

Greetings Holy Name Community,

We hope everyone had a relaxing PA Day and got some time to enjoy family and friends. Whether you were outside enjoying some winter activities or enjoying games and hobbies inside, we can't wait to see everyone back at school on Monday recharged and ready to learn.

Rescheduled Subway Hot Lunch.

We are pleased to let you know that the cancelled hot lunch from Thursday's inclement day has already been rescheduled. The rescheduled date for Subway hot lunch is **Monday January 23rd**. All students who had ordered Subway for Thursday January 19th, will now receive their order on Monday January 23rd to enjoy. We thank our volunteers for getting that date rescheduled so quickly.

Bell Let's Talk Day.

Holy Name will be joining schools and homes across Canada acknowledging Bell Let's Talk Day on January 25th, 2023. Students will be hearing student-led informational announcements this week related to mental health and well-being, and also having the opportunity to participate in a few activities to help open the conversation about supporting positive mental health and reducing stigma associated with mental illness.

Spirit Wear Update.

Thank you to all families that made purchases from our Spirit Wear store in the fall. We are expecting delivery of all merchandise during the last week of January and into the first week of February. Please hold tight and we will get all items distributed as soon as they arrive.

EQAO Webinar - New Date Added.

York Catholic District School Board has requested an EQAO webinar exclusively for families from our board. EQAO will deliver this webinar for YCDSB families on February 22nd @ 6:30pm. The session will deliver valuable information about the EQAO assessments and also discuss some of the highlights from the 2021-2022 assessment results. The hour long webinar will close out with a Q & A session with EQAO staff. If you would like to attend this webinar, please register at [YCDSB EQAO Registration Link](#)

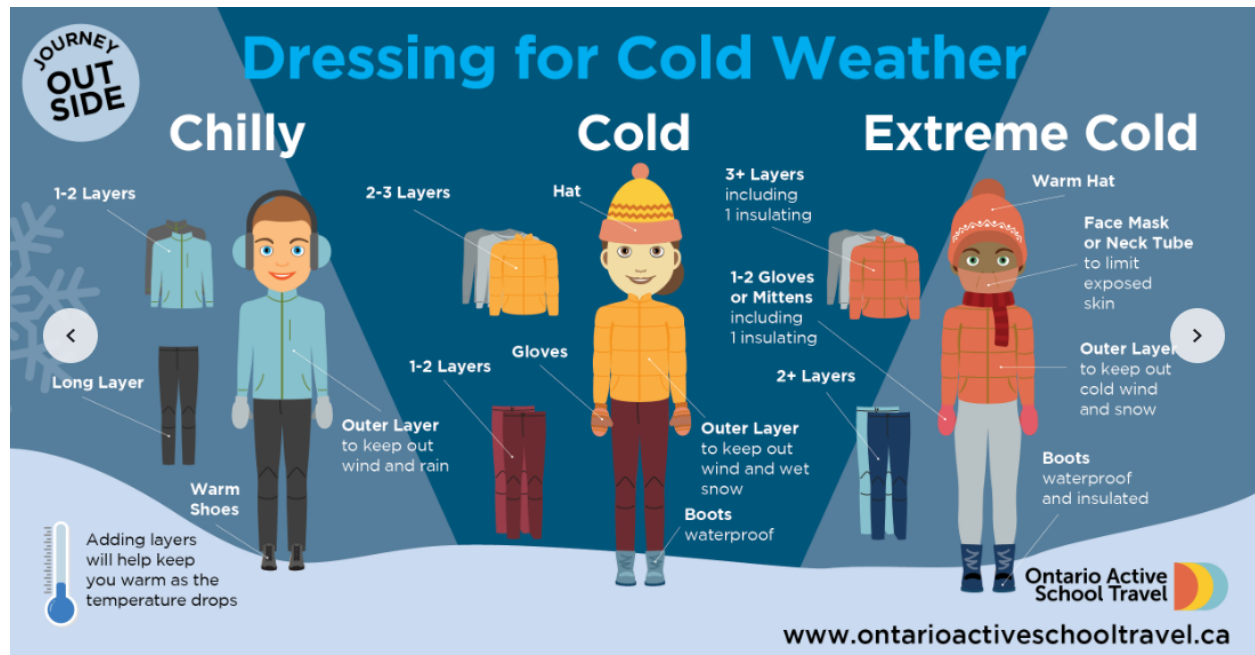
Civvies Day.

A reminder that Friday January 27th is a civvies day for students. They are welcome to wear comfortable and appropriate civvies clothes on this day.

Dressing for the Weather.

A reminder that winter weather has definitely arrived and students should be dressed to be outside for recess each day when the temperature is above our extreme cold cutoff.

All students should have on winter boots, layers, hats, and a pair of warm gloves or mittens. All students are encouraged to pack extra socks and extra gloves in case these items get wet earlier in the day. Please refer to the infographic below for some tips about how to ensure everyone stays comfortable and enjoys the outside during the variable weather our winter season brings.



[Lunch Time Art Program.](#)

The lunch time art program begins this week for all students who are registered to participate. A reminder that classes will run on Tuesdays for our primary students in grades 1-3, and on Wednesday for our junior students in grades 4-6. We can't wait to see all the fantastic pieces of art that will emerge from this art series and the benefits of the mindfulness training. Flyers are listed below for any parents that still need to access the flyers.

[Junior Flyer](#)

[Primary Flyer](#)

[Family Literacy Day.](#)

Family Literacy Day takes place every January 27th to raise awareness about the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family. Taking time every day to read or do a learning activity with children is crucial to a child's development, and directly supports improving a child's literacy skills. The theme for Family Literacy Day 2023 is, Celebrate your Heritage. Canada is a great diverse country full of different cultures. Take time to explore and learn about your heritage. Celebrate what you've found and share your culture with others. There's no better way to learn about your family, than together as a family.

Busing:

As we continue through the winter season, we recognize that buses staying on schedule may be a bit of a challenge for our transportation companies. 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:

- February 8th: Catholic School Council Meeting @ 7pm
- February 15th: Director Scuglia visits Holy Name
- February 17th: Duane Gibson Presentation for Students
- February 20th: Family Day
- February 22nd: Term 1 Report Cards available for parent download on the Parent Portal

Wishing everyone a wonderful week,

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Principal

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Vice Principal