

Welcome back to all of our students, staff and families. My name is Sebastiano Romano and it is my pleasure to be the new principal of the St John Paul II Catholic community. We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable summer. We are all excited about starting off the new school year! We look forward to welcoming all our students to a year filled with friendships, learning and growth. As we begin this new school year, we kindly encourage parents/guardians to use the school website to receive updated information regarding school events and news, as well as our Google Calendar which is located on our webpage. Our school website address is <http://pjp.ycdsb.ca>. NEW to our school this year... you will be able to follow us on Twitter!...so please sign up and follow us [@sjp2_ycdsb](https://twitter.com/sjp2_ycdsb).

Emergency contact forms and information forms will be sent home shortly. These forms need to be completed and returned to school as soon as possible. Please review and complete the emergency contact forms accurately (**email address to be included**) as they will be used to communicate with parents/guardians and to ensure the safety of our students. St. John Paul II has implemented the Safe Arrival program . Parents can report their child's absence two ways: 1) Accessing the following Website: go.schoolmessenger.ca or 2) Calling the following toll free number [1-855-856-7862](tel:1-855-856-7862).

A reminder that St. John Paul II has a uniform dress code. Our school colours are navy blue (bottoms) and white collar (tops) with the SJP II crest. Crests may be purchased in the office.

First day of school routine. We are all excited about commencing a new school year. Teachers will be in the schoolyard to welcome their new students. A reminder about our Kiss ‘n’ Ride: As we commence the new school year, please help us to keep all our students safe. A reminder that the Kiss ‘n’ Ride loop in front of the school is exclusively meant for dropping off students. There should be a continuous flow free of any parked cars as you drop off your child. No cars are to be parked in this location. This area is also designated as a fire route and must be accessible at all times clear of any parked vehicles. If you would like to park your car, please use the general parking lot and walk your child, using the sidewalk to escort your child to his/her respective yard.

Please note, in case of inclement weather, the following plan is put into place. FDK students will go to Kindergarten area. Primary students will go to the gym. Junior students will go to the atrium. Intermediate students will go to the library. Staff will greet students and inform them of their new classroom.

Once again, we wish to extend a heartfelt welcome to all of our students and families as we look forward to what will surely prove to be a successful year of learning and spiritual growth at St. John Paul II. Thank you all for your support.