

## Greetings Holy Name Community,

The season of Advent is upon us! What a blessed time of year. We are busy at Holy Name preparing for the coming of Jesus Christ. Students and staff are already busy preparing for this meaningful season that reminds us of the true meaning of Christmas. From carols, to activities, to art projects, we are reminded daily throughout the halls of Holy Name that the birth of Jesus is best celebrated by being a shining example of how God asks us to live our lives.

### Bullying Prevention Week:

Students were busy this week learning about bullying prevention and being reminded about ways to stop bullying when they see it. Students completed activities in class this week, including videos and discussions that helped students identify strategies to combat bullying and also generate ideas for each class to help co-create the Holy Name Anti-Bullying Pledge. Our pledge will proudly be displayed in our hallway when finished and printed to serve as a constant reminder.

### Sara Westbrook Presentations:

The Holy Name community is excited to welcome Sara Westbrook for some engaging presentations on Tuesday November 29th. She will be presenting to our kindergarten to grade 3 classes at 10:50am and the grade 4-8 classes at 1:00pm to speak about strategies to support having a healthy resilient mind. Sara Westbrook will also be putting on an engaging evening presentation for parents with clear strategies to help parents nurture their child's emotional well-being. If you plan to attend the **parent presentation on November 29th @ 7pm**, please RSVP on the [response form](#).

### Rescheduled Pizza Day:

Our rescheduled Pizza Day from November 4th has been rescheduled for Monday November 28th. We hope everyone will enjoy the extra day of pizza this coming week!

### Holiday Heroes Campaign:

We are pleased to announce that Holy Name CES will be taking part in the Holiday Heroes Campaign which aims to provide gifts to families in need over the holidays. In the Christmas spirit of giving and helping others, we are asking families to bring in **new unwrapped toys**, as well as **grocery or store gift cards**. The toys will be collected in our front foyer under the Christmas tree and gift cards safely stored. We will be happily accepting toys and gift cards for the campaign from **Monday, November 28, 2022** until **Wednesday, December 7, 2022**. Thank you in advance for any donations you can provide.

### [Intermediate Photo Retake Day.](#)

The intermediate photo retake day and intermediate class photo day have been rescheduled for December 13th. Due to labour disruptions and volleyball tournament days being shifted, this is a long awaited event, but we know everyone will bring their best smile!

### [Extra Civvies Day.](#)

Thank you again for your generosity during our Halloween dance-a-thon fundraiser. Since we exceeded our goal, our students earned an extra civvies day on Friday December 2nd.

### [Book Fair.](#)

The Scholastic Book Fair was a wonderful success! Thank you to all parents that supported our book fair either virtually or in person. There were many excited students with new books and fun diaries that they were able to enjoy during a rainy indoor recess on Friday. Your support will help the library purchase even more books and resources our students will be able to enjoy!

### [Indoor Shoes.](#)

A reminder to parents to please ensure your child has indoor shoes at school that fit and are comfortable. As we move into the winter season, it becomes even more important for students to be changing their shoes in the classroom and for gym class to ensure floors stay safe and dry and we are not making the school wet, muddy and dangerous for our students moving through the hallways and within the classroom.

### [Bus Loop.](#)

A reminder to parents, please do not use the bus loop to drop off or pick-up students before the 9:00 am bell, or after the 3:30 bell. Increased traffic in the bus loop poses a safety risk for our bus riders and we appreciate you using the drop off loop as a safe alternative.

### [Breakfast with Santa.](#)

Our family favourite, Breakfast with Santa event is coming on Saturday December 10th! The elves are busy planning a fabulous event that will include a visit with the Big Man in Red himself. We hope your family is able to join us for a magical time. If you are interested in participating in the Breakfast with Santa Event, please complete the [RSVP Form](#) and remember to bring a canned food donation to support King Food Bank.

### [Girl's Volleyball.](#)

Our girl's volleyball team represented Holy Name at the Area Finals on November 24th at Cardinal Carter and did us proud! They bump, set, and spiked their hearts out and played like a real team. Their sportsmanship was fantastic and we couldn't be happier to see all the success they enjoyed from their many afternoons of tough practices. Well done Huskies!!

### [EQAQ Webinar.](#)

We welcome parents to attend an informative virtual webinar led by representatives from EQAO. Parents will have a chance to learn about the grade 3 and grade 6 EQAO assessments, hear the highlights from the 2021-2022 assessment, and ask questions during a live Q&A session. The webinar is on November 29th from 6:30pm - 7:15pm. Please register at [www.eventbrite.ca/e/451955981507](http://www.eventbrite.ca/e/451955981507)

### [Busing.](#)

As we enter the winter season we recognize that buses staying on schedule may be a bit of a challenge for the bus companies which are still experiencing driver shortages. Please continue to regularly check [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com) for late bus alerts.

### [Safe Arrival Reminder.](#)

Parents and guardians are required to report their child(ren)'s absence or late arrival in advance, or before bell time for the current day by accessing the Elementary Safe Arrival Program using any of the three methods below:

- Toll Free Safe Arrival Phone Number 1-855-856-7862
- The Safe Arrival SchoolMessenger website: [go.schoolmessenger.ca](http://go.schoolmessenger.ca)
- The SchoolMessenger App from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store

### [Parish News.](#)

For Sacred Heart Parish news please see the Church [bulletin](#).

### [Upcoming Events.](#)

- November 28th - December 7th: Holiday Heroes Toy and Gift Card Campaign
- Saturday December 10th: Breakfast with Santa
- Wednesday December 14th: Catholic School Council Meeting @ 7p.m.
- Thursday December 22nd: Advent Mass @ 9:30 a.m.

Wishing you a blessed Advent season,

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Principal

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