Greetings Holy Name Community,

We're looking forward to seeing students in their Halloween costumes. This is a great time of year to celebrate! Please be reminded that students may not bring candy to share at school.

HALLOWEEN HOWL

Many thanks to our Catholic School Council and parent volunteers who brought the Halloween Howl tradition back to Holy Name! Students had a great time rotating through the activities. What a special way to usher in the Halloween spirit for our youngest learners!

HALLOWEEN DANCE-A-THON FUNDRAISER

The Halloween Dance-a-thon fundraiser is set for Monday, October 31, for students at Holy Name. If you haven't already done so, please return your pledge forms. All funds raised will be used to enhance learning opportunities at the school. Parents may not attend this event.

HALLOWEEN COSTUME GUIDELINES

As we prepare for Halloween fun, students and families are asked to follow these costume guidelines:

- Costume props, and/or replica weapons including, but not limited to, toy guns, knives, axes, swords, etc., must remain at home, and may not be brought to school.
- Costumes should be respectful of the diversity in our communities and therefore should not reflect symbols or objects representative of another person's culture and/or race that may trivialize, devalue, or appropriate any culture or race.
- Costumes that mock social identities through stereotyping are also unacceptable.
- Students are discouraged from wearing costumes that are not appropriate to the moral tone of our Catholic schools. We are looking forward to a fun and respectful Halloween for all.
- We discourage the use of inflatable costumes

CARDINAL CARTER CHS OPEN HOUSE

Parents of Grade 8 students are invited to attend an open house at Cardinal Carter CHS with their child on Wednesday, November 2 at 6:30 pm. Grade 8 students will visit the school during the day to become familiar with programs, staff and all the school has to offer.

PARISH NEWS

For Sacred Heart Parish news please see the church <u>bulletin</u>.

PERSONAL BELONGINGS

Please be advised that students should not bring any personal belongings of value to school. This includes but is not limited to jewellery, trading cards, special toys and the like.

HEARING CLINIC

A hearing clinic will take place at the school on Tuesday, November 22. Parents who are interested in having their child(ren)'s hearing checked may complete the form attached and return it to the school with payment. A hard copy of the form will be sent out at a later date.

<<insert form and info sheet>>

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>.

CONSTRUCTION ON SPRING HILL DRIVE

Please be mindful when parking on Spring Hill Drive as residential construction has led to some traffic congestion issues. If possible avoid parking in such a way that it is difficult for buses to enter the driveway. Thank you for your patience! This short-term inconvenience should be resolved in the near future.

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

Friday, November 11: Remembrance Day ceremony

Tuesday, November 15: Progress reports available in the Parent Portal

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

Parent-Teacher interviews (from 4:00 pm)

Friday, November 18: P.A. Day

Monday, November 21: Sara Westbrook presentation on mental well-being and resilience at

7:00 pm

Sincerely,

C.Zorzi P. Thompson Principal Vice Principal