

Dear Families,

Thank you for your continued support and for working in partnership. We are continuing to ensure that all students and staff are safe by keeping our masks in and outside of the school.

We have been busy integrating Black History Month resources into the curriculum. Our Grade 6, 7 and 8 students have taken part in The Cypher: Black Male Empowerment Webinar Series. Our students and staff have had an opportunity to join a conversation with Black Male Educators and leaders in the community. Discussions are anchored in challenging Anti-Black Racism where students and teachers can unpack and engage in courageous conversations and begin to strengthen their own level of Critical Consciousness.

In the month of February we also focused on "Kindness" and what it truly means to be kind, accepting differences and being sensitive to people's needs.

Please note that March break has been cancelled however, there will be a P.A. Day on Friday, March 12th.

Please have a look at the following map. In the morning we still have families dropping off students in between cars in the parking lot. If you are using the "Kiss and Ride" lane in the morning and at the end of the day please drop off and pick up on the sidewalk where the staff are waiting for students. Do not drop off in the middle of the parking lot. Safety is our priority! We need to ensure that everyone stays safe. Another option is to park on the street or in the back-parking lot and walk your child to their door. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding!

Yours in Education,

Sandra Makris



Please remember, for the safety of staff and students, to follow the green arrows and drop off students in **drop off zone only.** If you need to park, please follow Palace Street to lower parking lot.

Walnut St.





Durham Region Health Department Facts about...

COVID-19 What to do if my child is sick?

This information is important to read and understand if your child has any new or worsening symptoms of COVID-19.

What should I do if my child has symptoms?

All children must be screened for COVID-19 symptoms before attending school or childcare each day. If your child has one or more symptom of COVID-19 they should stay home and not leave except to have testing for COVID-19 or for a medical emergency. Contact a healthcare provider for an assessment, including advice about getting a COVID-19 test. Inform your child's school/childcare of your child's illness and absence.

Household members of symptomatic individuals (including parents and/or siblings) are required to stay home and isolate until the symptomatic individual receives a negative COVID-19 test result or alternate medical diagnosis from a health care professional. If the symptomatic individual does not seek testing, he or she must isolate for 10 days from their symptom onset and all household members must guarantine for 14 days from their last contact with the symptomatic individual.

What are the sign and symptoms of COVID-19

Common symptoms of COVID-19 include fever (temperature of 37.8 degrees Celsius or greater), new or worsening cough and shortness of breath. Other symptoms of COVID-19 can include sore throat, difficulty swallowing, changes to sense of taste and/or smell, nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain and runny nose, or nasal congestion, headache, muscle aches and feeling tired.

Atypical symptoms of COVID-19 should be considered, particularly in children, older persons, and people living with a developmental disability. Atypical symptoms can include unexplained fatigue, body aches, delirium unexplained or increased number of falls, acute functional decline, exacerbation of chronic conditions, chills, headaches, croup, conjunctivitis, and multisystem inflammatory vasculitis in children.

Symptoms of multisystem inflammatory vasculitis in children may include persistent fever, abdominal pain, conjunctivitis, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and rash.

How can I get my child tested?

You can book an appointment for COVID- 19 testing in Durham Region by completing the online assessment form at covidswab.lh.ca.

If any members of your household test positive for COVID-19, you will be contacted by Public Health directly with more detailed advice.

What should I do if my child's symptoms get worse?

Monitor your child's symptoms closely as symptoms may change throughout the progression of COVID-19. If your child's symptoms persist or worsen, and an initial swab is negative, complete the online assessment form (covidswab.lh.ca) for another assessment to determine the need for another test. If your child has worsening symptoms (such as difficulty breathing, chest pain) please call 911 or go to your local emergency department.

When can my child return to school/childcare?

Your child can return to school/childcare when:

- They receive a negative COVID-19 test result. OR
- They receive an alternative diagnosis by a health care professional. OR
- It has been 10 days since their symptom onset, they do not have a fever (without using medication) and it has been 24 hours since they started feeling better.

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February 23, 2021

Mandatory Daily COVID-19 Self-Screening

EVERY STUDENT who has 1 new or worsening symptom of COVID-19 must stay home until:

They receive a negative test result

They receive an alternate diagnosis by a healthcare provider

It's been 10 days since the start of symptoms and they feel better

Learn more and complete your daily self-screening at: covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening



COVID-19 SCHOOL SCREENING

Parents/guardians can check their child for symptoms of COVID-19 using the Government of Ontario's easy to use COVID-19 school screening tool at https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/.

If your child does not pass the screening, please ensure that your child does not come to school and follow the directions outlined in the self-screening tool in order to keep everyone safe.

Masks required for all students Grades 1-8





New Student Registration 2021/2022

Starting January 11, 2021 Kindergarten registration at French Immersion schools begins at 4 pm Starting January 12, 2021 All new student school registration to the Board opens

IMPORTANT: French Immersion registration is on a first come, first served basis

For more information visit ddsb.ca

If your child was born in 2017, it's time to start thinking about Kindergarten. The Durham District School Board looks forward to welcoming you and your child to our school community. To register for Kindergarten, visit our website at:

https://ddsb.ca/en/our-schools/register-for-scho ol.aspx?_mid_=200

The DDSB 2021-2022 school year online registration for Year One(JK) Kindergarten students.

January 11, 2021 - Registration opens for French Immersion single track Kindergarten.

January 12th, 2021 - Kindergarten opens for all.



School Climate / Well-Being Survey For Parents/Guardians 2020-2021

Links will be open from Wednesday, January 6th to Thursday, March 11, 2021

As outlined in PPM 145, Progressive Discipline and Promoting Positive Student Behaviour, each school must complete an anonymous School Climate/Well-Being Survey of their students, staff and parents every two years. The purpose of the School Climate/Well-Being Surveys is to gather data on how safe and accepted students feel at their school. This data can then be utilized by the Safe and Accepting Schools Team to develop a Safety Action Plan, and to create a goal within the Board Improvement Plan and School Improvement Plans.

Please complete the Parent School Climate Survey by using:

Link to Parent Survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CWB20-21Par424

When completed, parents/guardians MUST click "Submit" at the end of the survey. The survey will then automatically redirect to the DDSB homepage

2021 Fairman Spirit Days & Character Education

<u>Assemblies</u>

Fri Jan 29.....Pyjama Day Wed Feb 3......Character Education Assembly/ World Read Aloud Day Wed Feb 24.....Pink Shirt Day & Assembly Fri Feb 26.....Hat Day Thurs Mar 11.....Crazy Hair Day Fri Mar 26.....Fairman Day Wed Apr 7.....Character Education Assembly Thurs Apr 22......Earth Day/Green & Blue Fri April 30.....Toronto Blue Jays Day/Blue & White Wed May 5.....Character Education ASsembly Fri May 28.....Decades Day (50s, 60s, 70s, etc) Wed June 2.....Character Education Assembly Fri June 25......Hawaiian Day

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Common COVID-19 Symptoms

- New or worsening cough
- Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing
- Fever over 37.8 deg C
- Sore throat
- Difficulty Swallowing
- Changes to sense of taste or smell
- Nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain
- Runny nose, or nasal congestion (not caused by seasonal allergies)

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