

## **Greetings Holy Name Community,**

Welcome Back! We hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable March Break with family and friends. March continues with a focus on the virtue Perseverance. The focus for this virtue is:

- ❖ I will stick to the goals I have set for myself.
- ❖ I will believe in myself and have faith in what I can accomplish.
- ❖ I will prepare for Easter by acts of goodness and worship.

**ShareLife Day:** On Tuesday March 19, Holy Name will have a Loonie/Toonie Civvies Day in support of ShareLife. Students are also invited to wear green/white or green/white accessories on this day. Please see the attached link for further information. [ShareLife Letter](#)

**Stations of the Cross:** The Stations of the Cross will be celebrated on Thursday March 28, 2024. As a school wide initiative, each class will be creating an art piece to commemorate one of the stations. These will be presented in the gym and each class will have an opportunity to walk the stations and reflect on the importance of the Lenten and Easter season. Parents/Guardians are invited to join their child's class as they walk through the stations. A schedule of approximate times for each class will follow. We look forward to honouring this important time as we come together as a school community.

**Confessions at Holy Name:** We welcome Father John to the school on Thursday March 21 and Friday March 22, 2024. Confessions will take place with students in Grade 3, 4, 5, 6, & 8 with Father John and parish priests.

**A Lenten Celebration - Board Wide Mass:** The annual YCDSB board-wide Lenten Celebration of the Eucharist with Bishop Boissonneau will take place on **March 21st at 1:15 pm**. ALL members of the YCDSB community are invited to attend the Mass by clicking on the following link. [YCDSB Lenten Mass](#)

**Intermediate Girls' and Boys' Basketball Tournament:** Good luck to our Intermediate Girls and Boys who will be competing at upcoming basketball tournaments this week. The Intermediate Boys team will be competing at Father Frederick McGinn CES on Tuesday March 19 and Holy Name CES will be hosting the Girls Intermediate Team on Wednesday March 20th. *Go Huskies!!*

**Donations of Lego needed:** We are currently seeking donations of Mega Blocks, Duplo and Classic Lego. CSC will organize the donations into bins to supply to the classrooms for indoor recess play. All donations can be dropped off at the main office from March 18-March 28, 2024.

**World Down Syndrome Day:** In 2012, the United Nations decided to select March 21<sup>st</sup>, the 3<sup>rd</sup> month of the year, as World Down Syndrome Day, to signify the uniqueness of the triplication of the 21st chromosome which causes Down Syndrome. This day was also declared Ontario Down Syndrome Day by the Legislative Assembly of Ontario in 2016. It is a day to celebrate differences and the abilities of people with Down Syndrome. On Thursday March 21, all students and staff are encouraged to *ROCK YOUR SOCKS* by wearing mismatched socks as a world-wide theme for celebrating differences.

**Hot Lunch Phase 3:** Phase 3 of the Hot Lunch program will run from April 2 to June 27. Ordering is now available on the School Day Cashless System. All orders are due on Monday March 25, 2024. Please contact the office if you need assistance with ordering through the School Day Cashless System or require a hard copy of the order forms. If you have any questions about the Hot Lunch Program please contact Sandra Volpe at [sandra.volpimorelli@ycdsb.ca](mailto:sandra.volpimorelli@ycdsb.ca)

**Grade Eight Graduation Photos Orders:** The Grade 8 Graduation orders are due Friday March 22, 2024. Please see the information on the proof on how to order online. Photo retakes will take place on Tuesday April 9, 2024.

**Free Parent EQAO Webinar - Spring 2024:** Register for a free live webinar and learn about the EQAO Grade 3 and Grade 6 assessments for Reading, Writing, and Mathematics. EQAO staff will address the purpose of these assessments, the assessment format, and resources to support students (followed by a Q&A). Registration for one of the dates listed below can be found at the following link: <https://bit.ly/eqao-elem-spring24>  
Webinar dates:

- March 19, 2024, from 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
- April 3, 2024, from 12:00 pm to 12:45 pm
- April 10, 2024, from 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm

**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. We ask that parents/guardians to not park/leave their vehicles unattended to assist with a steady flow of traffic.

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

**Upcoming Dates:**

March 18-22: ShareLife Week

March 19: ShareLife Loonie/Toonie Civvies Day

-Intermediate Boys Basketball Tournament

March 20: Intermediate Girls Basketball Tournament

March 21: World Down Syndrome Day (wear mismatched socks)

-Confessions (Grades 3, 4, 5, 6, & 8)

-Board Wide Lenten Mass 1:15 pm (see link above)

March 22: Civvies Day

-Grad Photo Orders Due

-Confessions (Grades 3, 4, 5, 6, & 8)

March 24: Palm Sunday

March 25: Hot Lunch Orders Due

March 28: Holy Thursday Stations of the Cross

March 29: Good Friday (no school)

March 31: Easter Sunday

April 1: Easter Monday (no school)

*Have a good week,*

*C. Zorzi*  
*Principal*

*F. Rossy*  
*Vice Principal*