



St. Óscar Romero Catholic Secondary

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September 1, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope that you have had a safe and restful summer. As we prepare for the reopening of schools and the safe return of students, we are following the direction of our Public Health authorities to ensure the safety and well-being of our students.

We have included within this letter information related to returning to school on **September 7th**.

Return to School Plan

DPCDSB sent communication to all students and families regarding the Return to School Protocols for 2021-22. They are accessible on the board website. Please [click here](#) to view.

In Person vs. Remote Learning

Communication was also sent out to families inquiring if they would like to pursue in person or remote learning for the first semester. Students have been scheduled as in-person learners if we have not been notified otherwise through the survey or through communication you may have had with Romero staff if you participated in our Summer Transition Program.

If you plan on participating in school remotely but have not notified us, please contact us at 905-412-1000 or by email romerinfo@dpcdsb.org

Parents/guardians will have until the end of school day on September 7th if they wish to change learning mode for their child (i.e., from in-person to remote).

School Computers

Students that were provided a computer to use for remote-learning during the 2020-21 school year who did not return their device in June are asked to bring their device with them for return if they will be attending in-person for the 2021-22 school year.

Students who have selected Remote Learning for the 2021-22 school year that returned their device from last year, or are new to Romero and require a device can contact the school to schedule a pick-up appointment 905-412-1000.

Student materials

Due to COVID restrictions, parents will not be permitted entry to the school; in addition, each student should come prepared with **learning materials** as identified by their teacher. Students will be required to keep their belongings, backpack, snacks, water bottles and learning materials with them in the classroom. Please be aware that students may be eating in the classroom and we would request allergy sensitive snacks. Lockers will not be available for student use.

Masking and hand hygiene

Please be reminded that all students, per the direction from the Ministry of Education, will be **required to wear a mask** that covers their mouth, nose, and chin while in school. Masks are not required outdoors. Teachers will also be providing students with outdoor mask breaks throughout the day. Although hand

sanitizer will be available at the school, students are permitted and encouraged to bring their own **unscented** hand sanitizer.

Active self-screening

As was the case last year, all students will need to actively self-screen before coming to school and show the results when they arrive in class using the [Province of Ontario’s COVID-19 School and Child Care Screening](#) tool. Additionally, **ALL students** will be required to have their self-screening results verified upon arrival at school. **Verification will be undertaken by the staff member at the door upon arrival or by their classroom teacher during attendance.** Students have two options to indicate they have taken and passed the assessment:

1. Those who take the test online using the provincial screening tool receive a check mark on their phone or learning device upon successful completion of the assessment. Students can take a screenshot of the check mark and display it to the teacher when requested during attendance.
2. Students also have the option to take the assessment by answering “no” to a series of questions based on the provincial tool and holding up a card with a green check mark on it during attendance. These cards will be available at the school for students who wish to use this option.

Daily Active Screening and Verification is mandatory.

In the event that a student cannot provide verification that they have passed their daily self-screening, the parent/guardian will be contacted to either verify that their child has passed the active screening, or they must make arrangements to pick up their child.

School Entry Procedure

As a part of the health and safety protocol, we will be using multiple entrances at some of our facilities. Details outlined below.

Campus	Program	Entrance	Start Time	End Time
Blessed Trinity 2495 Credit Valley Rd Mississauga	School-Within-A-College (SWAC)	Exit B door (back-parking lot: west door)	9 AM	12:55 PM
	Mississauga Campus Alternative (MCA)	Exit E door (back-parking lot: east door)	9 AM	12:55 PM
	Advantage (18-21) Mississauga	Main Front Entrance	9 AM	12:40 PM
	Sanctuary-Mississauga	Main Front Entrance	9 AM	12:55 PM
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	Romero Alternative Program – Mississauga (RAP)	Main Front Entrance	Individually Scheduled Times	
New Directions South (NDS)	Exit F Door	AM Program 9 AM	AM Program 12:55 PM	

		(between Room 105 & Room 106)	PM Program 1:37 PM	PM Program 2:52 PM
2 County Court Unit 175 Brampton	Brampton Campus Alternative (BCA)	Main Entrance	9 AM	12:55 PM
	Advantage (18-21) Brampton	Main Entrance	9 AM	12:35 PM
71 West Drive Unit 28 Brampton	Sanctuary Brampton	Main Entrance	9 AM	12:55 PM
	RAP - Brampton	Main Entrance	Individually Scheduled Times	
71 West Drive Unit 29 Brampton	New Directions North	Main Entrance	AM Program 9 AM	AM Program 12:55 PM
			PM Program 1:37 PM	PM Program 2:52 PM

The school staff are excited to return to in person learning, and we all look forward to working with the students in a faith-filled environment.

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

Sincerely,

Jason Boily
Principal