



Holy Name Catholic School

**December – January
2019-2020**

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Advent Prayer

Advent God,

We journey with you, to Bethlehem's stable
and the new-born Jesus,
our ears are attuned to the song of angles,
our eyes are alert for Bethlehem's star.

Forgive us if on our journey when we are
distracted by the tempting offers of this world.
Keep our hearts aflame with the hope
of Christmas, the promise of a Saviour,
And the coming of your reign of Justice and Peace.

Amen.



Multi-Year Strategic Plan

www.yhcsb.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



Principal/Vice Principal's Message

Advent is often referred to as the Season of Hope, a time of joyful anticipation of the coming of our Lord into the world through the birth of His son, Jesus Christ. As we all prepare for the coming of Christmas, we are called to remember that Christ is the center of Christmas. The gift we can give to each other during this holiday time is the gift of our very self, our time, our energy, our love. We are called to serve each other during this Advent Season as well as to open our heart to help those in need, the oppressed, the sick and the forgotten. We open our hearts and allow Baby Jesus, Joseph and Mary to teach us the dignity and importance of children, of families and of our faith. December will prove to be a busy time here at school. Advent is a time of preparing. Let us prepare our minds and hearts for the festive time of year.

Our Luke 4:18 Social Justice Committee would like to thank the Holy Name School Community for their generous donations of **\$644.00** to our Hurricane Dorian Collection. This advent season Luke 4:18 is supporting the local **Rose of Sharon Services for Young Mothers**. It is a charitable organization that has been providing support/educational services to prenatal and parenting young women under the age of 25 across York Region since 1985. To support these young families we are asking for donations from **Wednesday, November 20 - Friday, December 6, 2019**. More information is enclosed in the newsletter.

In December, we look forward to our Kindergarten-Primary Christmas Concert that will be held during the school day in our gymnasium: **Thursday, December 12, 10:45 am**: we welcome performances by the following classes: Ms. Corallo, Ms. McKinnon, Ms. D'Alimonte, Ms. Fischetti, Ms. Scaccia, Ms. Tesolin and Ms. Savoia and at **1:15 pm**: we welcome performances by the following classes: Ms. Raponi, Ms. Amadio, Ms. Sansone, Ms. LaGambina, Ms. Cristello, Ms. Zaremba, and Ms. DeLuca. As well, we look forward to our Breakfast with Santa, which our Catholic School Council has once again organized. We hope to see all our friends and families on December 7, from 9am-12noon for some delicious pancakes in our school gymnasium!

As the new liturgical year begins, we at Holy Name Catholic School are committed to keeping the light of Christ always at the center of our living and learning. Please keep us in your prayers. Wishing all our families, students and staff members a joyful Christmas, and a Happy New Year!

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mrs. Barone
Principal

Mrs. Mandaliti
Vice Principal



HAPPY NEW YEAR



Follow us on Twitter! @HolyNameCES

Parents, guardians, students and friends of HNE get the latest updates about:

- important news (i.e. bus cancellations due to severe weather)
- news about upcoming school events and activities
- highlights about the exciting work and activities taking place at our school

We will also continue to post information to our school website, www.hne.ycdsb.ca for your convenience.



Holy Name Volleyball Regional Champions!

Congratulations to our Holy Name Intermediate Boys and Girls Volleyball Teams as they placed first in their Local Tournaments. Both teams will be attending the Volleyball Area Finals on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at Cardinal Carter CHS. We are proud of their hardwork and sportsmanship. Special thanks to coaches, Mr. D'Amata, Ms. Leggio and Ms. Trabona for their time and dedication to these teams. Way to go Huskies!

Volleyball Board Finals: Boys Volleyball - Monday, December 9 at St. Jean de Brebeuf CHS and Girls Volleyball - Tuesday, December 10 at St. Jean Vanier.

Junior Volleyball is underway at Holy Name! Grade 4,5 and 6 students have signed up and are actively participating in Junior Intramurals during recesses. The girls and boys are enjoying learning about positions, serving skills, communication on the court and teamwork with their Intramural Teams. There will be tryouts for the students during recesses and lunches in December. A team will be made before Christmas Holidays to participate in a tournament in January.



ECO CLUB

Introducing GOOS to our classrooms! In an effort to decrease the volume of paper consumption within our schools, the ECO Club would like to encourage all staff and students to reduce the use of single-sided paper usage whenever possible! Starting this month, a bin labelled GOOS (Good On One Side) will be placed in each classroom and workspace at Holy Name. If the paper you no longer need is still useful on one side and can be reused, then place it into the GOOS bin in your classroom for someone else to use. Let's try to Reuse before we Recycle! Families at home are encouraged to have a GOOS bin as well!

Luke 4:18 Social Justice Committee:

This advent season Luke 4:18 is supporting the local **Rose of Sharon Services for Young Mothers**. It is a charitable organization that has been providing support and educational services to prenatal and parenting young women under the age of 25 across York Region since 1985. To support these young families we are asking for donations of the following items from **Wednesday, November 20 - Friday, December 6, 2019:** In-season clothing for children up to age 5 (in good condition), in-season maternity clothing & clothing for young women

- Baby wipes, and diapers in sizes 5, 6 and pull-ups
- Toiletries (e.g. Toothbrushes, toothpaste and floss, full-size bottles of shampoo, conditioner, body wash & body lotion, etc.)
- Reusable shopping bags
- Cereal and baby cereal
- Formula (all varieties; e.g. Enfamil, Similac, low iron and sensitive tummy brands)
- Canned tuna & salmon, fruit & vegetables
- Canned/packaged soup
- Baby Mum Mums
- Granola Bars
- Baby food (jars or pouches)
- Pasta Sauce
- Mac 'n cheese (e.g. KD)
- Oatmeal
- Peanut butter & jam

Monetary donations towards programs for young mothers are accepted and there will be a collection bin located in the main office. We would like to thank you in advance for helping those in need this Christmas season!

Sincerely,
Luke 4:18 Social Justice Committee



CELEBRATING OUR FAITH



December's Catholic Virtue is Hope

We demonstrate the virtue of **Hope** when we look to the future with trust in God, keep a positive attitude, and bring light to others. Advent is definitely a time of the year when our understanding and appreciation of hope is clearly celebrated. May this glorious sense of light and hope remain ever-present in our hearts throughout this wondrous month and the coming year.

January's Catholic Virtue is Unity

As Christians, we are called to unite with our fellow neighbours and members of our school and church community. During the month of January, we pay special attention to making everyone feel welcomed and appreciated. Let us all take some time to learn about the similarities and differences within our community. Let us make an extra effort to empower people with our words and affirming actions.

December Virtue: HOPE

- ~With God's grace, I will never give up hope
- ~I will maintain a positive attitude and look for the brighter side of situations
- ~I will make peace with those around me

January Virtue: UNITY

- ~I will make everyone feel welcomed and appreciated
- ~I will empower people with my words and not put them down by calling them names

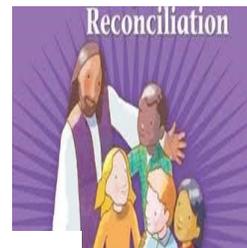


Celebrating Catholic Values at Holy Name

Please join us for our School Mass :

Our Advent Mass will take place on Thursday, December 5 at 9:30 am. All members of our school community are most welcome to attend. Please join us in prayerful celebration.

A reminder to the parents of our grade 2 students that Reconciliation will take place at Sacred Heart Parish on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 7pm. Followed by a "Reception" in the parish hall.



Christmas schedule of masses at Sacred Heart

- Christmas Eve Masses Dec 24th: 5:00pm; 8:00pm & 10:30pm
- Christmas Carols followed by Mass at 11:00pm
- Christmas Day Masses Dec 25th : 10:00am and 11:30am
- New Year's Eve Masses Dec 31st: 5:00pm
- New Year's Day Masses Jan 1st: 10:00am & 11:30am



Sacred Heart Parish began a "Children's Choir" on Sunday, December 1 at 10:00 am mass. All children in grade 3 and up who are interested in joining the choir in the future are asked to meet Ms. Battaglia, Ms. Mino and Ms. Zaremba in the church at 9:30am before Sunday mass. All are welcomed and encouraged to participate!

Scholastic Book Fair Coming to Holy Name ...December 2019!

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to HNE on December 9 to 12, 2019. We invite our entire school community to participate by purchasing the latest and greatest in children's books.

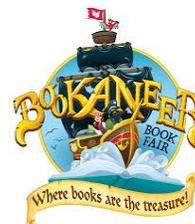
Monday, December 9 — Previewing (no purchasing) ...Students create a 'Wish List' of books they are interested in. Prices include all taxes. You are encouraged to read this wish list with your child; as a family, decide which book(s) would be the best choice.

Tuesday, December 10 -Previewing & Student/Parent purchases during the day

Wednesday, December 11 -Student/Parent purchases during the day

Thursday, December 12 - Student/Parent purchases during the day

LAST DAY... Hope to see you there!



Holy Name Primary Christmas Concert!

Our Annual Kindergarten to Grade 3 Christmas Concert will take place Thursday, December 12. We remind our parents: please do not leave during the middle of a performance for it is a distraction to the students performing! We thank our teachers who have been practicing with their students. We look forward to seeing you there!



CHRISTMAS THEME DAYS - DECEMBER 16 TO 20

Monday, December 16-Civvies and Christmas Hat Day

Tuesday, December 17- Christmas Pajama Day

Wednesday, December 18 - Funny Christmas Sweater Day

Thursday, December 19 - Red , Silver, Gold Day Civvies Day

Friday, December 20 - Civvies Day \$2.00 donation to ShareLife



We kindly ask our Holy Name community to make a \$2.00 donation to ShareLife on Friday, December 20—Civvies Day. "Each year, over 40 agencies serve to the greater community, welcoming tens of thousands of people through their doors to provide programs to families dealing with challenges in their lives. These include, among many others:

- immigrants and refugees being welcomed to Canada by a parish community
- supporting seniors, children and youth, and people with special needs
- providing for the education of our future priests.
- feeding hungry children in the Global South

The support of the ShareLife campaign, in large part, makes these services possible, and it is your generosity that carries forth our mission to "live the Gospel by providing for those in need." Please refer to website: www.sharelife.org for more information

A reminder to all parents to please report your child's absence using the **Safe Arrival Student Absence Reporting System**. As well, if and when bringing your child in late, please ensure you sign them in. Students can not sign-in themselves.

Catholic School Council NEWS



A reminder that our December meeting will take place December 2 at 6:00pm at Sacred Heart Parish. Please note that there will **not** be a Council meeting in January 2020. See you February 3, 2020 at 7pm in the school library!



Registration for Junior Kindergarten Students for the school year 2019- 2020 **begins** at Holy Name CES on **January 6** between the hours of **9 am and 3 pm**—Monday to Friday.

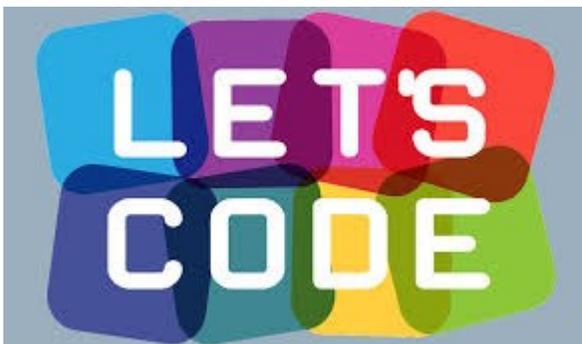
We ask you to register as soon as possible so that we may know the number of students who will be in our Junior Kindergarten classes for September 2020. This information is important in determining the staffing organization for the coming school year.

Note: JK children must be 4 years old by December 31, 2020. If you have a Kindergarten child with special needs, please see the Board website at www.ycdsb.ca for details on special information evenings that you may wish to attend.

Kindergarten Drop Off/Pick UP



A reminder to all Kindergarten parents, please close the gates in the Kindergarten yard after dropping your child off, especially after the bells have rung. We greatly appreciate it!



The Grade 3/4 Coding Club is in full swing. The students are engaged in their learning with the Sphero robots and will begin learning more about block coding. Keep up the great work!

ENGAGING OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY AND EFFECTIVE USE OF RESOURCES



York Catholic District School Board

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Learning Together in Christ
Catholic Learning

Student Services will be hosting an

INFORMATION SESSION FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH EXCEPTIONAL NEEDS REGISTERING FOR KINDERGARTEN YEAR 1 (JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN) IN SEPTEMBER 2020



YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND OUR PARENT INFORMATION SESSION TO LEARN ABOUT OUR SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2020
York Catholic District School Board
Boardroom
320 Bloomington Road West
Catholic Education Centre
Aurora
7:15 pm - 8:30 pm

Register at link:

<https://forms.gle/4WRthF8SUEMn6SIDAm6>

Registration deadline:

January 15, 2019

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Core Values

Excellence, Equity, Social Responsibility, Catholicity, Integrity, Inclusion, Respect

Strategic Commitments

Integration of Catholic Faith, Continuous Improvement of Student Achievement, Evaluation and Governance, Deepening Our Commitments

ENGAGING OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY AND EFFECTIVE USE OF RESOURCES

YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD INCLEMENT WEATHER NOTIFICATION

School transportation service may be cancelled from time to time due to inclement weather and/or poor road conditions. Unless otherwise stated, schools will remain open when transportation services are cancelled.

The safety and well-being of our students is taken into consideration when making decisions concerning transportation service cancellation. Information regarding the cancellation of school transportation or school closures will be made available by 6:15 a.m.

Please exercise discretion in deciding whether to send your child to school when school transportation has been cancelled.

Please note the following:

- A decision to cancel school transportation service will be **region-wide** meaning all school buses, vans and taxis will not operate.
- Unless otherwise stated, schools will remain open and parents can make alternate arrangements to transport their children to and from school if school bus service is cancelled.
- If transportation is cancelled in the morning, it will not operate in the afternoon.
- In the event school transportation is cancelled, exams, tests, quizzes, excursions, charter trips, school programs, co-curricular activities, evening presentations, workshops, as well as, parent meetings (i.e. Identification, Placement, and Review Committee Meetings, IPRCs) will be cancelled and rescheduled.
- Secondary School Cafeteria Services will be cancelled
- All evening permits will be cancelled
- All Continuing Education evening classes will be cancelled

Further Information regarding the Board's Inclement Weather Guidelines are included on the YCDSB Website at:

<http://www.ycdsb.ca/wp-content/uploads/Inclement-Weather-Notice.pdf>

Inclement Weather Notifications will be posted to:

- School Website & Board Website (www.ycdsb.ca)
- Student Transportation Services of York Region Website (www.schoolbuscity.com)
- Twitter (www.twitter.com/ycdsb)
- Designated Radio and Television Stations:

RADIO				TELEVISION
AM 640	640AM	CKDX	88.5FM	CITY TV
CBC	99.1FM	CKFM	99.9FM	CTV BARRIE
CFNY	102.1FM	KISS	92.5FM	CTV TORONTO
CFRB	1010AM	NEWS	680AM	CP24
CHAY	93.1FM	Q107	107.1FM	GLOBAL NEWS
CHFI	98.1FM	CJCL	590AM	
CHIN	1540AM & 100.7FM	CJEZ	97.3FM	
CHRW	94.9FM	CIQB	101.1FM	
CHUM	1050AM & 104.5 FM	CJBC	860AM	
CJKX	95.9FM & 89.9 FM			
CKDO	1580AM			

Come Celebrate our 15th Annual
Breakfast with Santa!

PANCAKES

& Photos with Santa

SAT. DECEMBER 7, 2019

9:00AM-12:00PM

(last pancake served at 11:30am)



Holy Name
Catholic School
Gymnasium

Photos with Santa

(make sure to bring your own camera)

Craft Station

Christmas Music

Bring and/or write Letters to Santa

**Pancakes, hot chocolate, juice,
coffee and water will be served**

**Santa will be covering the costs associated with breakfast and activities,
but has asked us to donate non perishable food items**



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As the excitement and wonder of Christmas approaches, I hope that everyone is able to find the time to reflect and give thanks for the many blessings we have received over the past year.

During Advent, our Catholic school communities are joyfully participating in a variety of celebrations that lift the hearts of our students on the blessed journey towards Christ's birth. In our schools, students are celebrating in so many creative ways, through musical concerts and Nativity plays, community service projects and most importantly through a deepened time of prayer. Thanks to all who have given so freely of their time to make these events successful and enable us to rejoice together!

I am ever grateful that we are a part of a Catholic school system where students can practice their faith every day as they grow intellectually, emotionally and spiritually. I am inspired by the many ways our children follow in the footsteps of Jesus, caring for those less fortunate than themselves and acting as true stewards of our earth.

I pray that your hearts will be filled with the warmth of the Holy Spirit as you spend time with your family, friends and loved ones this holiday season. May the joy and peace of Christmas be with you throughout the New Year.

Yours in Catholic Education,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth Crowe".

Elizabeth Crowe