

Greetings Holy Name Community,

Mother Nature certainly reminded us a few days ago that we are in the middle of our winter season. We were happy to hear how much fun our students had playing in the snow, and enjoying all the excitement a fresh snowfall brings. A reminder for parents to check with their child(ren) to ensure they still have all the winter gear they started out with. We strongly encourage all our students to dress appropriately with boots, hats, gloves, and snowpants to ensure everyone is comfortable and can enjoy outdoor recess with the benefit of the fresh air and hints of sunshine.

Rescheduled Subway Hot Lunch:

We are pleased to let you know that the cancelled hot lunch from Thursday's inclement weather day has already been rescheduled. The rescheduled date for Subway hot lunch is **Monday January 30th**. All students who had ordered Subway for Thursday January 26th, will now receive their order on Monday January 30th to enjoy. We thank our volunteers for getting that date rescheduled so quickly.

Winter Walk Day:

Our Healthy School Student Committee is happy to promote Winter Walk Day which Holy Name will participate in on February 1st. Not only are our families encouraged to walk to and / or from school on Wednesday, but we will also be encouraging teachers to take their class out for a walk during the day on February 1st. Walking is great for mental health. It releases feel good hormones, helping to boost mood and can help everyone engage in their day with a calm mind. Walking is a great physical activity that helps our students learn and boosts their performance in class. We hope all families will make an effort to participate in Winter Walk Day this coming Wednesday!

Black Heritage Month:

Holy Name is delighted to recognize that February is Black Heritage Month and we look forward to the many activities planned to commemorate this month. During Black Heritage Month, Holy Name will celebrate the many achievements and contributions of Black Canadians and their communities who, throughout history, have done so much to make Canada the culturally diverse, compassionate, and prosperous nation it is today. Black Heritage Month is about celebrating Black Excellence. We look forward to recognizing and acknowledging the many contributions found in Canadian History by Black Canadians.

Tutoring Update:

As a part of the Province's efforts to support learning recovery in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, funding was provided for our school to implement a tutoring support program focusing on numeracy, literacy and other foundational skills. At this time, we will be pausing all school-based tutoring programs, due to having exhausted all current tutoring funds available

from the Ministry of Education. This includes all before, during and after school tutoring sessions that are run through Holy Name. YCDSB has partnered with several community organizations to provide tutoring support to students which prioritize math, literacy and other foundational skills to promote learning recovery which will continue until March 31st, 2023. Please find further information on the [YCDSB Community Partners](#) through this link.

[LEGO & Robotics Lunch Program:](#)

We are happy to be introducing another lunchtime option for our students. Creative Play for Learning is coming to Holy Name! Our students will have the opportunity through this program to build and design with LEGO® Bricks and Robotics. The lunchtime Education Package Includes: LEGO® Spike Essentials or We Do 2.0 for grades 1 – 3, and LEGO® Spike Prime Robotics is being offered for grades 4 – 6. This is a 9 Week program starting in February. Please see [attached flyer](#) for more information. Parents are encouraged to register online or they can submit registration and payment to their child's classroom teacher. Registration Due: Feb 2nd

[Carnaval Week:](#)

Carnaval is coming! We can't wait for the fun Carnaval brings, which we will celebrate February 6th - 10th. Bonhomme Carnaval symbolizes the spirit of fun that is synonymous with this great winter celebration. The tradition of having a mid-winter celebration in Québec can be traced back to the history of colonial New France (1534-1763), when family and friends would gather in January to mid-February to break the boredom and deep freeze of winter. We agree there is a need to have a little fun in February so there are many activities planned to make this an enjoyable and engaging week for students. Please see [the flyer](#) for more details.

[SEAC Newsletter:](#)

Please see the attached [SEAC Newsletter](#) for your review. This newsletter is the first edition of the YCDSB's Special Education Advisory Committee to highlight the incredible work that is happening in our schools, celebrates student successes, and to help keep our community informed about SEAC and partner associations.

[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](#)

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: Ash Wednesday Mass with Father John
- February 22nd: Term 1 Report Cards available for parent download on the Parent Portal
- February 24th: Civvies Day

Wishing everyone a wonderful week,

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