



St. Basil Elementary School

4235 Golden Orchard Dr. Mississauga, Ontario L4W 3G1 Phone: (905) 624-4529

August 31st, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we prepare for the reopening of schools and the safe return of your children, we are following the direction of our Public Health authorities to ensure the safety and well-being of our students. We recognize that some of the new procedures and protocols will need to be introduced and reviewed with students to support a successful transition to the school environment.

We strongly encourage all parents to review all updated Covid-19 Documents as shared by the board. These documents and files can be found by visiting

<https://www3.dpcdsb.org/news/news-archives/dpcdsb-school-updates-and-information>

Prior to attending school on their designated days, students/families will receive a notification from School Messenger indicating their teacher's name and class assignment by Monday, September 6th, 2021.

All staff will be outdoors on the morning of Tuesday, September 7th, 2021 to welcome their students. We are asking that **only one parent** accompany children to school, in order to reduce congestion and support physical distancing.

When you arrive at the school on your child's first day, you can expect to see classroom teachers spread out across the school yard. Staff will be available to support those students/families who are unsure of their class placement or did not receive the notification via School Messenger. Staff members will be available to assist in directing students to the appropriate area. School staff will also greet any students arriving via school bus and ensure that they are supervised as they meet their classroom teacher.

During the first week staff and students will spend a lot of time reviewing Covid-19 Protocols and procedures at the school. This will ensure that students have the opportunity to become accustomed to the essential health and safety measures that are associated with returning to face to face learning.



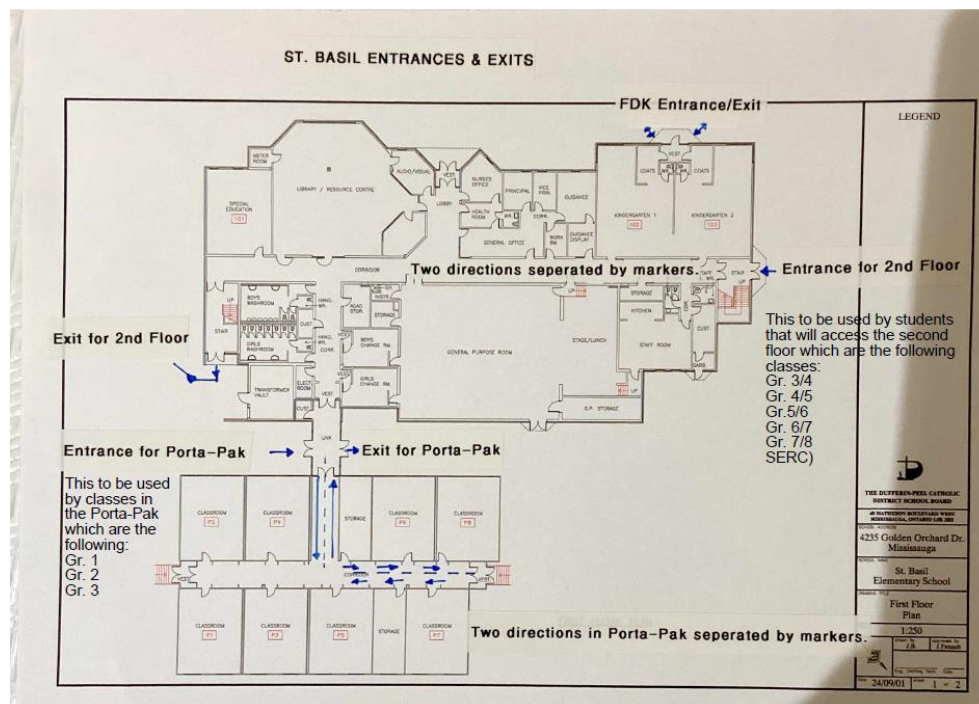
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On your child's first day at school, health and safety protocols will be reviewed by the classroom teacher:

- on correct handwashing procedures
- the correct use of masks
- the logging of washroom visits
- the procedures for entering and exiting the building
- conduct during outdoor time
- and procedures specific to the classroom's unique layout and location in the school

Staff were trained last year on the relevant pandemic health and safety protocols. Signage reminders are posted throughout the school (for example, preventing the use of drinking fountains, keeping the necessary number of stalls or urinals in washrooms closed for social distancing, walking single file in hallways, etc.).



Above is the layout of our school. You will notice that there are different entry and exit points for students. We ask you familiarize yourself with the school map and where students will enter and exit from. (For example students on second floor will enter doors by Junior/Intermediate School yard but at end of day exit into Primary Yard.)



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Each student should arrive at school with a full, **reusable water bottle along with snacks and lunch** each day. Due to COVID restrictions, parents **will not** be permitted entry to the school to drop off lunches for children. If your child forgets their lunch, we will contact you. If children will be going **home for lunch**, it is our expectation that your child will go directly to their own home and then return to school. Students should not be going to lunch with their friends.

Each child should come prepared with **learning materials** as identified by their teacher. Communication from your child's teacher will provide some guidelines regarding pens, pencils, crayons, etc. Due to COVID restrictions, students will not be permitted to share learning materials at school. Should students require materials, they will be provided by the school. Students will be required to keep their belongings (backpack, lunch bag, learning materials, etc.) in their personal desk space in the classroom as there will be no access to cubbies for storage.

Finally, please be reminded that all students from JK to Grade 8, per the direction from our Public Health authorities, will be **required to wear a mask** that covers their mouth, nose and chin while in school. Parents are encouraged to send children with two clean cloth masks each day along with a bag or container, labelled with the child's name, to store the masks. If you choose to provide a clear plastic face shield for your child, please note that the shield will be worn *in addition to* a mask – a shield will not replace the need for a cloth mask. Although hand sanitizer will be available at the school, students are permitted and **encouraged** to bring their own unscented hand sanitizer for their personal use.

Entry to school beginning Wednesday, September 8th, 2021

As last year we will continue with daily 'soft entry'. Beginning **Wednesday, September 8th, 2021** students can come to school in the morning according to the schedule below. They are to enter through the appropriate doors and go directly to their rooms. Upon entry to room they will need to sanitize their hands before proceeding to their desks.

Students whose surname begins with	Time to enter school
A to F	8:30 am
G to L	8:35 am
M to S	8:40 am
T to Z	8:45 am



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In Person Mode of Learning

As communicated by the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School board:

IN PERSON

- Students will attend in person. Students will learn remotely if and only if the entire class is dismissed due to a COVID case. **The hybrid model will only be enacted should a student or students be ordered by Public Health to quarantine, only for those specific students and only for the quarantine period.**

School Board Administration

The Director of Education for the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board is Mrs. Marianne Mazzorato and the Associate Directors are Mr. D. Amaral and Mr. D. Del Bianco. The Superintendent of Schools for the Mississauga East Family of Schools is Ms. C. MacDonald. All of these administrators can be reached at:

The Catholic Education Centre
40 Matheson Blvd. West
Mississauga, Ontario L5R 1C5
(905) 890-1221

Area Trustees

Our Area Trustee on the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board are Mr. M. Pascucci.

Welcome Our New Faculty Members

We have several new members joining our Faculty and the Corpus Christi Catholic School Community. We wish to welcome them into our school family. Welcome to:

Mr. C. Leo (Planning Time Teacher)
Ms. M. Allen (ERW)



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School Hours



The school hours for students are as follows:

8:30 am	Soft Entry
8:45 am	Classes Begin
10:50 am	Recess Break
11:45 - 12:45	Lunch Break
2:10 pm	Recess Break
3:15 pm	Dismissal

Combined Grades – Did You Know?

A combined grade class is comprised of students from two consecutive grades. Combined classes are a reality in the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, as with all schools in Ontario and have been an educational reality dating back to the “*one room school house*”. Teachers of all classes, single or combined grade, strive to meet the range of individual needs. This is achieved through the implementation of varied teaching and assessment strategies and working with students in a variety of groupings. Teaching strategies and groupings are chosen as appropriate to the learning styles of the students in the class.

Re-Organization of Classes

As each school year begins at St. Basil, reorganization of classes due to fluctuating enrolment is a good possibility. We are learning of new enrolments and students leaving our school in all grade levels. Because of this there is a **STRONG possibility** that **all** classes in school will have to re-organize. If we are directed by the DPCDSB that we must reorganize classes, please be assured that we will do so with the best interest of your child(ren). Written communication will be sent home if any changes are required. School reorganization is scheduled for the Professional Activity Day of **Monday, September 20th, 2021**. There will be no classes for students on this day.

Reorganized classes take effect **Tuesday, September 21st, 2021**.

Emergency Contact

Especially during these Covid-19 times please ensure the school has updated information with regards to emergency contacts and phone numbers.



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Valuables

Please help us to protect your child's valuables by keeping them at home. Staff cannot be responsible for any valuables that your child brings to school. In order to avoid valuables being lost or misplaced please keep them at home.

Anaphylactic Shock



We feel that all parents would like to be aware that there are several people in school with a severe life-threatening food allergy (anaphylaxis) to peanuts and nuts. This is a medical condition that causes a severe reaction to certain allergens and can result in death within minutes. Although this may or may not affect your child's class directly, please send foods with your child to school that are free from peanuts or nut products. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

Storage/Administration of Medication



Parents are responsible for ensuring that all medication and forms are updated annually. If your child requires medication please have all pertinent forms completed and returned with to the office as soon as possible.

We are very excited to finally return to a face to face learning environment. We care deeply for your children and want to ensure that this entry process provides a safe, caring and faith-filled environment for your child's return.

Thank you for choosing a Catholic education with the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District school board for your child(ren).

Sincerely,

Edward Filippozzi

E. Filippozzi
Principal