

## **Greetings Holy Name Community,**

The Catholic Virtue for October is *Compassion*. This focus for this virtue is:

- I will seek to understand others by listening.
- I will be willing to forgive others.
- I will give of my resources to help those in need.

As the October weather begins to cool down with some rainfall, kindly ensure that your child(ren) are dressed for the weather (jacket, hat, etc) and have indoor/outdoor shoes.

**Hot Lunch Program Term 1:** Our Hot Lunch Program will begin this week with the following vendors:

Monday: Sunset Grill  
Tuesday: Galina's BBQ  
Wednesday: Nonna's Oven  
Thursday: Subway  
Friday: Pizza Nova

Thank you to Sandra Volpe and the Hot Lunch Committee for organizing this service for our school.

**York Region Public Health School Vaccination Clinic:** The Grade 7 & 8 Immunization Clinic will be held this week on Thursday October 19, 2023. Please see the attached link for further information and the link for the online consent form. **Please note:** For those students attending the Cross Country Board Finals on this day, please contact York Region Public Health for additional immunization dates and locations. [October 19 School Immunization Reminder](#)

**School Day Cashless System:** The School Day Cashless system has been and continues to be a great success. We now have over 92% of our families registered on School Day. We are almost at our goal of 100% of families being registered on this system. We will be utilizing the School Day Cashless system for all events/trips this school year. If you have not yet registered and need assistance please contact the school.

**Holy Name Spirit Wear:** Holy Name Spirit Wear orders have closed at this time. Orders should be arriving in the next few weeks. We will keep you updated once those orders arrive.

### **Halloween Dance-A-Thon Fundraiser:**

The Halloween Dance-A-Thon Fundraiser will take place on Tuesday October 31, 2023. *Every student should have received a pledge envelope **(one envelope per student)**.* Please ensure your child's name and grade are clearly labeled on the envelope. If your child has not received an envelope please contact the school or your child's teacher. For every \$10 collected students will receive a ballot to enter into a draw with various prizes. All envelopes must be returned to school (even if no donations have been collected) by October 31st. [Halloween Dance-a-Thon Information](#)

We have begun receiving fantastic donation prizes. Further support is greatly appreciated and welcomed. If you wish to make a donation of prizes, please contact the school by Friday October 20th. A list of prizes will be shared next week. We are looking forward to another Spooktacular Halloween Dance-a-thon!

**Halloween Costumes:** As we look forward to Halloween Day students are invited to wear costumes or the colours orange and purple on this day. If students choose to wear a costume please note the following reminders when choosing a costume to wear to school:

- All students are reminded that costume props, and/or replica weapons including, but not limited to, toy guns, knives, axes, swords, etc., may not be brought to school.
- Masks as part of a costume are not to be worn at school as they present a safety risk, and some masks may even be quite scary to the younger students.
- Costumes should be respectful of the diversity in our communities and therefore should not reflect symbols or objects representative of another person's culture and/or race that may trivialize, devalue, or appropriate any culture or race. Costumes that mock social identities through stereotyping are also unacceptable.
- Students are discouraged from wearing costumes that are not appropriate to the moral tone of our Catholic schools.

If students are unsure about their costume idea, they should speak with their classroom teacher and/or administration. We are looking forward to a fun and respectful Halloween for all.

**Hearing Clinic:** The School Screening Association will be visiting our school to conduct their annual hearing screening clinics. The Hearing Clinics will take place on Monday November 6 and Tuesday November 7, 2023. Please see the attached links for further information and consent form. If you require a hard copy of the consent form, please contact the office or your child's teacher.

[Hearing Clinic Information](#)

[Hearing Clinic Consent Form](#)

**Parish News:** For Sacred Heart Parish news, please see the [Church Bulletin](#)

**Upcoming Dates:**

October 16-19: CCAT Testing (grade 4)

-Hot Lunch Session #1 Begins

October 19: Cross Country Board Finals

-Grade 7 & 8 Immunization Clinic at the school

-CSC meeting in the library at 7:00 pm

October 20: P.A. Day (no school)

October 27: Civvies Day

October 30: FDK Halloween Howl

October 31: Halloween Dance-a-Thon

*Have a wonderful week,*

*C. Zorzi*  
*Principal*

*F. Rossy*  
*Vice Principal*