



SEPTEMBER, 2020



HOLY NAME CES

Ever Growing In Thee

Welcome Back
HUSKIES

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Ms. Elizabeth Crowe

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Ms. M. Fedrigoni

PARISH

Sacred Heart

PASTOR

Rev. John Arulthas M., O.S.A.

PRINCIPAL

Ms. L. Barone

VICE PRINCIPAL

Ms. T. Crocitto

SECRETARIES

Ms. A. Della-Rovere

Ms. L. Malfatti

A Prayer For The Start of the School Year

Lord, thank you for the unique gifts of every child as they transition into a new school year. Fill each student with enthusiasm and a heart that is excited to learn and grow. Cover them with your enduring love, give them confidence and grace, and equip them with the ability to persevere through trials. Bless their teachers with wisdom, understanding and a heart to serve, as they embark on this journey together.

Amen

IN THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER WE CELEBRATE THE
CATHOLIC VIRTUE OF:

COURAGE

"I WILL TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MY OWN POTENTIAL.
I WILL FACE CHALLENGES WITH CONFIDENCE AND
COURAGE."



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Principal / Vice Principal's Message

A warm welcome to all our students and families returning to Holy Name Catholic Elementary School. A special welcome to our new students and their families, in particular, our new Junior Kindergarten students who will begin their educational journey. It is always exciting to see the enthusiasm in our students, staff and parents as we begin another school year. We know you will enjoy working and learning with your Holy Name family.

We recognize that this school year is like no other. Many health and safety protocols are in place to ensure the safety and well-being of staff and students. The staff at Holy Name are prepared to meet the needs of their students and assist them and guide them as we all adapt to the new measures that are in place.

Holy Name, in partnership with the home and parish, is committed to working hard to achieve our goals of excellence in learning and in well-being. We aim to achieve these goals by communicating with our parents, fostering partnerships, and building community. We look forward to an exciting year ahead!

Yours in Catholic Education,

Ms. L. Barone (Principal)

Ms. T. Crocitto (Vice Principal)



Multi-Year Strategic Plan

www.ycddb.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



Holy Name Staff 2020 - 2021

JK/SK: Ms. McKinnon
 JK/SK: Ms. Fischetti
 JK/SK: Ms. D'Alimonte
 JK/SK: Ms. Corallo
 Gr. 1: Ms. Scaccia
 Gr. 1: Ms. Tesolin
 Gr. 1: Ms. Savoia
 Gr. 2: Ms. Raponi
 Gr. 2: Ms. La Gambina
 Gr. 2/3: Ms. Tarantino
 Gr. 3: Ms. De Luca
 Gr. 3: Ms. Zaremba
 Gr. 3: Ms. Cristello
 Gr. 4: Ms. Gizzo
 Gr. 4: Ms. Battaglia
 Gr. 4: Ms. Harrington
 Gr. 5: Ms. Salvador
 Gr. 5: Mr. D'Amata

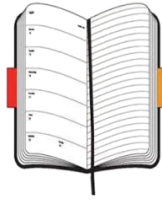
Gr. 6: Ms. Dissanayake
 Gr. 6: Ms. Caramanna
 Gr. 7: Ms. Brac
 Gr. 7: Mr. Cristan
 Gr. 8: Mr. Takaoka
 Gr. 8: Ms. Jones
 Core Resource: Ms. Van Eyk
 Core Resource: Ms. Paczek
 Teacher Librarian: Ms. Alongi-Peluso
 Library Technician: Ms. Gasko
 Music: Ms. Walker
 Primary P.E.: Ms. Leggio
 Primary P.E.: Ms. Trabona
 Primary P.E.: Ms. Partipilo
 French: Mme. Fratto
 French: Mme. Ricco
 French: Paniccia
 ECE: Ms. Rovito

ECE: Ms. Abdul-Ahad
 ECE: Ms. D'Amico
 ECE: Ms. Petrucci
 EA/CYW: Ms. Baldeo
 EA: Ms. Di Benedetto
 EA: Ms. Bell
 EA: Ms. Perri
 EA: Ms. Devine
 Custodian: Mr. Matsoukas
 Custodian: Mr. Bristow
 Custodian: Mr. de Jesus
 Custodian: Mr. Szajda
 Head Secretary: Ms. Della Rovere
 Secretary: Ms. Malfatti
 Vice Principal: Ms. Crocitto (.5)
 Principal: Ms. Barone



Bell Times

- 8:45 am - SUPERVISION BEGINS
- 9:00 am - SCHOOL BEGINS
- 10:25 am - RECESS
- 12:00 - 12:20 pm - LUNCH
- 12:20 - 1:00 PM - RECESS
- 2:25 - 2:40 PM - RECESS
- 3:30 PM - DISMISSAL



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 **\$8.00** each. Some of our Intermediate grades will be using D2L and/or Google Classroom as a means to record and access homework.

Safe Arrival

A reminder that all student absences for Holy Name must be reported using the Safe Arrival reporting system, no later than 9:00 a.m. each morning. In addition, this system may also be used to report late arrivals, early departures, leave and returns for the current day, as well as future dates. Automated phone calls and emails will be sent for unreported absences requesting confirmation of the absence. The Safe Arrival system allows parents to report their child's absence quickly and conveniently in one of two ways:

1. By calling the toll free *Safe Arrival* number at **1-855-856-7862**
2. By logging onto the *Safe Arrival Parent Portal* website at **yorkcdsb.schoolconnects.com**. To use this website, parents must activate their account as instructed.

Lates: The morning bell rings at 9:00 a.m. If students do not enter the school with their class, they are late for school.

Calendar



Google Calendar

Access our Parent Google Calendar on our HNE webpage to keep yourself abreast of the upcoming events/activities.

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 and inform the office and the classroom teacher.



SAFE ARRIVAL

STUDENT ABSENCE REPORTING

Before the bell time for the current day,
please call **1-855-856-7862** or visit
go.schoolmessenger.ca

Planned absences may be reported in advance.





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Catholic School Council

Parents/Guardians:

Welcome back as we begin another school year, for students, staff and parents alike. Catholic School Council is a learning partnership for parents to become involved in the academic, social and spiritual aspects of school life here at Holy Name. At this time, CSC elections and meetings are on hold as we are awaiting more information from the Ministry of Education regarding procedures for virtual elections.



Orange Shirt Day



On **Wednesday, September 30, 2020** Holy Name along with the YCDSB is preparing to participate in Orange Shirt Day. Orange Shirt Day is intended to promote healing, understanding and reconciliation in our YCDSB Catholic school communities, where Indigenous and non-Indigenous students and staff study, work and pray together each day.

Orange shirt day began because of a residential school survivor named Phyllis and her need to share her story and have Canadians learn about the schools as part of her healing process. Phyllis Webstad lived with her Grandmother on the Dog Creek First Nation about one and a half hours southwest of Williams Lake, British Columbia. When she was just 6 years old she was sent to the St. Joseph Indian Residential School in Williams Lake. Her Grannie bought her a shiny new orange shirt to go to school in. Upon arriving at the school she was stripped and her clothes, including her new orange shirt were taken away. She never saw it again. Phyllis just wanted to go home, but she had to stay there for 300 nights. Unfortunately she learned quickly that she didn't matter, none of the children did. Her mother and grandmother both attended St. Joseph's when they were little, but they were there for 10 years each!

Orange shirt day is a day of remembrance, reflection, reconciliation and healing - for every child that survived a residential school, and those 3000 that never made it home - their stories matter because EVERY CHILD MATTERS!

On **Wednesday September 30th** please send your child to school wearing an orange shirt. We stand in solidarity with our Indigenous brothers and sisters and promise to learn about their stories and share them with others, so that we can learn from Canada's past mistakes and continue to move forward as one, united, kind, loving and accepting country. We thank you for your participation in this very important day. To learn more about Orange Shirt Day please visit www.angeshirtday.org

Thank you to Ms. Brac and the Grade 7 class for organizing this initiative.

Virtual Cross Country



YCDSB is committed to the health and wellness of our students and there is no better way than promoting Cross Country running at the elementary school level.

All students from Grade 4 to 8 are encouraged to participate in our HNE Virtual Cross Country Run on **DATE TBD**.

Indoor Shoes



For safety reasons, we ask that all of our students have indoor and outdoor shoes. Indoor shoes are to be kept at school.

Picture Day

Public Health orders mandate that non-essential services are not allowed into the school building. As a result, school photo day is on hold.

Visitors to School



Until further notice, visitors, including parents are not to enter the school during hours of operation unless identified through a prearranged exception.

- It is expected that parents/guardians first contact the school by telephone if assistance is required.
- Visitors will only be allowed to enter after they have read the self-assessment notification and have no outlined symptoms.

Civies Day:

The students at HNE will be able to dress in their choice of clothing at the end of each month for Civies Day. Appropriate dress code is in effect and we ask that students choose clothes that reflect our Catholic values. Kindly take note of the following dates for Civies Days:

September 25, 2020

October 30, 2020

November 27, 2020

December 18, 2020

January 29, 2021

February 26, 2021

March 26, 2021

April 30, 2021

May 28, 2021

June 25, 2021

Homework Requests

All teachers at Holy Name will have a virtual learning environment available for students and families. Teachers will be posting on their classroom VLE. Please continue to check these platforms daily in order to access homework updates and classroom information. Teachers will be sharing login information. If you require any assistance, please contact your child's teacher.





Embracing Safe and Caring Schools



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 goodbyes before the children enter the school yard.** In addition to fostering a sense of independence, leaving your child in their respective school yard 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. **Please DO NOT park your car in reserved staff parking spots or drop off zone at any time. No parking is permitted in the clearly marked "no parking" zones/or buses only zones. PLEASE DO NOT park in our bus loop!**

Driveway Safety

The bus loop located on Spring Hill Rd. is strictly reserved for buses and emergency vehicles.

The bus lane is closed to all traffic except school buses. Parents/guardians are strongly encouraged to use the Kiss and Ride adjacent to Nicort Rd. to pick up and drop off students.

At no time should cars be parked in the student drop off area of the loop. If you wish to escort your child, you need to park in the parking lot/or the road. **DO NOT double park or create your own parking spot. THIS IS DANGEROUS, and strictly prohibited.**

Scent Free School



Please be advised that Holy Name continues to be a scent free environment. People entering the building are required to refrain from wearing any perfumes or scented products due to severe allergies in the school. We thank you in advance for adhering to this request. This ensures all staff and student are in a safe environment.



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Celebrating Our Faith

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. Please visit the Church website at <https://sacredheartki.archtoronto.org/>

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Personal Electronic Devices



Policy 222 Personal Electronic Devices: Student Use

All personal electronic devices (PEDs) carried by students shall be kept out-of-sight, turned off and not used during the day. Students must have prior authorization from the school principal for use during school related activities.

We would like to remind parents that students will always be allowed to use the school office telephone in emergency situations. Please make arrangements at home for after school activities or changes in pick up arrangements. Under no circumstances are cell phones to be used at school by students. These can get lost, stolen, damaged, passed around or used by children or their friends to make and/or take inappropriate calls or photos. 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. It is *strongly recommended* that items such as iPods, remain at home. Please assist us by reviewing and supporting this policy with your child. Your support is greatly appreciated!



Lunch Arrangements

Parents/guardians are responsible for sending snacks and lunches from home with students. Parents are not to drop off lunches for their children, as they may put other staff and students at risk. Students are not to be picked up and taken out for lunch. Parents who pick up their students at lunch time will have to keep their students home for the rest of the day as they may be putting our other students and staff at possible risk.



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The Safety of Students with Anaphylactic Allergies

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. Please be advised that there is **NO FOOD SHARING** permitted at anytime. As well, letters have been sent home to parents of students in specific classrooms regarding other allergies in the classroom, such as fish, kiwi, shellfish. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

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Pediculosis (Head Lice)

“The York Catholic District School Board recognizes and appreciates concerns related to pediculosis at the school, community and regional level. The Board also recognizes that the Ministry of Health does not designate pediculosis as a communicable disease, and as such, it is not considered a health hazard to the community.” (Policy 210)

Anyone can get head lice, regardless of cleanliness. Head lice is not a public hazard, as it does not cause illness, but they are a nuisance. To prevent this from becoming a problem, we all need to work together. Please check your child’s head REGULARLY for lice or nits. If you do find lice or nits, contact the office so that we can send home a letter to notify parents.

A return to school is contingent upon lice no longer being present and all the (nits) eggs have been removed. For more information or advice on the identification, treatment and prevention of head lice, please contact the Public Health Nurses at Health Connection, 1-800-361-5653.

A letter will be sent to the whole school electronically when lice is reported.



Concussion Protocol

The YCDSB takes all injuries to students very seriously. If your child injures their head, the following protocol will be followed and shared with you.

- You will be directed to have your child receive immediate medical attention;
- Be aware of and monitor for signs & symptoms that may develop or worsen;
- You will be given a copy of Concussion Management- Appendix C;
- Initial treatment for a concussion is both physical and mental rest (no exercising, bike riding, playing video games, reading, using a computer...etc);
- Signs and symptoms (headaches, fatigue, sensitivity to noise) must be considered when recovering at home and reintegrating to school;
- It is recommended the student initially stays home from school because regular activities could make their symptoms worse.

Medication at School

Medication cannot be administered by the school staff unless directed by a doctor and an “Administration of a Prescription Medication” form has been completed and signed by the parent and family doctor. If your child requires medication (prescribed by a physician), please notify the school and complete the necessary S16 form (available upon request). All medication must be sent to the office for safekeeping. Please contact the office if you require further information.