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Kindly review the following Safety Reminders.

Please refer to www.ycdsb.ca for various policies...

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Pediculosis (Head Lice) Policy 210 The York Catholic District School Board recognizes concerns related to pediculosis (head lice) at the school and community level. Pediculosis (head lice) are not a public hazard, as they do not cause illness, but they are a nuisance. To prevent pediculosis (head lice) from becoming a problem at our school we all need to work together. Please check your child's head on a regular basis for lice or nits. If you do find lice or nits, you must contact the office so that we can notify other parents in your child's class to keep a special watch for any signs of head lice.

A student's readmission to school is contingent upon the Parent/Guardian submitting a completed and signed "Pediculosis Treatment Form" communicating to the Principal that treatment for pediculosis (head lice) has been administered.

More information on the identification, treatment and prevention of pediculosis (head lice) from the Canadian Pediatric Society (<http://www.caringforkids.cps.ca/handouts/headlice>) and Toronto Public Health (toronto.ca/health) is available on the school's website. A hard copy of the information posted on the school's website will be provided by the Principal if requested by the Parent/Guardian.

School Communication to parents related to Policy 206: Protection of Students with Asthma

In accordance with the *Act to Protect Pupils with Asthma* (Ryan's Law : Ensuring Asthma Friendly Schools, 2015) The York Catholic District School Board recognizes that there are some students within the school system who have a diagnosis of asthma which could be life threatening. The York Catholic District School Board also recognizes that asthma management is a shared responsibility among students, parents, caregivers and the entire school community. It is the responsibility of parent(s)/guardian(s) to advise the school immediately upon registration and/or when in receipt of a diagnosis of asthma. It is also the responsibility of parent(s)/guardian(s) to ensure that all medical information pertinent to their child's diagnosis of asthma is always current. If your child has a diagnosis of asthma please contact the school office immediately so that the appropriate forms are completed and school records are up to date in accordance with Policy 206. Thank you for your immediate attention to this request and your ongoing support in the shared responsibility for asthma management in our school. Please refer to the Board's website for more information related to Policy 206.

The Protection of Anaphylactic Students Policy 209: The York Catholic District School Board has a comprehensive policy for students with life threatening allergies. As outlined in the policy, parents are asked to inform the school of such allergies immediately and are required to fill in specific forms with yearly updated photos, which are available in the office. Parents are required to provide the school with two (2) up-to-date, single-dose applications of Epinephrine auto-injector. We ask that NO PRODUCTS be brought into the school that may contain nut products such as peanut butter, certain types of candy bars, cookies, etc. Please be sure to read all label ingredients. Fresh vegetables, fruit, 'no nut' granola bars, raisins, etc., make great snacks for your child(ren). Thank you for your cooperation.

Safety Reminders: Ensuring that we are providing a safe environment for all students both within, outside, and coming to and leaving from school is our shared responsibility. School staff will follow specific safety protocols to ensure your

child's safety and we would ask that parents also adhere to the safety practices outlined below.

Parents who walk or drive their children to school are asked to say their good-byes before the children enter the school yard. In addition to fostering a sense of independence, this routine affirms the school's safety protocol that the only people in the school yard are the supervising teachers.

Parents of Kindergarten students are asked to bring their children directly to the Kindergarten yard between 8:45am and 9:00am.

- please come to the front doors and buzz for entrance with your child if you arrive after 9:00am, a late slip will be provided

-When dropping off or picking up your child at school, please use the designated parking area. The school parking lot is very busy, it is recommended that you use the church parking lot and walk your child(ren) to the school yard area.

Parent Parking: Visitor parking spaces are marked with appropriate signage and are for the general use of parents and / or other visitors to the school throughout the day. The number of 'visitor' parking spaces is limited. Please do not use 'visitor parking' to drop off/pick up your child. Parking is generally available at the Church and on side-streets. Please be a good neighbor and obey the road signs and times indicated.

Kiss N' Ride: On the east side (by the Church), there is staff parking and student drop-off area. SAFETY FIRST—single lane of traffic only, stay to the right side. When students are dropped-off, they should proceed directly to the school yard. Do not pass other vehicles in the drop-off area as students exit vehicles. Patience and cooperation ensures student safety. There is NO PARKING in the Kiss N' Ride. Please do not use the visitor parking to drop your child off in the morning. This creates a dangerous situation and impedes the flow of traffic in the Kiss N' Ride area. If you plan to walk your child to the school yard, please park at the Church or on a side-street and walk to the school along the sidewalk.

Bus Loop Shared with German Mills P.S.: We share a one-way bus loop with our neighbouring school German Mills P.S. The Bus Loop is for German Mills staff (parking), German Mills student drop-off, and school buses for both our schools. **Please do not drive/park in the BUS LOOP area before or after school.**

Morning Supervision and Dismissal:

School yard supervision begins each morning at **8:45am (direct entrance into the school until further notice)** in the school yard. Unless students are registered in the *Before and After Program*, they **MUST NOT be dropped-off early**, as there is no teacher supervision. Students are dismissed at 3:30pm, and should depart from the school grounds promptly and follow their pre-arranged after-school routine (B & A Program, bus, walk home, parent pick up, etc.,) If a student is not picked up at 3:30, he/she should come directly to the office.

Your child's safety and that of all of our students depends on everyone's cooperation. Thank you for your support.

Administration of Medication: If your child requires prescription/non-prescription medication, check with your doctor about the possibility of prescribing medication that could be taken before school and/or after your child returns home. If your child is required to take medication at school, it is the YCDSB's policy that parents submit a completed Administration of Medication Form to the school with the medication. Do not send medication to school without notifying the school and completing the form. Medication is kept at the office. (Policy 207A 207B)

Student Transportation:

Important reminder for families of students who qualify for bussing at St. Michael Catholic Academy. If your child does not qualify for bussing, please ignore this message.

Please go to www.schoolbuscity.com , click on "Find Your Bus Stop" and follow the instructions. You may also find this information on the YCDSB website, <https://www.ycdsb.ca/> go to the bottom of the page and click on "Student Transportation" and click on www.schoolbuscity.com

Alternate arrangements for your child's pick up from school must be communicated to their teacher/office. This includes, before and after care, parent pick up or other people picking up your child.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Parent Responsibilities:

The following is a list of responsibilities for parents. The information is a guide to ensure students safe travel to and from school.

*JK, SK and Grade 1 students must be met at the bus stop by a responsible person.

Student Transportation Services of York Region, (STSYR), has developed a new Safety Program page for parents and students on the www.schoolbuscity.com website which provides access to valuable safety information.

* Parents should understand the need to make alternative arrangements for their child/children if the school bus is late.

* Parents should arrive at the bus stop 5 minutes prior to the regularly scheduled pick-up and drop-off times (10 minutes during the first week of school).

* Parents should know their child/children's route number.

* Parents should know their child/children's bus stop location.

* Parents should know the school (St. Michael Catholic Academy: 905-889-4816) and York Region Student Transportation Services School Bus Information 1-877-330-3001 phone number in the event of an emergency.

* Parents are reminded to refer to the Late Bus Report on the Student Transportation Services website at www.schoolbuscity.com prior to leaving for the bus stop in the mornings and afternoons.

Phone Calls & Cell Phones: We would like to remind parents that students are to use the school phone for emergencies. If students need to call or text home, we request that this is done in the office area. Cell phones should be turned off and out of sight while on school property. Exceptions will be made if cellphones are required for health or medical purposes and to support special education needs. Please refer to the Board Policy 318 "Personally Owned Electronic Devices" for further information.

Food & Celebrations

As many of our students and some staff members have life threatening peanut /shellfish, etc., allergies, we kindly ask that you refrain from bringing food items to school to share. This includes birthday celebrations, Tim Horton's, cakes, or treat bags at Halloween etc., that contain any food item. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping all of our community safe. Due to the Health & Safety of all our community No FOOD SHARING of any kind will take place. WE will wish your child a Happy Birthday during the morning announcements.

Emergency Contact Forms / Freedom of Information will be sent home shortly

Please take the time to ensure that the information on the Emergency Contact form is accurate and current. With the beginning of a new school year, there is a lot of student data that requires inputting into our system to ensure the safety of

all of our students. Your support is greatly appreciated! Once received, please return all forms as soon as possible.

Thank you for taking the time to review these important items.

Have a pleasant day.

D. Fitzpatrick

Principal