

## **Greetings Holy Name Community,**

January is a very busy month for learning as we move towards finishing up the first term and reporting the learning that has taken place throughout the first half of the school year. Not only are we thrilled to see the smiling faces of our students arriving each morning, but are excited to see the many student registrations that have already been submitted for the 2023-2024 school year. Holy Name is a vibrant and growing community and we thank you all for contributing to making it a great place of learning!

### **Rescheduled Pizza Day:**

We have rescheduled our missed pizza hot lunch day from the first round of hot lunch orders to **Monday January 16th, 2023**. This make-up date is to cover the orders placed for December 23rd, 2022 which unfortunately were cancelled due to the inclement weather and subsequent school closure. Please be advised this make-up date is only for students who had orders placed for the first round of hot lunch and had placed an order for December 23rd. We look forward to our rescheduled pizza hot lunch day on Monday January 16th. Please note, there will be no milk with this make-up pizza lunch as milk was distributed on December 22nd ahead of the school closure.

### **New Year Mass:**

We look forward to welcoming Father John on Tuesday January 17th to celebrate a New Year mass with our students. Our Grade 6 teams are busy preparing a wonderful mass for all of us to enjoy, and we thank everyone involved for getting our students prepared. Mass will be starting at 9:30am, so please do your best to ensure your child(ren) arrive on time for school on Tuesday.

### **French Immersion:**

York Catholic District School Board continues to offer the French Immersion Program in 14 of its elementary schools. Our French Immersion programs are geared for students currently in Senior Kindergarten and entering Grade 1 for the 2023-2024 school year. The program is designed to provide non-francophone children with a high degree of proficiency in the French language. If you are interested in applying for your child to enter French Immersion, please note that the application deadline is January 20th. More information is available through the parent flyer ([French Immersion Parent Flyer](#)), and the application process can be accessed through this link. [Application Link](#)

### **PA Day:**

A reminder that Friday January 20th is a P.A. Day for students. The school is closed to students and we know they will make use of that opportunity to enjoy a full day of fun. We hope everyone has a chance to enjoy their day off whether that involves getting outside and

enjoying the snow that Mother Nature has delivered this past week, or cozying up inside and enjoying a good book or games with family and friends.

### **Scent Free School:**

A reminder to parents to please ensure your child(ren) is respecting our scent free policy at school. In particular, intermediate students are bringing scented body sprays and deodorants for use after physical education class or team practices. Please remind your child(ren) that for the safety and protection of all staff and students, we respectfully request those scents remain at home to be enjoyed.

### **Lunch Time Art Program:**

We are pleased to announce that we have a lunch time art program starting up for our students to enjoy. The program will run from January to March for 7 classes and will take place in the library during the lunch hour. Classes will run on Tuesdays for our primary students in grades 1-3, and on Wednesday for our junior students in grades 4-6. This art program not only gives students a chance to explore and develop their creative side, but also brings in mindful practices to help students maintain positive mental health. Parents are encouraged to review the attached flyers for more information and registration and payment takes place online through the link provided on the flyer. Registration is limited and will be completed on a first come, first serve basis.

[Junior Flyer](#)

[Primary Flyer](#)

### **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.

### **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](https://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:

- January 27th: Civvies Day
- February 8th: Catholic School Council Meeting @ 7pm
- February 14th: Term 1 Report Cards available for parent download on the Parent Portal
- February 15th: Director Scuglia visits Holy Name
- February 17th: Duane Gibson Presentation for Students
- February 20th: Family Day

Wishing everyone a wonderful week,

C.Zorzi  
Principal

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Vice Principal