Greetings Holy Name Community,

Mother Nature has graced us with beautiful warm weather and sunny skies over the last few days. It has been wonderful to see the students enjoying the outdoors and engaging in various games at recess. As we look forward to many more Spring days students are encouraged to continue to have a refillable water bottle, wear hats and dress in layers as needed.

Autism Awareness Month: We continue to celebrate and recognize Autism Awareness Month. On Friday April 21, all students and staff are invited to wear *red* to show that love and acceptance go a long way in making our school community diverse and inclusive.

Oral Communication Competition: Congratulations to all the Junior and Intermediate students who proceeded to the school level Oral Communication Competition this past week. It was wonderful to hear many diverse topics and see many of our students shine on stage.

Congratulations to *Lia N, Kaiden P, Jacob N and Divina M* who will be representing Holy Name at the Oral Communication Area Finals Competition on Tuesday April 18 at St. Mary CES. We wish them the best of luck!

April Mass: We look forward to welcoming Father John on Tuesday April 18 to celebrate mass. We thank our grade 8 classes and teachers that have been busy preparing this mass for the school. Mass will begin at 9:30 am in the gym. All are welcome to attend.

Luke 4:18 Milk Bag Collection: The Luke 4:18 Social Justice Committee is collecting donations of clean, empty outer milk bags beginning <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>April</u> <u>11 until Friday</u>, <u>May 5</u>. The milk bags will be made into mats and will be donated across Canada and in countries where natural disasters strike. On Tuesday May 9th, Luke 4:18 along with volunteers from Milk Bags Unlimited will be hosting a milk bag weaving day! Each class will have the opportunity to come to the gym and have hands-on experience in making these incredible mats! Empty milk bags can be placed in the designated boxes in the front foyer of the school.

School Day Cashless System: We are happy to announce that our school will be implementing the School Day Cashless System in the coming weeks. This system will allow for online cashless transactions and related communication. More information will follow in the weeks ahead.

York Region Public Health Spring School Vaccination Clinic: The Grade 7 & 8 Immunization Clinic will be held at the school on Monday April 24. Please see the attached link for further information.

York Region Public Health School Immunization Clinic

Lunchtime Supervisor Needed: We are currently in need of a Lunchtime Supervisor. This is a paid position from 11:55 am - 12:55 pm. If you are interested in this role, please contact the office for further information.

Bus Loop: A reminder to please not enter the bus loop during morning entry/afternoon dismissal procedures.

School Dress Code: A reminder that HNE has a standardized dress code in effect. The dress code consists of:

Bottoms: Navy Blue (Black optional). The following are not permitted: Jeans, Jeggings, Leggings, Running shorts and Printed shorts (including all logos)

Tops: White (Navy Blue optional). The following are not permitted: tank tops, spaghetti strap tops, halter/crop tops and printed large logos/designs of any kind

Further information may be found on the school website at hne.ycdsb.ca

2023-24 School Year: If you are *not* returning to Holy Name for the next school year (ex. moving, transferring school) please let the school know once confirmed and as soon as possible. This information is crucial for the successful and accurate planning for the 2023-24 school year. Your support and attention to this matter are greatly appreciated.

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

Upcoming dates:

April 17: Robotics program begins for registered students
April 18: School Mass with Father John @ 9:30 am (All are welcome to attend)

Mindful Art Lunch Program Spring Session begins for registered students
Oral Communication Area Finals Competition at St. Mary CES

April 20: Grade 8 Grad Picture Retake Day *NEW DATE*

Giant Cookie Party for Class Winners

April 21: Grade 1 Trip to McMichael Art Gallery
April 24: Immunization Clinic for Grade 7 & 8 students
April 25: Jump Rope For Heart Kickoff
April 26: YCDSB STREAM Center visit for Mr. Takaoka's Grade 8 class
April 28: Civvies Day

Have a wonderful week,

C. Zorzi F. Rossy Principal Vice Principal