

Guardian Angels Catholic Elementary School



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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As we prepare to welcome our students back to their in-person classrooms, please be reminded that all students (K-Grade 12), staff and visitors are required to complete the Province of Ontario's COVID-19 School and Child Care Screening daily before the start of school, as directed by the Ministry of Education and Hamilton Public Health Services.

Additionally, all students will be required to provide confirmation that they have taken and passed the assessment upon arrival at school. Verification will be conducted by the homeroom teacher during morning attendance.

The following will be accepted as confirmation of a "pass" screening result:

- **Phone confirmation:** A green check mark on the student's phone indicating a "pass" result from the provincial online school screening tool. A screenshot of the student's result can be shown to the homeroom teacher.
- **Paper confirmation:** A signed attestation from the parent/guardian confirming that their child has taken and passed the self-screening. An attestation calendar is attached to this email and can also be downloaded from the HWCDsb Parent Website at <https://parents.hwcdsb.ca/covid19>. Parents/guardians will be required to sign off that their child has passed the screening for each day of the week. The calendar must accompany the child to school each day. Copies of the attestation calendar will also be available at the school. If you are unable to download an attestation calendar for the first day of school (September 8), you must inform the school that your child has taken and passed the COVID-19 screening.

Active daily screening and verification is key to keeping COVID-19 out of our schools and child care centres.

Mandatory self-screening and verification will begin on Wednesday, September 8, 2021.

Thank you for understanding and support.

~ HWCDsb

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