



Holy Name Catholic School



September 2017

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Multi-Year Strategic Plan

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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



New Beginnings

God of Faithfulness, God ever-new.

*As this new school year brings fresh ideas and possibilities,
we are in need of energy and renewed hope.*

Wondering what change we are able to effect

by our words, actions and prayers,

we need Your Grace to guide our hearts.

We need the power of Your Son

to rekindle and sustain our passion.

We need the wisdom of Your Spirit

to see the ever-present possibility

for change and conversion,

for growth and transformation.

Give us eyes of faith,

that we might see the wonders in our midst,

that we might have courage to hope.

Amen

Safety Awareness Week

The week of September 25–29 is designated “Safety Week “. During this week, HNE and schools across York Region will rehearse a variety of emergency school procedures to acquaint students and staff with the precautionary steps to take in the event of an emergency: fire, severe weather, hold and secure, lock down, etc. Teachers will review these procedures with students in class prior to practice drills.



CREATING A QUALITY LEARNING COMMUNITY

Principal/Vice Principal's Message

As we enter into a new school year at Holy Name, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for continued support and generosity. We extend a special thank you to our **Trustee, Elizabeth Crowe** for her support and for representing us so well at the Board level. We would like to thank our **Superintendent, Opiyo Oloya** for his leadership and guidance. Welcome to all our new students and their families who are joining us this year! We are also very pleased to welcome both the returning and new staff of Holy Name. We are proud to have you share in the HNE community. It is our hope that you feel part of our family and your experience here is pleasant and rewarding.



We are very thankful for the efforts of our custodians, secretaries, ECEs, EAs, EIs, teachers, volunteers, and Board team for preparing our school and classrooms. The staff at Holy Name are committed and hard working group of educators who will provide our students with authentic experiences allowing them to grow in their learning journey with support and guidance. It is through the cooperative efforts and positive interactions of all partners in our Catholic School Community - students, staff, support staff, parents, Sacred Heart Parish, Board personnel, Superintendent and Trustee that we will continue to be successful in achieving our goals. It is the mission of our school to help each and every child reach their full potential in a Christ-centered, supportive, safe and caring learning environment. This will enable them to become responsible, productive citizens and life-long learners as we begin to prepare them for the challenges of the twenty-first century.

Soon, Parents and/or Guardians will be receiving a Freedom of Information Form accompanying your emergency documentation from our office staff. This approval procedure uses a consent form that meets the requirements of the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and the Education Act* for the disclosure of personal information. It provides for consent that is both informed and voluntary, and relates to clearly identified information to be used and disclosed for clearly defined purposes. We ask that this **Annual Parental Consent Re: Freedom of Information Form be completed, signed, and returned to the school with the Emergency Form by Tuesday, September 12.** As well, we are sending home forms re. appropriate use of technology, cell phones, and personal devices.

We would like to invite you to join us for our Annual Corn Roast on **Thursday, September 14** at 5:00p.m.; as well as, Curriculum Night on **Wednesday, September 20**, at 7:00 p.m. Our Annual Corn Roast and Curriculum nights are an excellent opportunity to meet and converse with your child's teacher and other Community members. We look forward to opportunity of serving the Holy Name with renewed commitment to continue building a Professional Learning Community in pursuit of excellence.

Yours in Catholic Education,

L. Barone
Principal

P. Mandaliti
Vice Principal

School Bus Transportation



School bus transportation is provided for eligible students who live within the school boundaries by the York Catholic District School Board. If you have any questions or concerns regarding busing, you can go to www.schoolbuscity.com. If your child does go on the bus, they are expected to ride the bus home every day. If, for any reason, there is a change, please write a note or call and inform the office and the classroom teacher. A reminder that ALL ELIGIBLE students are assigned a bus stop so IF you do not want your child on the bus, you must let us know.



HOLY NAME STAFF

We are pleased to welcome back our dedicated returning teachers and staff and extend a warm welcome to the several new staff members who will be joining our wonderful school this year.

Grade	Staff Name	Position	Staff Name	Position	Staff Name
JK/SK	Ms. Polsinelli	7	Mr. Cristan	Lunchtime Supervisor	Ms. Sansone
JK/SK	Ms. Corallo	7/8	Ms. Jones	Lunchtime Supervisor	Ms. Carinci
JK/SK	Ms. D'Alimonte	8	Mr. Lacalamita	Lunchtime Supervisor	Ms. Volpe
JK/SK	Ms. McKinnon	French	Mme Ricco	Lunchtime Supervisor	Ms. Curcio
1	Ms. Scaccia	French	Mme Ghirardi	Lunchtime Supervisor	Ms. Sebastiano
1	Ms. Savoia	French	Mme Meleca	Lunchtime Supervisor	Ms. Treccola
1	Ms. Gatti	French.	Mme Cabrera	Lunchtime Supervisor	Ms. Santaguida
1/2	Ms. Raponi	Music	Ms. Fata	Custodian	Mr. Giorgiou
2	Ms. Schmidt/Ms.Tarantino	Core Resource	Mr. Netta/Ms. Sansone	Custodian	Mr. Russele
2	Ms. DiGiulio	Primary P.E	Ms. Leggio	Head Custodian	Mr. Cimitan
2/3	Ms. Cruz	Kindergarten ECE	Ms Rovito	ESL	Mr. Pianenza
3	Ms. Hickey	Primary P.E	Mr. DiNunzio	Secretary	Ms. Malfatti
3	Ms. Zaremba	Kindergarten ECE	Ms. Lagrotta	Head Secretary	Ms. Della-Rovere
4	Ms. Battaglia	Kindergarten ECE	Ms. Hussein	Vice Principal	Ms. Mandaliti
4	Mr. Harrington	Kindergarten ECE	Ms. Abdul	Hearing Teacher	Ms. Graham
4/5	Ms. Gizzo	EI	Ms. Iantorno	Principal	Ms. Barone
5	Mr. D'Amata	EA	Ms. DiBenedetto		
5/6	Ms. Salvador	EA	Ms. Bell		
6	Ms. Dissanayake	EA	Ms. Dominguez		
6	Ms. Caramanna				



Bell Times

The daily schedule for students is as follows:

- 8:45 a.m. Supervision on yard begins
- 9:00 a.m. Entrance
- 10:25 a.m. Recess (AM)
- 12:00-12:20 p.m. Lunch
- 12:20-1:00 p.m. Lunch Recess
- 2:25-2:40 p.m. Recess (PM)
- 3:30 p.m. Dismissal (PM)

Student Agendas

The Student Agenda is a wonderful tool to help students develop their organizational skills and for a means of communication between the home and the school. Each classroom teacher will distribute the agendas and inform the student of the cost of his/her agenda cost at \$6 each.



Parent **GOOGLE** Calendar is accessible for parents -please go to www.hne@ycdsb and click on **CALENDAR!** Visit us on twitter @HolyNameCES. As well, take a look at our newsletters and/or emails and

boulevard sign!

Curriculum Night

Wednesday, September 20th

Parents are also invited to attend our Curriculum Night held on *Wednesday, September 20th, beginning at 7:00 p.m.* This is an excellent opportunity to meet your child's teacher, to see the classroom learning environment and receive an overview of the curriculum for the year!



Cross Country Team

All students from Grade 4 to 8 are encouraged to join our Cross Country Team. Students who faithfully attend practices and can run the required distance will be welcome to attend the meet at Bruce's Mills. The date for HNE Cross Country meet is October 10. The Board's Cross Country date is October 19. A note will go home to outline the dates and times of practices. Many teachers and staff will assist with the training of our Cross Country Team and we thank them for making this possible for our students.

Terry Fox Run: "FIVERS for FOX"



Holy Name CES will have its Annual Terry Fox Run on **Friday, September 29, at approx. 1:30pm** in the afternoon. We hope you can support the *Terry Fox Run for Cancer Research* by contributing \$5, or a donation of choice. We look forward to continuing raising funds and awareness for Cancer Research. Our goal this year is \$3000!

Be sure to wear RED and WHITE!



School Photographs— October 25

The school photographer will be here on

Wednesday, October 25. Please be in dress code and wear your best smile!

Catholic School Council 2017-2018



We are excited about forming our Holy Name Catholic School Council. Catholic School Council members have a special commitment to their school. They bring enthusiasm, a desire to make a difference, readiness to work with others and a willingness to contribute in a meaningful way. We encourage you to become involved in our school community and make a difference! Our first meeting will take place on Monday, October 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the Library. Nominations and Elections are scheduled to occur on this date, don't miss out on the opportunity to have a voice and be part of our Catholic School community.

Corn Roast Thursday, September 14

Parents are invited to attend our Annual CSC Corn Roast held on *Thursday, September 14, beginning at 5:00p.m.* Come and meet staff; as well as, our Catholic school community - parents and students for an evening of fun. All new and returning families will enjoy this opportunity to socialize and make connections.



Student Drop-off and Pick-up:

Student safety is our first priority. 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 of Kindergarten students are asked to bring their children directly to the Kindergarten yard between 8:45 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.



Parents who normally 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 handing-over routine affirms the school's safety protocol that the only people on the school yard are the supervising teachers wearing the bright orange sashes/vests. Supervision is provided in the school yard each morning for students beginning at 8:45 a.m. As our students require supervision at all times, students are not permitted to be in the schoolyard before 8:45 a.m. Therefore, we ask that parents please not send children into the school yard prior to this time. Parents who drive their child(ren) in the morning, are asked to drop them off at the "Kiss and Ride" driveway loops.

No parking is permitted in the clearly marked "no parking" zones/ or buses only zones. PLEASE DO NOT park in our bus loop!



Thursday, September 28-Civvies
Friday, September 29-Terry Fox RED
and WHITE DAY, Monday, September 25-PA DAY
NO SCHOOL

Safe Arrival



Any absences or late arrivals should be reported on our new Safe Arrival Absence Reporting System that was implemented in the later part of the last school year. You can call the toll free number @ 1-855-856-7862 **OR** go to the website @ <http://yorkcdsb.schoolconnects.com>.

Calls must be made **prior to 9:00 a.m.** Please note that vacation dates, appointments and future absences can be input ahead of time. Thank you for your support on this important safety protocol

Lunch Drop-Off

Children should arrive at school with their lunch in the morning. However, at times you may find it necessary to deliver lunch at school.

Please: keep lunch drop-offs to a minimum

- have your child's name on the bag and deliver the lunch to the table outside office by 11:50 a.m.



Electronic Devices At School



School Board **Policy 318** states that all personal electronic devices, such as cell phones, carried by elementary students shall be kept out of sight, turned off and not used during the school day, unless authorized by the principal/teacher. Failure to abide by this policy may result in confiscation of the electronic device. As you know these items not only can disrupt the learning environment but they are also very expensive and hard to replace. At times, they also cause conflict in the yard. It is **strongly recommended** that items such as ipods, cell phones, etc. remain at home. Please assist us by reviewing and supporting this policy with your child. Your support is greatly appreciated! A reminder that PED forms were sent home, and must be signed and returned to your child's teacher.

CELEBRATING OUR FAITH

September's Catholic Virtue is Courage

As Christians we are called to be courageous. We embody the virtue of courage when we:

- ✦ stand up for what we know is right and just
- ✦ face challenges, fears, and difficulties with fortitude
- ✦ take responsibility for reaching our God-given potential.

We look forward to acknowledging and celebrating September's virtue award recipients.



Celebrating Catholic Values at Holy Name

The home-school-church relationship is very strong in our community. Fr. Michael makes it possible to have not only frequent celebrations of the Eucharist but, also, many classroom clergy visits throughout the year. Fr. Michael will continue to be the priest pastoring our Holy Name School community.

Our Opening School Liturgy with Fr. Michael will take place on **Tuesday, September 12 2017 at 9:30 a.m. in the school gym.**



Sacramental Preparation

Sacraments are, first and foremost, acts of Jesus, in union with the members of His body, the Church. The Church, therefore, is responsible for determining the specifics of sacramental preparation and celebration.

The school works in partnership with the church in preparing students for the sacraments. Whether through the instruction of the assigned religious education program or by infusing our Gospel values in all aspects of the learning environment, teachers and staff clearly guide student sacramental preparedness. However, it is to parents that the responsibility for sacramental preparation most crucially centres. Your commitment to your child's faith development will be the fertile soil in which your child will realize their relationship with God and church.

Communication to parents regarding sacramental preparation will be communicated by Sacred Heart Parish. And coordinated with our teachers. Should you require info. please call the parish 905-833-1161 .

EMBRACING A SAFE AND CARING SCHOOL



The Protection of Anaphylactic Students

The York Catholic District School Board has a comprehensive policy to help protect students with life threatening allergies. Protecting anaphylactic students from exposure to life threatening substances creates a major challenge to all elementary schools.

As outlined in the policy, parents are asked to inform the school of such allergies immediately and are required to fill in specific forms which are available in the office. Each form must have three passport size pictures attached so that the student is easily identifiable to staff. Parents are also asked to ensure that students for whom Epi-Pens are prescribed, have two Epi-Pens at school. **It is recommended that one Epi-Pen be worn by the student in a fanny pack at all times, which includes on the bus, on excursions, and on all other school related activities/ sports. The other Epi-Pen must be stored in the school office for emergency use only. This Epi-Pen will also be taken on trips.**

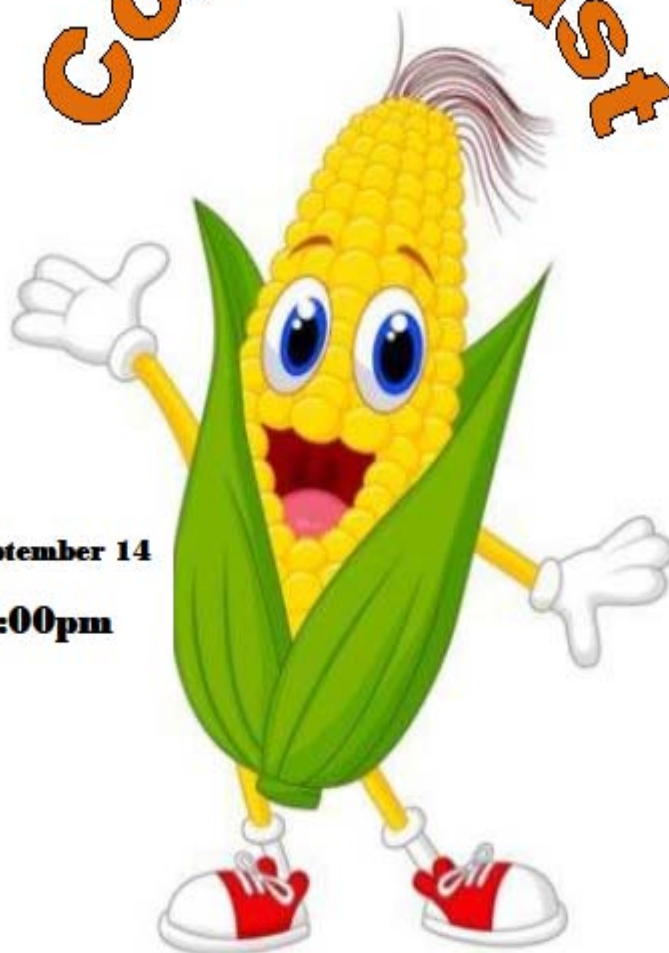
At Holy Name:

- ◆ We will continue with our “nut safe” school environment via food restrictions. Students will be informed of and reminded that they are not to share food. The school environment includes entire school grounds, buses and other modes of transportation, school trips, before/after school/weekend programs, and school sanctioned events involving pupils;
- ◆ We will prohibit food outdoors to minimize exposure to insects (i.e. wasps, etc.);
- ◆ We will continue to communicate regularly to the entire school community that we are a “nut safe” school via newsletters, and posting of “nut safe” signs throughout the school;
- ◆ We will take special precautions around holidays and special celebrations, by planning activities that ensure the health and safety of our students. No cakes, cupcakes, muffins, donuts, and the like, will be allowed in the school for birthday recognition purposes. However, non-edible items will be permitted;
- ◆ Special communication and instructions will be given to individual classrooms where students with allergies are enrolled regarding allergens in that particular classroom;
- ◆ We will continue to ensure that all products sold through the school for fundraising or other purposes are nut free;
We will continue to ensure that permit holders, visitors and all school staff are aware of these precautions.

We ask that NO PRODUCTS be brought into the school that may contain nut products such as peanut butter, Nutella, certain types of candy bars, cookies, etc. Fresh vegetables, fruit, “no nut” granola bars, raisins, etc., make great snacks for your child and do not pose health risks.

As well, letters have been sent home to parents of students in specific classrooms regarding other allergies in the classroom, such as fish, kiwi, shell fish. PLEASE ensure that if you received such a letter, to abide by this specific request for that specific classroom. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

H O L Y N A M E C o r n R o a s t M E



Thursday September 14

5:00 - 7:00pm

Welcome Back Students!!!!



Come join us for a feast and fun activities at the school.



It's a great way to make the school feel more welcoming, more familiar, and to be able to put a face to the name of some the students your child has mentioned in the past week.
There will be food for purchase and activities for your kids to enjoy.

The Facts of Lice

York Region



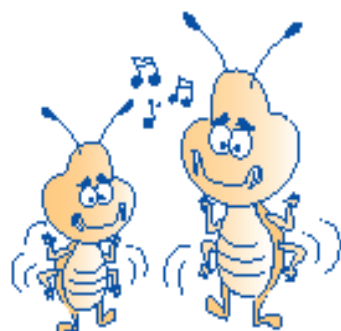
Yes, like everywhere else there are head lice in York Region! Perhaps you have received a letter from school, or a telephone call to notify you of a "lice alert". You may feel angry, fearful, frustrated or itchy. However, head lice are not a health issue in that they do not carry disease.

Don't panic! Be sensitive to your child's feelings and check your child's head right away. Checking for lice takes patience, diligence and plenty of time.

For centuries, people have been dealing with head lice. A co-operative community effort will help to keep head lice in check. This means that all families must take responsibility for regular head checks and treating their children if head lice are found. There are differing opinions by researchers, pharmaceutical companies and parents who have experience with head lice. This fact sheet will provide an overview of the identification, prevention and treatment of head lice.

The Head Check

- Sit in a well lit area - near a sunny window or brightly lit lamp.



- Divide the hair into sections and look carefully, one section at a time.
- Look carefully in the hair, behind the ears, nape of neck, hairline - "the halo" of the head.
- Check the heads of all family members.
- Don't forget to have your own head checked!
- If you find head lice or nits (eggs), proceed with treatment.
- If you don't see lice or nits (eggs), continue to check the head regularly twice a week for one month or more often if there is an outbreak.
- If you see anyone scratching their head or if someone tells you that their head feels itchy, check their head.

What you might find on the head:

Head Lice:

- nits (eggs)
- lice
- bites on the scalp
- excrement from lice (looks like pepper)

Look alikes:

- hair casts
- residue from gel, mousse or hair spray
- dandruff

Proceed with treatment only if you find nits (eggs) or lice.

Who is at Risk?

Anyone can get head lice! School children get them more often because they're frequently in head to head contact.

If your child has lice:

- Tell anyone with whom your child has had contact to have their head

checked: e.g. babysitter, grandparents, the school, playmates, parents, playgroup/sports group parents. This helps to prevent the spread and protect your child from another encounter with lice. Only humans get head lice, not animals. Head lice do not result from a lack of cleanliness.

Life Cycle of the Head Louse.



Nit (eggs)

- half the size of the head of a pin
- shaped like a tear drop
- found close to the scalp, on the shaft of the hair
- are cemented to the hair so they cannot be blown or flicked off
- feel like tiny knots on the hair

Mature nits (eggs)

- larger, the size of the head of a pin
- more visible, creamy colour
- eggs hatch in 7 to 10 days

Lice - Immature louse (nymph)

- Transparent or rust coloured after blood meal and very difficult to see!
- Reaches maturity in about 10 days.
- Lice have 6 legs with claws so they can cling to human hair.