

Greetings Holy Name Community,

Welcome to the month of December and the liturgical season of Advent. Advent is the season of waiting and looking forward to something special. This week we light the first candle, the hope candle to symbolize the hope that shines in our lives and guides us through this season of joyful expectation. Thank you to CSC and the many volunteers for adding the magic of Christmas to the school's front foyer and beautifully capturing the hope, joy, love and peace of the Advent season.

God of Hope;

We praise you during this season of Advent and always.

Draw us into your light as we journey.

May we be filled with trust.

May our anticipation of the joyful coming of your Son ever increase.

May our hope grow with each passing moment.

We ask this through your Son, who was born in a stable in Bethlehem.

Amen

Christmas Charity Drives: The Christmas Charity Drives have wrapped up. A *BIG THANK YOU* for the many donations and support of the Candy Cane Gram and Holiday Heroes Toy Drives. Thank you to Fortinos in Woodbridge for the donation of candy canes in support of this initiative. Candy Cane Grams will be distributed to students on Monday December 11 and all toy/gift card donations will be picked up on Wednesday December 6, 2023.

Breakfast with Santa: The annual Breakfast With Santa takes place on Saturday December 9, 2023 from 9:00 am -12:00 pm in the gym. Thank you to CSC and the many volunteers for organizing and putting on this great event for our school community. Please find attached a flyer with further information and details. We kindly ask that you complete the google form (see link) if you are planning to attend this event.

[Breakfast With Santa.jpeg](#)

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Scholastic Book Fair: The Scholastic Book Fair continues this week until Friday December 8 in the library. Students will continue to have an opportunity to purchase various books in support of our library and parents are invited to visit the library each day from 12-12:45 pm to purchase items for your child(ren).

Messy Hands Lunchtime Program: The Messy Hands Lunchtime program will begin this Tuesday December 5, 2023 during the lunch hour. Please see the attached flyer for details and the registration link. [Messy Hands Lunchtime Program Flyer](#)

Dental Screening Program: The Dental Screening Program will take place on January 8, 2024. All students in JK, SK, Grade 2 and Grade 7 will be screened along with any other student that has requested the screening. Please see the attached links for further information.

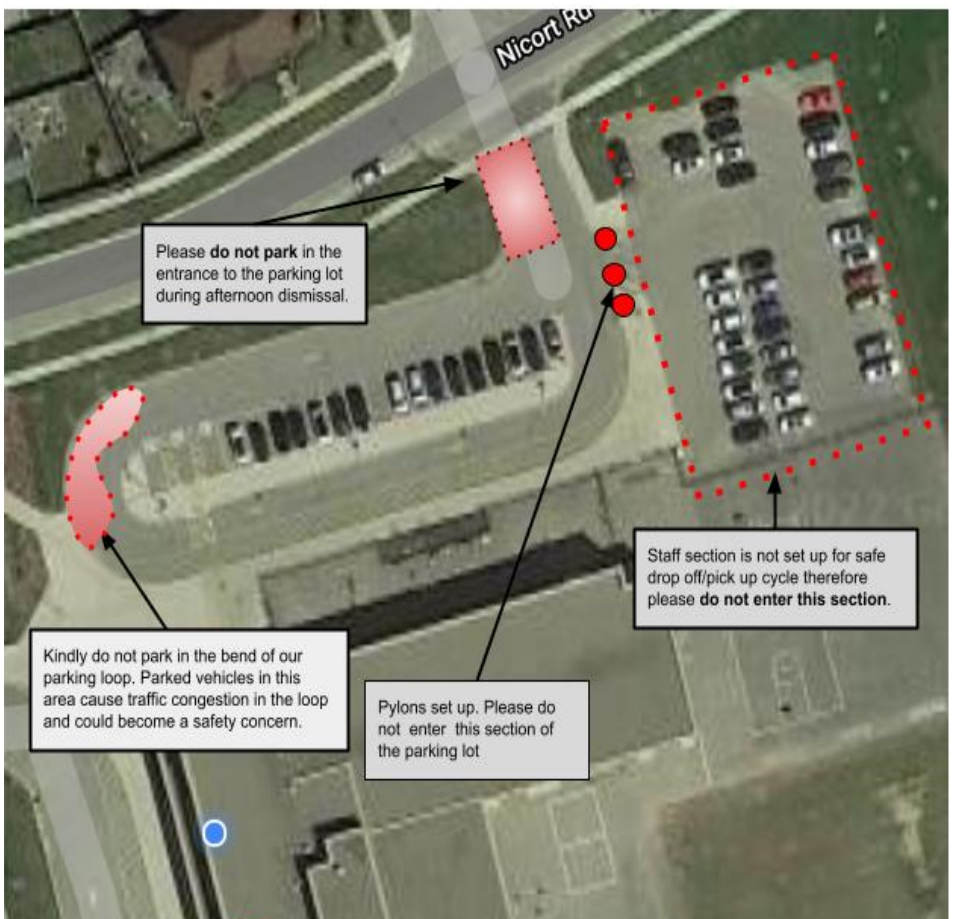
[York Region Public Health Dental Screening 2024](#) [Accessing Your Child's Screening Results](#)

Winter Weather Reminders: As the temperatures continue to cool down and Mother nature begins to bless us with snow and flurries, please ensure your child(ren) is prepared for the weather with coats, hats, gloves and boots. Extra socks, mitts/gloves and clothes are also recommended as these items can become quite wet during recess play. Also please ensure that your child(ren) has indoor shoes and outdoor boots so that we may keep our classrooms and school safe and clean for staff and students.

Sign in/Sign out Binder: A friendly reminder that if your child is late or leaving early a parent must enter the school building to sign their child in or out. This will greatly assist the office staff in ensuring that student attendance is captured accurately.

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: A reminder to please 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:

December 3: First Day of Advent

December 7: FDK-Grade 6 Trip to Cineplex Odeon Aurora Theater

December 8: Advent/Immaculate Conception Mass with Father John at 9:30 am in the gym

December 9: Breakfast with Santa (9am-noon)

December 13: FDK & Primary Christmas Concert [FDK & Primary Christmas Concert](#)

-Grade 8 Highschool Registration Due [Highschool Registration Info](#)

December 18-22: Christmas Holiday Theme week (info to follow)

December 18: FDK Craft Extravaganza

December 22: Red, White & Green Civvies Day

Have a wonderful week,

C. Zorzi
Principal

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Vice Principal