

Greetings Holy Name Community,

We extend a huge welcome back after the Christmas Break to our students and families. Wishing our entire community peace, love and joy as we embrace 2023. We know transitions are sometimes difficult after a break, so we hope everyone can smoothly settle into their school routines and get excited about learning again. We continue to pray for families in our community that are struggling with difficult events in their lives and hope to be a source of comfort and support as we move through the next few months.

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](#)

Gratitude Month:

Our Healthy School Student Club will be focusing on Gratitude this month. We look forward to a variety of activities and announcements this month which will help us focus on being thankful for all the God has given us, and grateful for the many blessings around us. We encourage each family to continue this discussion at home, and extend on the activities our student leaders will be presenting throughout the month.

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:

- January 17th: New Year's Mass with Father John @ 9:30am
- January 20th: P.A. Day
- January 27th: Civvies Day
- February 6th: Duane Gibson Presentation for Students
- February 15th: Director Scuglia visits Holy Name
- February 20th: Family Day

Wishing everyone a wonderful week,

C.Zorzi
Principal

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Vice Principal