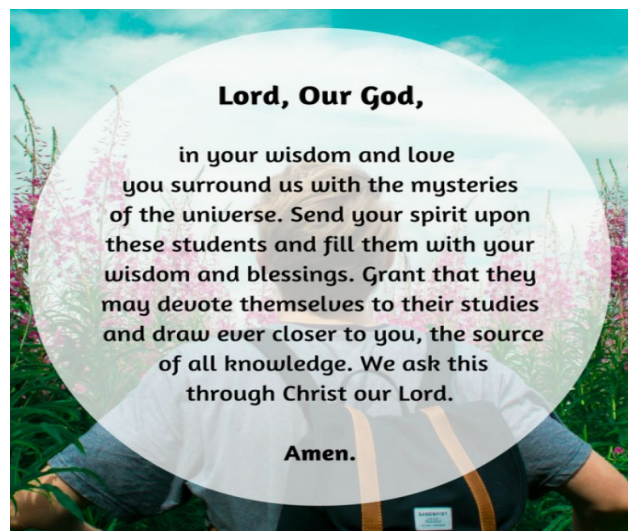
COUNCIL: A sincere thank you to the 2019-2020 Catholic School Council Members that gave their time and efforts in enriching our students' school



experience. We are also so grateful for all the work of our hot lunch committee. You have all played such an important role in bringing amazing spirit to SGG. Parent involvement and engagement is an integral part of creating a strong Catholic school community.

Our council is always accepting new parents and guardians that want to join, lending their ideas and talents, to our already amazing CSC! At this time, the Board is working with the Ministry of Education to reconcile school council processes with COVID realities. Once this information is available, we will look to bring our council together and look further to nominations and elections. More details are to follow.

SHARELIFE CIVVIES DAY: SGG will continue its tradition of collecting for **ShareLife** through its monthly civvies days. Civvies days will be on the last Friday of the month. The September civvies day will take place on Friday, September 25th. Please remember to exercise appropriate dress on those days and don't forget your loonie or toonie for **ShareLife**.





AGENDAS: If there are silver linings to be found from last year's distance learning, one is certainly the personal growth around everyone's comfort and use of online learning platforms and digital communication. It was amazing to see staff,

students, parents and caregivers engage with one another via Google Classroom and D2L virtual learning environments. This was a significant step in moving everyone toward 21C competencies. As such, classroom teachers will continue to communicate with parents and guardians using the Google Classroom in place of traditional agendas. This will further position us to keep our students' learning continuous should the changing landscape of the pandemic force learning back online. We want to be best prepared to support our students and families in both learning modalities. Beginning this September 2020, parents and teachers will communicate with one another via this tool. Your child's teacher will communicate specific protocols with you.

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT IS A UNIFORM SCHOOL:

St. Gregory the Great Catholic Academy implements a Uniform Dress Code. Students are expected to come to school in proper uniform; this means that school crested items have been purchased from our supplier DGN Kilters.

Should students not complying with the uniform expectations may be subject to some progressive discipline approaches such as (but not limited to):

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

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Our website has a detailed list of appropriate uniform items.



PICTURE DAY: Smile for the camera! Picture day at our school is tentatively scheduled for September 24th, 2020. Students are asked to **wear white uniform tops** to school on that day. Details to follow.

PACE TESTING: All grade 4 students in the YCDSB will take part in a group standardized assessment to see which children may benefit from our program for gifted students known as Program for Academic and Creative Extension (PACE). More details are to follow.



YCDSB RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN & FAQ:

Schools have been working diligently under the direction of the Board, York Region Public Health and the Ministry of Education to implement plans in support of a safe return to

school for students and staff. The details of the plan and a 'Frequently Asked Questions' section are available for parents here:

<https://www.ycdsb.ca/reopening/faqs>. Please take the time to visit this site. The FAQ has been expanded and is now 'searchable' for improved accessibility and ease of navigation.

VOLUNTEERS AT SGG & LUNCH SUPERVISION:

Our parent volunteers have always been an incredible part of our school's successes. Unfortunately, at this time, COVID protocols do not allow for volunteers in the school. We are however looking to expand our list of emergency lunchtime supervisors. If you are interested in supporting our school in this capacity, please inform Mr. Bianco or our office administrator, Ms. Paolini.

LIBRARY LEARNING COMMONS: Our library project is complete! We look forward to sharing photos with you. While the library will remain closed at this time due to COVID safety measures, Ms. Grisonich (our new teacher-librarian) will be looking for creative ways to bring library learning to our students. Check out her Google site: <https://sites.google.com/ycdsb.ca/sggllc/home>

Safe & Caring School Community



ST. GREGORY THE GREAT IS A CHARACTER SCHOOL: As part of our announcements, we remind all our St. Gregory the Great students that our school is a character school. This means we always hold ourselves to a higher standard. If students find themselves in difficulty and cannot resolve a problem on their own, they are reminded to approach a caring staff member or school administration for assistance. We review daily that we must always keep our hands and feet to ourselves and to only use kind words, even when we are provoked.

Our morning announcements also contain reminders about maintaining social distancing and good hygiene tips. Both the YCDSB and our school places excellence, equity, community and positive relationships at the heart of student success and well-being. ***We are a Catholic Learning Community of collaborative partners, called to serve one another by being committed to and accountable for quality learning with Jesus as our inspiration.***

Expected Behaviour:

It is the expectation of the YCDSB and St. Gregory the Great Catholic Academy that students will:

- ★ Demonstrate honesty and integrity
- ★ Respect differences in people, their ideas and their opinions
- ★ Treat one another with dignity and respect, especially when there is disagreement
- ★ Respect and treat others fairly
- ★ Respect the rights of others
- ★ Take appropriate measures to help those in need
- ★ Seek assistance from teachers to resolve conflict peacefully
- ★ Demonstrate respect for people in positions of responsibility
- ★ Respect the need of others to work in an environment that is conducive to learning and teaching
- ★ Be courteous and polite at all times

We thank you for reviewing these expectations for behaviour and overall conduct with your child.



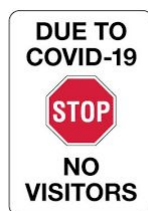
EMERGENCY FORMS: Emergency and Freedom of Information (FOI) forms will be shared with each student's family. Please ensure the information on the emergency

form is correct. If there are changes to be made, kindly make them directly on the form. The FOI form asks for explicit consent by way of having parents authorize a number of statements. Please sign, date, and return these forms to the school as soon as possible.



VIRTUAL LEARNING AND TECHNOLOGY CONSENTS: Classroom teachers will share consent forms for student use of internet platforms such as Google Applications for Education.

Additional forms regarding appropriate use of online platforms and good digital citizenship will be included for each division. Kindly review these forms with your child, sign and date them, and return them to your child's teacher as soon as possible.



NO VISITORS, PLEASE: The health and safety of our students and staff is our top priority. Limiting visitors in the building supports this endeavour.

The return to school plan does not allow for visitors into the school. If there is something you need, please

call the office ahead of time; we will do our best to address your concerns remotely. If you are required to come to the school, it will be by appointment only. Parents wishing to speak to the school administrator or teacher face to face must make an appointment. Our first effort will be to support you in your questions or concerns via a phone call or Google Meet. Parents who do need to enter the building (i.e., to sign out a child) must follow the invitation and explicit instructions of the school and/or office administrator. **Visitors must report to the office. Any potential visitors must pass the COVID self-assessment, wear a mask and sanitize hands.** If you are ill, please stay home.

To report student absences and lates, please dial: 1-855-856-7862 or visit go.schoolmessenger.ca

SAFE ARRIVAL: Parents and guardians must communicate all lates and absences. This can be done by using the Safe Arrival number or website on the front page of this

newsletter. **Students who are ill or do not pass the COVID screener must remain at home.** Extended absences must also be communicated to the office and your child's teacher. Late students will need to sign in in the front foyer, obtain a late slip, and go to class. For our younger students, staff will assist them with this process. A reminder that students will sanitize their hands before and after the late sign in station. Punctuality is important, and especially so in these times of stricter routines.

DOOR BUZZER & ENTERING THE SCHOOL: Visitors to the school are required to buzz into the office using the doorbell at the front entry. Our office staff will ask visitors to identify themselves and the reason for their visit. Please do not ask students to open the front doors for you.



LUNCHES, SNACKS & WATER BOTTLES:

Students are asked to bring all snacks and lunches to school for the day, *including a refillable water bottle.*

Parents will not be allowed

to drop lunches off at school. Hot lunch programs are not operating at this time. The Board plan asks that students not go home for lunch. Once students go home for lunch, the Board asks them to remain home for the rest of that school day. Your cooperation and respect of this new routine is appreciated in support of everyone's health and safety.

INDOOR SHOES & BACKPACKS: As at this time we are experiencing dry weather. For this reason, we ask that parents refrain from sending indoor shoes for the time being. Students will not be able to use coat hooks and cubbies at this time as they are not conducive to physical distancing guidelines. Given that storage is at a minimum, please keep indoor shoes and any excess personal items/belongings at home. This decision will be reevaluated as the seasons begin to change.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS ON THE PLAYGROUND: A reminder that parents and guardians are not permitted on the playground during morning entry or end of day

dismissal routines. Please follow the guidelines for dismissal shared with families last week (i.e., wait at the yellow gate, wear a mask and respect physical distancing rules). Parents may drop off children at the yellow gates delineating the start of the playground or the kindergarten pen and then promptly clear the property. Morning supervision begins at 8:35 a.m..

SAFETY FIRST

The YCDSB has a primary responsibility and goal to ensure a safe learning environment for all students and staff. As part of our safety initiatives, SGG, along with other schools in the YCDSB, will practice a variety of safety drills and protocols (i.e., Fire Drills, Lockdown, Shelter in Place, etc.). Once we have established dates for these safety drills, we will share them with you so you can partner with us in underscoring their importance with your child. We also want to ensure that students understand that these are practice drills only and not the real thing. Thank you for helping us prepare our students.



ANAPHYLAXIS & ALLERGIES: The YCDSB has an anaphylactic policy to help protect students affected by life threatening allergies. As outlined in the Board's policy, parents are asked to inform the school of

such allergies and are required to fill in S15 and S15a forms which are available in the office. Each form must include a passport sized photo so that the student is easily identifiable to staff. Parents are asked to ensure that students for whom Epi-Pens are prescribed have two EpiPens at school. **It is strongly advised and encouraged that one Epi-Pen is to be on the student's person at all times** and the other stored in the office for emergency use. We continue to remind and inform our students NOT to share food in our school environment. **We also respectfully ask parents not to send food items to school for students to share** (for example, during birthday celebrations). 'Allergy Safe' environment signs are posed throughout the school, as well as outside those classes where students with life threatening allergies are located. S15 and S15a forms will be reviewed by classroom teachers, itinerant teachers, support staff, and supply staff. Staff have also received training and information on recognizing the signs of an anaphylactic reaction, how to take appropriate action, and how to administer the Epi-Pen. Visit our website for more information on our school's Allergy/Anaphylaxis Plan.

IF YOUR CHILD IS ILL: If your child is ill or does not pass the COVID self-assessment (administered by the parent each time a child comes to school), they must not come to school. It is recommended that if your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, parents seek medical advice. If a child is ill at school, we will bring your child to an isolation room and contact you to pick them up immediately. We will do our best to keep them calm, comfortable and maintain their dignity. If you are not able to pick up your child, please have a designated contact person to pick them up. Your child will be welcome back to school following the presentation of a negative COVID-19 test result, 24 hours after the resolution of any symptoms. We understand the strain this may put on our parent community, however we are obliged to follow this plan as directed by the Board and Public Health.



administered at school please pick up the required S16 and S16a forms from the office. Complete the form (including physician's signature) and return it to school. Students are not to keep medication (aside from inhalers and EpiPens) in their knapsack or in the classroom. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



GRADE 7 IMMUNIZATIONS: We are currently awaiting Public Health's direction in scheduling Grade 7 Immunizations. We do not have a date scheduled for SGG at this time. Once a date has been scheduled, this information will be shared with parents. Please note that students who have opted for remote online learning are being directed to seek immunizations from their regular medical practitioner. For more information, please visit <http://york.ca/immunizations> (click on *School Immunizations Clinic*) or call 1-877-464-9675, extension 73452.

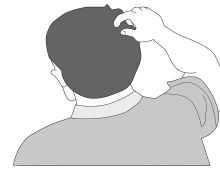


ASTHMA PROTECTION: The York Catholic District School Board recognizes that there are some students within the school system who have a diagnosis of asthma that could be life threatening. The Board also recognizes that asthma

management is a shared responsibility among students, parents, caregivers, and the school community. It is the responsibility of parent(s)/guardian(s) to advise the school immediately upon registration and/or when in receipt of a diagnosis of asthma. It is also the responsibility of parent(s)/guardian(s) to ensure that all medical information pertinent to their child's diagnosis of asthma is always current. If your child has a diagnosis of asthma, please contact the school office immediately so that the appropriate forms can be completed and school records are up to date in accordance with Board policy.

STAYING INDOORS: Given space limits, room capacities and COVID 19 rules, it will be a significant challenge for students who cannot go outdoors to remain inside for recess. Students who are unwell, must not attend school.

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL: Whenever possible, we ask that medications be administered at home. However, should your child require medication









PEDICULOSIS: YCDSB recognizes and appreciates concerns related to Pediculosis at the school, community, and regional level. The Board also

recognizes that the Ministry of Health does not designate Pediculosis as a communicable disease, and as such, it is not considered a health hazard to the community. Anyone can get head lice, regardless of cleanliness. Head lice is not a public hazard, as it does not cause illness, but they are a nuisance. Please check your child's head regularly for lice or nits. If you do find lice or nits, contact the school office. Students will be readmitted to school once treatment has been administered and confirmed by the parent, in accordance with the procedures of this policy.

STAGGERED RECESSES: Our school will follow a staggered schedule for recesses so fewer students will interact with one another in the halls, doorways and outside during break periods. Adequate supervision will be maintained to ensure safety protocols are being followed. Our Kindergarten to Grade 3/4 class will have recesses together and our Grades 4/5 to Grade 8 classes will be grouped (our FDK class will have recesses in their own yard). Students will not be able to go in/out of the building during recess.

STAGGERED LUNCH: Please see the following staggered lunch schedule for our school. A reminder that students are not to go home for lunch.

	GROUP A: <i>SK / 1, 1/2, 2/3, 3/4</i>	GROUP B: <i>4/5, 5/6, 6/7, 7/8, 8 & PACE</i>	Kindergarten
12:00 pm - 12:20 pm	 Students will begin the lunch period outside enjoying fresh air and exercise; students will remain in their outlined boundaries and follow safety protocols under the supervision of staff.	 After proper hygiene routines including hand washing and correctly doffing masks, students will eat in their classrooms as in past practice. Students must remain in their assigned seats at all times.	As in past practice, students in kindergarten will eat at their assigned tables. Hygiene routines will begin at 11:30 am. Before eating, students will wash their hands, following appropriate hygiene routines as established.
12:20 pm - 12:40 pm	 Transition Time: Students will be lining up following physical distancing routines and enter the building under the supervision of staff; they will be following hygiene protocols upon entering in preparation to eat lunch.	 Transition Time: Students will wash their hands after they have eaten and put their belongings away. They will line up and begin the process of exiting the building for recess following physical distancing protocols under the supervision of staff once Group A students have entered from outside.	Once students have eaten, they will prepare for outdoor play under the supervision of the staff. After their play period, they will return indoors and wash their hands in preparation for afternoon learning.
12:40 pm - 1:00 pm	 Students will eat in their classrooms as in past practice; following hygiene routines as outlined before eating. Students are to remain in their assigned seats.	 Students will be outside for recess, enjoying fresh air and exercise. Students will remain in their designated boundaries under the supervision of staff.	

Given this schedule, it may be prudent of parents to pack an additional snack for our Group A students as they will be having a later lunch than usual. If you have questions, please reach out to your child's teacher.

WASHROOM ROUTINES: With the exception of students in our FDK class, students will follow a washroom routine that supports physical distancing. Washroom capacities are set at 3 students maximum. Students will use individualized keychains to hang on hallway hooks indicating the washroom is in use. If the washroom is at capacity, students will wait patiently at the hallways in the designated spaces.

DIRECTIONAL SIGNAGE: Our school has been equipped with directional signage in the halls. Students and staff will follow the signage to assist with the safe flow of hallways traffic.

APPOINTMENTS & SIGNING OUT STUDENTS: Where possible, we ask that appointments for students be scheduled outside of the school day. Students who are leaving for an appointment must be signed out of the office. Parents may come into the office, upon invitation (with a mask and having sanitized hands if they pass the COVID self-screener), to sign out their child and then proceed to wait outside the front of the school building. Students must notify the office that they are leaving with a parent or caregiver before they leave the premises. Please review this expectation with your child before signing them out to ensure safety.

PICK UP, DROP OFF & PARKING LOT SAFETY

Please note the following if you are planning to drive your children to SGG ...

The emergency lane and bus route are exclusively for emergency vehicles and buses; vehicles are not permitted to drive into this area

Northside of Greenpark Blvd.:

- Kindly refrain from parking within 9 metres of the school driveways as buses require this area to turn safely. This area is posted as a No Stopping Zone.
- Parents and guardians are welcome to drop off their children on the north side of Greenpark Boulevard directly in front of the school between the posted No Parking signage and east of the speed bumps **Please note:** “Park” or “Parking” when prohibited means the *Standing* of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except when *Standing* temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading merchandise or passengers;
- **Vehicles must not park or be left unattended**
- Drivers/Motorist’s Vehicles may not stop or leave their vehicles unattended on Greenpark Boulevard west of the school’s west parking lot exit
- Parents that choose to escort their children onto the school property, parking is permitted for a maximum period of three hours on the north side of the roadway east of the school property (adjacent to parkland).

Southside of Greenpark Blvd.:

- There is no stopping or parking on the south side of Greenpark Avenue as indicated by the posted signage directly opposite the frontage of the school property. Please note: “Stop” or “Stopping” when prohibited, means the halting of a vehicle, even momentarily, whether occupied or not

Parents and Guardians are urged to pay close attention to all street 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 to the east and west of the school property. As many parents wish to drop off their children, please be respectful of one another. Please wear a mask and adhere to physical distancing protocols. Do not linger on the property. Once children have been dropped off, please clear the area both of yourselves and of vehicles. Staff on duty will supervise children outside as they do throughout the day.

Parents, guardians and students are also encouraged to use active travel methods to come to school. Walking, jogging, or bike riding to school are great ways to get some daily exercise and there are many studies linking student success and well-being to daily exercise and movement.

Please note that parents and guardians are not permitted on the school yard for morning or dismissal routines. If you are picking up your child (Kindergarten to Grade 3), please wait at the designated area and wait for your child’s teacher to dismiss your child to you. Grade 4-8 students will exit from the back of the building and walk to the front. Please do not stand at the front entrances waiting for your child - this area needs to be clear for bus students. 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 either the back doors or kindergarten pen. Dismissal routines for Kindergarten and Grades 1-3 students will begin at approximately 3:30 pm to assist with physical distancing.

Thank you for following these rules and routines. Safety is our collective responsibility.




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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Elementary Safe Arrival Absence Reporting

At York Catholic District School Board, one of our greatest priorities is ensuring that all our students arrive safely to school every day. Parents and guardians are required to report their child(ren)'s absence or late arrival in advance, or before bell time for the current day by accessing the **Elementary Safe Arrival Program** using any of the three methods below:

- **Toll Free Safe Arrival Phone Number 1-855-856-7862**
- The **Safe Arrival SchoolMessenger website**: go.schoolmessenger.ca
- The **SchoolMessenger App**  from the *Apple App Store* or the *Google Play Store*.

The first time you use the App or Website, select **Sign Up** to create your account. To report an absence, select **Attendance** followed by **Report an Absence**.

These options are available **24 hours a day, 7 days a week**. Future absences can be reported at any time. **This Safe Arrival reporting procedure is in place for York Catholic Elementary schools**. If you have children at a York Catholic secondary school, please follow that school's absence reporting procedures.

Parents and guardians who have not reported their child(ren) absent or late will receive an automated phone call where they can explain the absence. If our system is unable to reach a designated contact after the required amount of time, office staff will follow up.

If any of your contact information changes, or if you have any questions about the **Elementary Safe Arrival Program**, please contact your child's school office. Thank you for your attention to this important information about reporting of your child's attendance for the upcoming school year.

Thank you,

York Catholic District School Board



Elementary School Parent and Guardian Safe Arrival Instructions

Beginning Friday, August 31st, Parents and Guardians can report their child(ren) as late or absent using any of the 3 methods below:

Safe Arrival Phone Number: 1-855-856-7862

NEW Safe Arrival SchoolMessenger Website

Go the Safe Arrival *SchoolMessenger* website: go.schoolmessenger.ca

NEW Safe Arrival SchoolMessenger App

Use your mobile device to download the blue **SchoolMessenger App**  from the *Apple App Store* or the *Google Play Store*.

How to Sign Up

The first time you use the Safe Arrival website or App, select **Sign Up** to create your account.

- You will be asked to enter the email address your child's school has on record for you.
- Create a password using one lowercase letter, one uppercase letter, one number and from 6 to 255 characters.
- Upon clicking Sign Up, you will be sent an activation email to complete your account registration.

Report an Absence on the Safe Arrival website or App

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- select the menu ,
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