

Greetings Holy Name Community,

We have reached the fourth and final Sunday of Advent in 2022! We have been enjoying the many rituals of Advent in which we as believers eagerly anticipate the celebration of Christ's birth. We came together in song and readings this past week as our FDK and Primary students shared their talents in the Christmas concert, and we eagerly anticipate mass with Father John this week as we celebrate an Advent mass together as a school.

Rescheduled Hot Lunch:

Our Subway hot lunch which was cancelled on Thursday due to buses being cancelled due to inclement weather, has been rescheduled for Monday December 19th.

Spirit Wear:

Our *Holy Name Spirit Wear* store order window has been extended one extra day! All items sold in our digital Spirit Wear store are part of the daily dress code for Holy Name and can be worn on a regular basis. Holy Name track pants and sweatshirts are great ways to stay warm over the winter months, while still staying in dress code. We encourage you to check out our Spirit Wear store to top up any items you may need to round out your child(ren)'s closet. The digital store order window was extended and will now close on December 19th. All orders will be shipped to the school. Please see the [Spirit Wear letter](#) for instructions on how to access the digital store.

Extra Recess Incentive:

Our students enjoyed their extra recess incentive from the fundraiser this past Friday. The extended recess time allowed students to enjoy some extra time playing in the fresh snowfall and breathing in the crisp fresh air of winter. Everyone had smiles on their faces as they appreciated the extra time to play and connect with their friends.

Christmas Spirit Week:

We will be hosting Christmas Spirit Week this upcoming week, December 19th - 23rd. We know everyone will be bubbling over with excitement and ready to join in the fun as we get ready to celebrate Christmas. Please see the [attached schedule](#) so everyone can prepare to show off their Christmas spirit during the last week of school before the break.

Volunteers Needed:

We are excited to be introducing a new hot lunch option in the new year. With this extra hot lunch option, we are in need of some parent volunteers to support lunch distribution on Tuesdays. We would require volunteers to arrive at the school by approximately

11:30am and help with the hot lunch organization till approximately 12:30pm. If you are available on a regular basis on Tuesdays at this time, please contact the school.

EQAO Webinar:

This seminar was offered a few weeks ago to very positive feedback. We know many parents tried to register last time, but the session filled up quite quickly, so EQAO is offering this webinar a second time. Please register early in order to avoid disappointment.

Free Parent EQAO Webinar - January 17, 2023

Register for a free live webinar and learn about the EQAO Grade 3 and Grade 6 assessments and highlights from the 2021–2022 assessment results.

The live session will take place on **January 17, 2023** from **6:30 pm to 7:15 pm** followed by a Q&A with EQAO staff.

Registration: www.eventbrite.ca/e/451955981507

Parking Lot Reminders:

Parents are reminded to please avoid parking in the Fire Route in the school Kiss n' Ride loop. This is a serious safety issue, should emergency vehicles need to access the school property. Please see the image below to highlight where we are asking you to avoid parking. Thank you for your cooperation with this issue.



Winter Reminders:

As the winter weathers sets in, a few gentle reminders:

- Students require indoor shoes
- Packing extra socks and gloves is always a good idea
- Packing change of clothes (students k to 8) is also recommended

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 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
- 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:

- Subway Hot Lunch: December 19th
- FDK Craft Extravaganza: December 20th
- Advent Mass with Father John: December 22nd @ 9:30am
- Christmas Spirit Week: December 19th - 23rd
- Thursday December 22nd: Advent Mass @ 9:30 a.m.
- Christmas Break: December 26th - January 6th
- Welcome back!: January 9th, 2023

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas,

C.Zorzi
Principal

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Vice Principal