Greetings Holy Name Community,

We hope you enjoyed the beautiful weekend! We're grateful for the glorious, sunny fall days we've experienced over the last few days. As fall marches on, we look forward to carving pumpkins, decorating with ghosts and ghouls and the sweet treats associated with Halloween.

IMMUNIZATIONS FOR INTERMEDIATE STUDENTS

York Region Public Health is offering an immunization clinic at Holy Name for Hepatitis B, HPV & Meningococcal vaccines. Vaccines are available for free to students in grades 7 and 8. The scheduled clinic day is Wednesday, October 26th. It's not too late to submit a consent form. <u>CLICK HERE TO ACCESS THE ELECTRONIC CONSENT</u> to complete an immunization consent form. If your child was vaccinated at a YRPH public health catch up clinic (in 2021 or earlier in 2022) please submit a new consent form to ensure they can be immunized at school.

CIVVIES DAY

This Friday, October 28th is a Civvies day for all students. Children in FDK are encouraged to wear black and orange for Halloween Howl. Students in Grades 1-8 are invited to wear school-appropriate clothing of their choice. T-shirts with inappropriate messages and midriff tops are not permitted.

HALLOWEEN HOWL

On Friday, October 28th, each FDK class will be given a time slot to participate in the Halloween games and activities in the gym. Students are encouraged to wear black and orange. Your child's teacher will post on their Google Classroom the time slot allocated for their class.

HALLOWEEN DANCE-A-THON FUNDRAISER

It's back!! Our Catholic School Council is organizing the Halloween Dance-a-thon fundraiser on Monday, October 31, for students at Holy Name. Pledge forms went home on Thursday. Please assist your child(ren) in obtaining pledges. All funds raised will be used to enhance learning opportunities at the school.

HALLOWEEN COSTUME GUIDELINES

As we prepare for Halloween fun at the end of the month students and families are asked to follow these guidelines when planning costumes:

- Culture is NOT costume: Please refrain from wearing costumes that represent a cultural group or ethnicity.
- Masks as part of a costume are discouraged (excluding PPE): Wearing masks that conceal one's identity can compromise the safety of the community. We should always be identifiable in our costume for the safety and comfort level of all members of the school community.
- Appropriateness: Costumes should be appropriate and align with the moral tone of the school.
- Be trauma sensitive: There may be members of our community who have experienced trauma that could be triggered by certain costumes.
- We discourage the use of inflatable costumes

PARISH NEWS

For Sacred Heart Parish news please see the church bulletin.

STUDENT SELF ASSESSMENT

On a daily basis before leaving home, parents/guardians are responsible to conduct a Covid-19

School and Child Care Screening Tool with their child. Please click the link - <u>Covid-19 School</u> and <u>Child Care Screening Tool</u>.

PARENT DROP OFF LOOP

The parent drop off loop is meant for quick pull-ins and departures. Kindly do not park in the drop off loop if you intend to get out and escort your child to the yard.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, October 26: Catholic School Council meeting in library at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, November 2: Cardinal Carter CHS tour for Grade 8s (9:00 am)

Cardinal Carter CHS Open House for parents (6:30 pm)

Thursday, November 17: School Mass at 9:30 am.

Parent-Teacher interviews (from 4:00 pm)

Friday, November 18: P.A. Day

Sincerely, C.Zorzi Principal

P. Thompson Vice Principal