Greetings Holy Name Community,

We hope everyone had a restful and wonderful March Break with family and friends! Welcome Spring! It is a season of new beginnings as we are graced with more sunlight, warmth and a renewed sense of joy.

School Fundraiser Terra Cotta Frozen Cookie Dough: Our school spring fundraiser – Terra Cotta Frozen Cookie Dough continues. A big thank you to our Council for their efforts in organizing this initiative and to all of our families for your continued support. All ordering is done online. Please see the link below for more details and information. Ordering will <u>close on Tuesday March 21st</u> to ensure delivery of items before Easter.

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World Down Syndrome Day: In 2012, the United Nations decided to select March 21st, the 3rd month of the year, as World Down Syndrome Day, to signify the uniqueness of the triplication of the 21st chromosome which causes Down Syndrome. This day was also declared Ontario Down Syndrome Day by the Legislative Assembly of Ontario in 2016. It is a day to celebrate differences and the abilities of people with Down Syndrome. On Tuesday March 21, all students and staff are encouraged to *ROCK YOUR SOCKS* by wearing mismatched socks as a way to celebrate how differences can be beautiful!

ShareLife Week & Lenten Food Drive: Sharelife week will be March 27th-31st. On Monday March 27 Holy Name will have a Loonie/Toonie Day in support of ShareLife. Students are invited to wear green or green accessories on this day to help kick off ShareLife Week. In addition our Lenten Food Drive, in support of the King Township Food Bank, will also take place this week. Donations (non perishable food and toiletries) will be accepted throughout the week.

Indoor/Outdoor Shoes: All students should have indoor and outdoor shoes to continue to ensure the safety of our students and staff. As the weather continues to fluctuate wet shoes should not be worn within the classroom or any indoor spaces of the school as this can create slippery surfaces.

Parking Lot Reminders: The safety of students is paramount at Holy Name CES. Our parking lot acts as a 'Kiss N Ride' drop off/pick up loop. Please note the following reminders:

- We ask that parents/guardians not park/leave their vehicles unattended.
- Use caution when in the parking lot: be mindful of students, families and staff
- Please do not enter the side staff parking lot
- See picture for reference →



Bus Loop: Please do not enter the bus loop during morning entry/afternoon dismissal procedures.

Parish News: For Sacred Heart Parish news, please see the Church Bulletin

Upcoming dates:

March 20: First Day of Spring

March 21: Reconciliation with Father John (Gr 3-8)

-World Down Syndrome Day (all are invited to wear mismatched socks) March 22: Hot Lunch Orders Due (Final Session)

> - <u>Board Wide Virtual Mass -</u> the York Catholic District School Board will mark a Day of Reconciliation and Renewal by gathering together at 9:30 am for a Board-wide Mass. Our celebrant will be Bishop Boissonneau.

March 23: Grade 8 Grad Photos (retake day April 13) -Intermediate Boys Invitational Tournament March 24: Dental Screening March 27: Dental Screening -Loonie/Toonie Day in support of ShareLife (all are invited to wear green/green accessories) -Lenten Food Drive in support of King Township Food Bank begins March 28: Intermediate Boys Basketball - Area FinalsTournament March 31: Civvies Day

Have a wonderful week,

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