

Greetings Holy Name Community,

On Wednesday October 25, Holy Name will be promoting *THE BIG CRUNCH* with a healthy snack. Each student will receive an apple to *CRUNCH* on as part of their snack for the day. Thank you to our Healthy Schools Committee for organizing this initiative for our students. Please call the school if you have any questions/concerns.

Cross Country Board Finals: Congratulations to our Grade 4-8 top students who competed at the Cross Country Board Finals on Thursday October 19. Our students displayed perseverance and determination and represented our school with great Husky motivation. Thank you to our staff for preparing our students over the last few weeks and to our students for their ongoing commitment to the team. *Go Huskies!*

Creative Club Lego & Robotics Program: The Creative Club will be returning to our school with a lunchtime Lego & Robotics Program. This nine week program will run with two sessions as follows:

- The Build and Design with Bricks (Grade 1-6) will begin the week of November 20, 2023
- The World Of Robotics (Grade 1- 8, split into two groups) will begin the week of January 8, 2024

Please see the attached link for further information and online registration.

[Lego & Robotics Information and Registration Link](#)

Halloween Dance-A-Thon Fundraiser:

The Halloween Dance-A-Thon Fundraiser will take place on Tuesday October 31, 2023. 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. Please ensure your child's name and grade are clearly labeled on the envelope (one envelope per student).

[Halloween Dance-a-Thon Information](#)

There are many prizes to be won. Prizes include Toronto Maple Leaf Tickets, Air Pods, Science kits, Lego sets, gift cards to various places and the popular *PRINCIPAL FOR THE DAY prize!* A full list of prizes will be shared this week. If you wish to make a donation of prizes, please contact the school. We are looking forward to a 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.

Nut Free Safe School: A reminder that Holy name is a Nut Free Safe school. As we have many students with serious nut allergies, kindly ensure that food products brought to school are labeled 'Nut Free,' or do not contain any nuts. As always, we are committed to the safety of our students at all times. Please call the office or your child(ren)'s teacher if you have any questions/concerns.

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 25: BIG CRUNCH Healthy Snack (apples)

October 27: Civvies Day

October 30: FDK Halloween Howl

-STREAM Center Visit Mrs. Battaglia's Grade 5 class

October 31: Halloween Dance-a-Thon

November 1: Grade 8 visit to Cardinal Carter CHS

-Cardinal Carter CHS Open House 7:00 pm

Have a wonderful week,

C. Zorzi
Principal

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Vice Principal