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Dear Parents and Guardians:

We hope you and your family enjoyed a blessed, safe and relaxing summer! We begin this new 2021-2022 school year with great hope and excitement as we welcome back our students to learning in our Catholic schools.

Thank you for your support over these past weeks and months as we have learned more about what the return to school will look like this September. The Ministry of Education has issued a comprehensive [Guide to Reopening Schools](#) for the 2021-2022 school year. We are working diligently to provide everyone with clear and consistent information that aligns with these guidelines.

As such, we are pleased to share the Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board's [NPSC School Reopening Plan for the 2020-2021 School Year](#). We ask that students and caregivers please review it carefully to learn about the strategies and practices in place to ensure students and staff experience a safe transition back to school this fall. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your school principal should you have any questions about the reopening plan.

We are excited to welcome our students and staff back to school and look forward to the full return of our students. We are mindful of how important our relationships are to each individual student's overall success, mental health and well-being.

Onsite Confirmation of Self-screening

On September 7 and on each school day through to September 21, all secondary students (Grades 9-12) must confirm that they have completed and passed their daily COVID-19 self-screening as a requirement for attending school each day. The process for completing the self-screening each day will be as follows:

- Prior to coming to school, all students are required to complete the **daily** self-screening by visiting <https://covid.npsc.ca> and logging in using their NPSC username and password (username@npsc.ca).

Note: Students who are new to SJSH will receive their heir NPSC username and password following the start of school. For the first few days of school, please complete the self-screening at [COVID-19 self-assessment tool](#). You may either download the results and share them with your teacher or present the "pass" checkmark to your teacher from the site on your device.

- Students will complete the [COVID-19 self-assessment tool](https://covid.npsc.ca), which is linked on the <https://covid.npsc.ca> webpage.
- Once the self-assessment is complete, students will complete an attestation indicating that they have completed the self-assessment and ‘passed’ or ‘not passed’.
- If a student receives a message that they have not passed the COVID-19 self-assessment, they must remain home and can connect with their class online through Google, if they are well enough to do so.
- Teachers will check with their class each morning to confirm that students have completed the self-assessment tool. If students have not completed the self-assessment tool, they will be asked to do so immediately.

School Administration will be running a report each day to confirm that all students in the building have completed the self-screening. The report also indicates the student’s attestation results.

Students must continue to self-monitor for symptoms throughout the day. If a student develops symptoms during the school day, they will be brought to the isolation room located at the main office and contact home will be made for pick up.

Posters have been placed at all entrances of the school and in the classrooms with a QR code that students can scan to take them to the <https://covid.npsc.ca> webpage to complete their attestation.

Please note that any student who is unable to complete the self-screening independently will be required to have a parent/guardian complete the self-screening on their behalf prior to the start of the school day. Please advise the school staff if you require assistance with the self-screening of your child(ren).

Thank you for continuing to follow the public health and safety measures that will keep schools open and safe for students and staff. It is our collective effort that continues to ensure your children can learn in the classroom.

Prayerful best wishes for a safe, exciting and successful school year!

Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board