



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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March 24, 2021

Holy Cross Temporarily Switching to Remote Only Learning Effective Thursday, March 25

Dear Parents and Guardians:

As you are aware, health and safety protocols established by public health authorities require the automatic dismissal and self-isolation of classes when a student or staff from that class tests positive for COVID-19. Students and staff who are dismissed are considered close contacts and are dismissed out of an abundance of caution in the efforts to reduce the potential spread of COVID-19.

Our public health authorities have expanded their automatic dismissal protocol to include other persons, who have had even limited contact with the class, including French teachers, Planning Time teachers and others. This extra layer of precaution is designed to further reduce the opportunity for potential spread of the virus in our schools.

As a result of this extra vigilance, we are in a position at Holy Cross of having a significant number of teachers directed to self-isolate as a precautionary measure. The temporary absence of this many staff and the challenges in securing Occasional Teachers to provide staffing relief in the short term, has placed considerable pressure on our ability to provide safe supervision and to maintain operations in an in-person environment at our school.

In response to this situation, the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board has made the decision to temporarily switch to remote only operation of all classes at Holy Cross, effective tomorrow (Thursday, March 25), with a return to in-person learning on Tuesday, April 6.

Please note that the PLASP program operating from Holy Cross will also be closed during this period.

In the meantime, if your child requires a learning device or printed materials to maintain learning from home during this period of remote learning, please contact the school through the school mailbox at holycrossinfo@dpedsb.org or by calling the school at 905-677-5660 and we will do our best to try to provide one.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we all work together through the challenges of operating within this pandemic environment.

Sincerely,

G. Graci
Principal





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