

Greetings Holy Name Community,

As we move into the second Sunday of Advent, we take the opportunity to prepare our hearts in faithful waiting, celebrate the birth of Jesus, and ready ourselves for his second coming. As we prepare our hearts and minds for the celebration of Christmas through the many activities planned in the coming weeks at Holy Name, let's stir up in our hearts a sense of anticipation for the coming of Jesus and a sense of thankfulness that we get to prepare together as a Catholic community.

[Spirit Wear:](#)

Our *Holy Name Spirit Wear* store has arrived. 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 will be open for two weeks, with orders closing on December 16th. All orders will be shipped to the school. Please see the [Spirit Wear letter](#) for instructions on how to access the digital store.

[Sara Westbrook Presentations:](#)

Thank you to all the parents that joined us for the Sara Westbrook presentation last week. It was wonderful to see so many parents in the school, gathering to hear Sara Westbrook's important message about emotional resiliency. The feedback has been very positive from both the students themselves who enjoyed her presentation during the day, and from the parents who attended her evening talk. We look forward to offering more parent opportunities to gather as a school community in the future.

[Luke 4:18 Charity Initiative:](#)

Holy Name bracelets will be sold this coming week to raise money for brain cancer research in honour of Ms. Leggio, who was a cherished member of the Holy Name staff. Order forms were sent home on Friday and we ask for all order forms to be returned by **Friday December 9th**.

[Fundraising Winners:](#)

We thank our Holy Name families again for their generosity during our fundraising campaign. Our three classes that won the pizza lunch incentive will enjoy their hot and delicious pizza on Tuesday December, 6th. All students won an extra recess, and we have planned that day of fun for our next big snowfall, so that students can enjoy extra time building snowmen, making snow angels and generally enjoying the fun snow brings!

Holiday Heroes Campaign:

We gently remind you that Holy Name CES is taking part in the Holiday Heroes Campaign which aims to provide gifts to families in need over the holidays. Our hearts are warmed by the generosity that is already apparent as toys have been filling the space under our Christmas tree in the foyer. In the Christmas spirit of giving and helping others, we continue to ask families to bring in **new unwrapped toys**, as well as **grocery or store gift cards**. We will be collecting toys and gift cards for the campaign until **Wednesday, December 7, 2022**. Thank you to families that have already contributed and thank you in advance for any families preparing to contribute to the Holiday Heroes campaign.

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!

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.

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:

- November 28th - December 7th: Holiday Heroes Toy and Gift Card Campaign
- Friday December 9th - Grade 2 & Grade 3 trip to Pioneer Village
- 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,

C.Zorzi
Principal

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Vice Principal