## **Greetings Holy Name Community,**

Welcome to the season of Autumn! This season brings us a warm palette of beautiful and changing colours as well as a renewed sense of awe and wonder for Mother Nature's beauty. May the transition into the new school year and season continue with a sense of gratitude, joy and hope.

**Curriculum Night/Corn Roast & BBQ:** Thank you to all our families and staff for a great evening. It was wonderful to have our school community gather and connect together as we look ahead to another successful year. Thank you to our Catholic School Council for organizing and bringing back the Corn Roast & BBQ tradition for our school. It was a fun evening of music, food and reconnections of the Holy Name Community.

**Safety Awareness Week:** The coming week of September 25 - 29, has been designated as "Safety Awareness Week" for the YCDSB. As part of our safety initiative at Holy Name, we will be practicing safety procedures with students and staff. During this week, we will be rehearsing a variety of emergency school procedures to acquaint students and staff with the precautionary steps to take in the event of such things as a warning of severe weather, or an intruder. In addition, throughout the year we will hold practice drills to acquaint students with various emergency protocols. Teachers will review these procedures with students in class prior to our practice drills.

Rowan's Law Day: The last Wednesday of each September is Rowan's Law Day in honour of Rowan Stringer who tragically passed away as a result of multiple head injuries she sustained while playing rugby. On Wednesday, September 27, 2023, Holy Name as well as schools across Ontario will recognize the importance of this law which brings increased awareness about concussions. Students and staff are invited to wear purple on this day to recognize and honour the importance of this law.

National Day of Truth and Reconciliation: On September 29, 2023, Holy Name will commemorate the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day) which falls on Saturday September 30, 2023. Students will be involved in lessons and discussions within the classroom as well as a school wide activity and photo. Staff and students are invited to wear Orange shirts on Friday September 29 to acknowledge the impact of the residential school system, raise awareness and honour Indigenous communities, and to promote reconciliation.

Catholic School Council Nominations 2023/2024: Catholic School Council nominations are due Monday September 25, 2023. If you would like to put your name forward and become an active participant on our Catholic School Council, please complete the nomination form (via the Link) or attachment by the above date. You can also drop off a hard copy at the main office by the end of the school day.

Nomination Form: <a href="https://forms.gle/2tGriELfCMxzDytS9">https://forms.gle/2tGriELfCMxzDytS9</a>

CSC 2023-2024 Nomination Form (1).pdf

Successful candidates will hold their elected position for a term of one year and will be expected to attend the CSC meetings throughout the school year. Parents can make a difference in your children's education. Being a member of council provides an opportunity to make recommendations to the school, the school board and interact with other parents and staff. No one is singularly responsible for decisions. A representation of parents who reflect the diversity of our school population is needed.

Deadline for submission of nomination forms: Monday September 25th, 2023

Election Day: Wednesday September 27th, 2023

**First council meeting:** Wednesday September 27th, 2023

**Holy Name Spirit Wear:** This is the final week to purchase Holy Name Spirit Wear through Sharc Sales. Students may wear the spirit wear as part of the Holy Name dress code. Please click on the link below. You will be prompted to enter an access code. The access code for our school is: **SHN5852**. Here you will find many items available for purchase with our school name and mascot.

<u>Holy Name Spiritwear Archives - SHARC PROMOTIONAL SALES (sharcsales.com)</u>

**York Region Public Health Spring School Vaccination Clinic:** The Grade 7 & 8 Immunization Clinic will be held at the school on <u>Thursday October 19, 2023.</u> Please see the attached link for further information and instructions on completing the online consent form. School Immunization Parent & Guardian Information.pdf

## **Information and Registration Meeting for Sacraments:**

First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion: September 26<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm (Parish Hall) Sacrament of Confirmation: October 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7:00 pm (Parish Hall) (Parents and Youth should attend)

To prepare for and receive the Sacraments, participants and their families must regularly attend Sunday Mass. The family should be registered at Sacred Heart Parish. Parents and Candidates must participate in the relevant aspects of the sacramental preparation programs. If you fulfill the requirements above, and would like to register your child, kindly bring a photocopy of your child's Baptismal Certificate and a \$100.00 registration fee per child (cheque/cash) which includes books and supplies. If you have any questions, or have recently moved to King City, and would like to register with the Parish, kindly contact the Rectory/Office at 905-833-1161 or email sacredheartki@archtoronto.org

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

## **Upcoming Dates:**

September 25-29: Safety Awareness Week

September 25: CSC Nominations forms due

September 27: Rowan's Law Day (Purple Shirt Day)

-CSC Meeting & Elections 7:00 pm in the library

September 28: Civvies Day

September 29: Orange Shirt Day in recognition of the National Day for Truth and

Reconciliation (Orange shirt Day)

September 30: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

-Spirit Wear Orders Due

October 2: YCDSB STREAM Center visit for Mrs. Gizzo's Grade 4 class

-National Custodians Day

October 3: Cross Country at Bruce's Mill Conservation Area

October 4: Picture Day

October 5: World Teachers Day

## Have a wonderful week,

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Principal Vice Principal