



Holy Name Catholic School

October 2017

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A Thanksgiving Blessing

May an abundance of gratitude burst forth as you reflect upon what you have received.
 May Thanksgiving overflow in your heart, and often be proclaimed in your prayer.
 May you gather around the table of your heart, the ardent faithfulness, kindness, and goodness of each person who is true to you.
 May the harvest of your good actions bring forth plentiful fruit each day.
 May you discover a cache of hidden wisdom among the people and events that have brought you distress and sorrow.
 May your basket of blessings surprise you with its rich diversity of gifts and its opportunities for growth.
 May all that nourishes and resources your life bring you daily satisfaction and renewed hope.
 May you slow down your hurried pace of life so you can be aware of, and enjoy, what you too easily take for granted.
 May you always be open, willing, and ready to share your blessings with others.
 May you never forget the generous One, Who loves you lavishly and unconditionally.
Amen. --J. Rupp



Multi-Year Strategic Plan

www.yotcb.ca

Mission Statement

Guided by Gospel Values and Catholic Virtues, in partnership with home and Church, we educate and inspire all students to reach their full potential in a safe and caring environment.



Vision Statement

Our students will become creative and critical thinkers who integrate Catholic Values into their daily lives, as socially responsible global citizens.



Core Values



Strategic Commitments

- Integration of Our Catholic Faith
- Continuous Improvement of Student Achievement
- Effective Use of Our Resources
- Engaging Our Communities



CREATING A QUALITY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Principal/Vice Principal's Message

As we begin the second month of the 2017-2018 school year, we would like to thank all our students, parents and staff for their support towards a positive start to a new school year. We have been blessed with beautiful weather and have noticed that amongst our students there is a positive attitude towards work and the spirit of cooperation, responsibility and commitment. It is our combined efforts and support that will ensure success in the months to come. Holy Name prides itself on the abilities and gifts of our Catholic School community.

A special thank you to our Catholic School Council who organized and ran our Corn Roast this year. The food was delicious and the activities engaged our students, providing them with an opportunity to socialize and meet new families entering the Holy Name family. Curriculum Night also had a great turn-out on September 20th which indicates your strong support, interest and involvement in your child(ren)'s education. We hope you found the evening enjoyable and informative. Thank you to all our staff for their hard work, commitment and dedication in ensuring a most successful Curriculum Night for our parents. Congratulations to all for job well done!

We continue this year with **HNE Healthy Snack Program**, "to feed the body is to feed the mind"! This program aims to promote and educate students about healthy eating by providing a healthy snack to those who would like one. The snacks vary each week but consist of fresh fruits, veggies, quinoa bars and dairy products. **Please note that we still ask you to send your child to school with a healthy snack.** Research indicates that when our brains are fed they work better. Our goal is to provide healthy options to our students so they may make better food choices that fuel their bodies; as well as, their brains.

The month of October will be a busy time with the school's **Halloween Dance-a-thon Fundraiser**, our annual **FDK "Halloween Howl"** Activity Day, **Cross Country** meets, picture day, presentations and class field trips! Please check the **Google Calendar** available through our **HNE website - hne.ycdsb.ca** for specific dates and times. Don't forget to follow us on twitter @HolyNameCES.

On behalf of the staff at Holy Name, from our family to yours, we would like to wish all the members of our school community a very Happy Thanksgiving! Take the time and thank God for our many blessings. Enjoy your special time with family and friends.

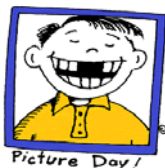
Yours in Catholic Education,

L. Barone

P. Mandaliti

Principal

Vice Principal



A reminder to all parents and students that Picture Day is

Wednesday, October 25th! ALSO ... P.A. DAY Friday, October 29th!

Mark it on your Calendars!



Cross Country Meet

Our Cross Country Team, which consists of grades 4-8 students, will meet at Bruce's Mill on **Tuesday, October 10th**. We hope to see our parents and family members there to support the HNE team! The Board Cross Country Meet is scheduled for **Thursday, October 19th**. A special thanks to the dedication and commitment of our Cross Country Coaches: Ms. Caramanna, Ms. Corallo, Ms. Gatti, Ms. Hickey, Ms. Iantorno, Ms. Lacalamita, Ms. Leggio, Ms. McKinnon, Ms. Salvador, Ms. Scaccia and Ms. Schmidt.

"FIVERS for FOX": BIG thanks to the HNE Community. Your generosity and support is appreciated.



Buck-a Book Sale

Where: Holy Name School Lobby

When: October 2 to 6 @ 9:00-3:30

(First Come, First served)

All proceeds will go to Thanksgiving Food Drive.

Suggested donation: **\$1.00 per book**



Catholic School Council 2017-2018

Many thanks to our 2017-2018 Catholic School Council for their hard work and dedication to our school. Their commitment and support ensures the continued success of many of our school initiatives. Our first Catholic School Council will take place **Monday, October 2nd at 7:30pm** in the library. Hope to see you there!

Halloween Howl for our JK/SK!!

WHEN: Friday, October 27 A.M **WHERE:** School Gym

JK/SK students of Holy Name CES will be participating in our annual activity day. The "Halloween Howl" is a 'play day' for our JK/SK students. **Parent VOLUNTEERS are needed.** If you are able to volunteer, please return the note that was sent home to your child's JK/SK teacher with your contact information. Our JK/SK students can wear **ORANGE and BLACK** on Friday, October 27 and wear their **COSTUMES** on **Tuesday, October 31**. Thank you in advance to Ms. Polsinelli for volunteering to organize this activity.



CSC HOT LUNCH PROGRAM continues!
Special thanks to our Volunteers!!



CELEBRATING OUR FAITH



Sacramental Preparation

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion 2017-2018

Enrollment Ceremony First Communion

Weekend of October 28 and 29, 2017

After the Homily, during the Mass that you attend, Fr. Michael will call on the candidates and their parents to make their commitment and receive a 'Cross Pendant'.

Enrollment Ceremony Confirmation

Weekend of January 13 and 14, 2018

Sacrament of First Reconciliation

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

7:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church—followed by a reception in the Hall and distribution of First Reconciliation Certificates. Feel free to provide baked goods for the Reception. Please drop off the baked goods in the Hall for 6:45 p.m.



Celebrating Catholic Values at Holy Name



Our opening school liturgy was well attended by parents and family members. We thank you for taking the time to join us. We also thank our liturgical committee, our choir, musicians, readers, gift bearers, artists, sound and a/v technicians, and our Gr. 8 Student Ambassadors for their dedication and time for making our first mass memorable and reverent. Our Thanksgiving Day Mass will take place on **Thursday, October 5th at 9:30am** in the school gym. We hope to see you there!

October Virtue— Compassion

- I will seek to understand others by listening.
- I will be willing to forgive others.
- I will give of my resources to help those in need.

EMBRACING A SAFE AND CARING SCHOOL

Luke 4:18 Social Justice

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free" Luke 4:18

Our Luke 4:18 Social Justice Committee anticipate a wonderful year of continuing to make a difference in our school, community and world. This year, Holy Name will be collecting **non-perishable food items until Tuesday, October 24**. Together with The Compassionate Franciscan Sisters of the Poor, we hope to send a generous donation to children and families in Haiti, that have been devastated by Hurricanes Matthew and Irma. We are asking for donations of canned meats, canned fish, dry pasta, peanut butter, jams, tomato sauce, cooking oil, cereals, beans, corn meal, coffee, tea, bath soap, detergent, and toothpaste.

Stay tuned for more great initiatives and opportunities to help those in need. We thank you in advance for your continued support. Mother Teresa once said, " Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love," and together we believe we can make the world a better place.

Sincerely,



The Luke 4:18 Social Justice Committee

HALLOWEEN DANCE!! ***Tuesday, October 31, 2017***

Grades 1 to 8:

On **Tuesday, October 31**, the Grd 1-8 students will be participating in a Dance-A-Thon fundraiser! The allotted times for each division are presented below:

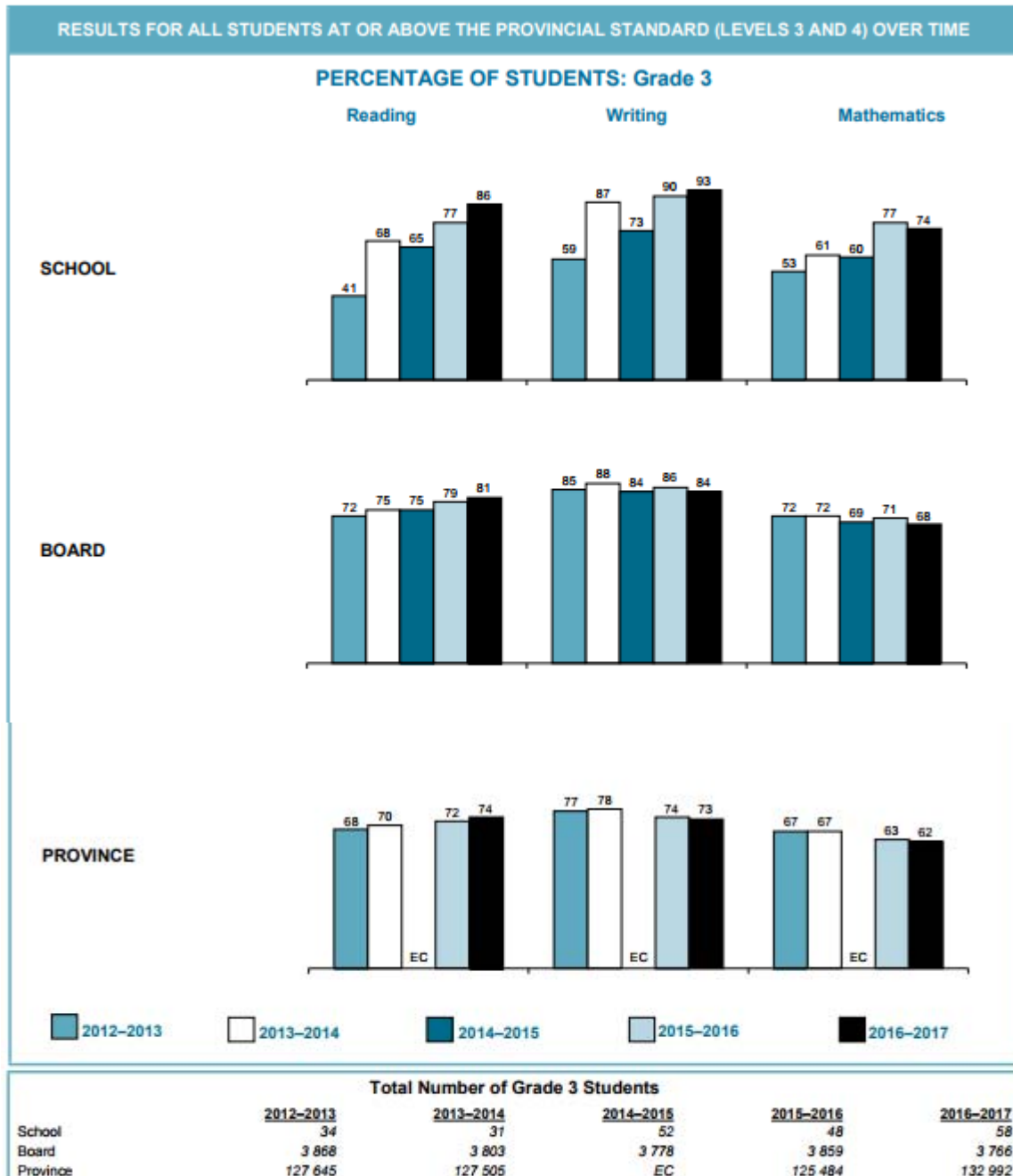
a. Primary Grades (1-3)	60 minutes - Gym	9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
b. Junior Grades (4-6)	75 minutes - Gym	10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
c. Intermediate Grades (7 & 8)	70 minutes - Gym	1:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Students are encouraged to wear their costumes or black and orange clothing. For safety precautions, we recommend that students **not** wear masks. **Weapons or replica of weapons are not permitted.** We ask that all costumes be appropriate.

Continuous Improvement of Student Achievement

School Report
Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics, 2016–2017

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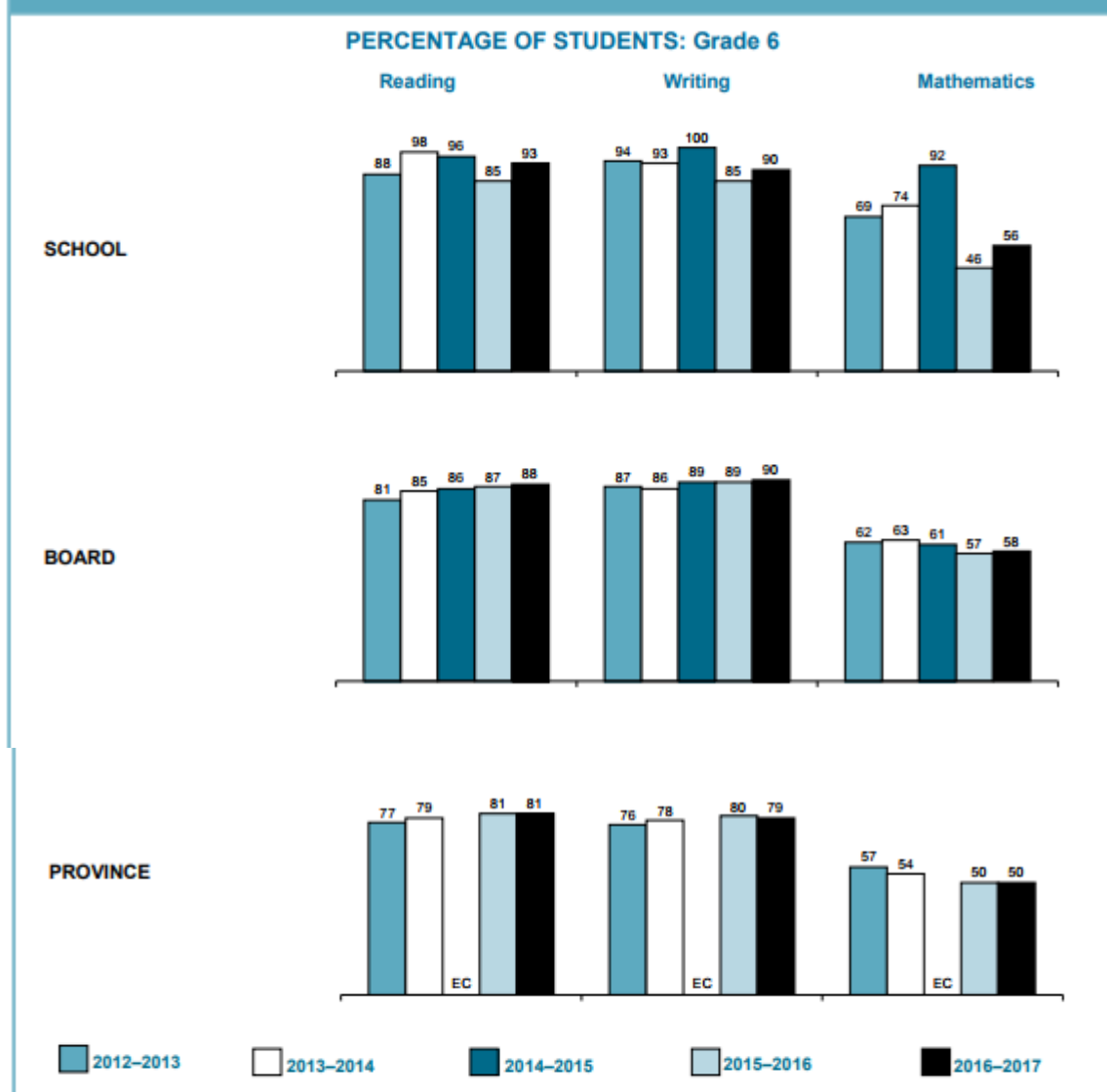
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RESULTS FOR ALL STUDENTS AT OR ABOVE THE PROVINCIAL STANDARD (LEVELS 3 AND 4) OVER TIME



Total Number of Grade 6 Students

	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017
School	32	43	24	39	41
Board	4 005	3 918	3 791	4 002	3 862
Province	131 589	127 286	EC	123 685	130 775

Continuous Improvement of Student Achievement



Education Quality and
Accountability Office

We are pleased to advise you that the results for the 2016–2017 EQAO assessment have been received at the school, are contained in this newsletter and are posted on the EQAO website. We encourage you to view the school results by accessing the EQAO website at: www.eqao.com. We will be reviewing our detailed EQAO results and other school assessment data in order to build on our strengths and address areas requiring improvement. Working in partnership with school staff and our Catholic School Council, we will continue to work as collaborative partners in developing and implementing our action plan for improving student achievement. The students who participated in the 2016–2017 assessment will receive their individual results this week. Please see the two-pages for the grade 3 and 6 Achievement Results.

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 Board approved a new Policy #206: Protection of students with Asthma at its June 21st Board Meeting. 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) and 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.



EFFECTIVE USE OF OUR RESOURCES

HNE is Part of Canada School Recycling Program

Clover Environmental Solutions in partnership with Staples Canada has offered a free ink and toner recycling program to schools across Canada. Each month, hundreds of tons of empty ink and toner cartridges are kept out of landfills. Holy Name is taking part in this program and will have a bin for recycled ink and toner cartridges in the school. Beginning October we are asking student, staff and parents to bring in these items to be recycled and help make a difference in our school and to the planet! Your participation is greatly appreciated.



Anaphylaxis

Please ensure all necessary paperwork has been completed and that the school has been provided with two epi-pens. Please ensure that the bus driver is aware of your child's allergy. We remind our families that Holy Name is a peanut free environment. Please check the ingredients of all foods your child brings to class. In a classroom setting, cross contamination is one of the greatest risks from this type of allergy. As a result, students will not be sharing food at lunch or snack times. Also, students/parents should not bring in food items to be shared for birthdays, (i.e. cupcakes, Timbits etc.).



HEAD LICE ALERT!!

Parents and student need to know that we have had incidents of lice in the school. It is imperative that you check your child for head lice on a regular basis. If you find lice or nits (eggs), begin treatment asap (ask your pharmacist). Please inform the school so that we can try to contain the spread.



Children should arrive at school with their lunch, snacks and beverage for the school day. If you, on occasion, need to deliver your child's lunch, please drop it off at the table in the foyer. PLEASE keep lunch drop-offs to a minimum. Sticky note paper and a pen are provided to label your child's lunch for pick-up. Students can pick up their lunches from the lunch table after the bell rings at 12:00 p.m.



York Catholic District School Board Land Acknowledgment

School Boards across Ontario are demonstrating their commitment to Truth and Reconciliation by providing Land Acknowledgements that honour Indigenous Peoples and traditional lands. At the York Catholic District School Board (YCDSB), we echo the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) and the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario (ACBO) in their response to the Calls to Action through the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

It is in this response that YCDSB acknowledges that for thousands of years, Indigenous Peoples have lived on this land. Acknowledging the territory where we gather and the people who have traditionally called this land home is one of the ways the YCDSB is participating in the actions necessary for Truth and Reconciliation.

YCDSB's First Nations, Métis and Inuit Steering Committee (Indigenous Elders and YCDSB Board and school staff) developed a Land Acknowledgement Statement. This statement is inclusive of all Indigenous Peoples. It honours those who have walked this land, in the past, present, and those who will walk it in the future. It is a respectful validation of the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

The YCDSB Land Acknowledgement will be embedded as a distinct school practice and will be recited at all large school community gatherings.

It reads:

We are gathered on the ancestral lands and waters of all Indigenous Peoples, who have left their footprints on Mother Earth before us.

We respectfully acknowledge those who have walked on it, those who walk on it now, and future generations who have yet to walk upon it.

We pray to the Creator for strength and wisdom that all may continue to serve as stewards of the Earth.

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