Greetings Holy Name Community,

This coming week brings us to the month of May. The month of May is Asian Heritage Month and is celebrated every year by York Catholic schools. This celebration allows us to recognize and honour the diverse cultures and contributions of the Asian community and their positive impact on Canada.

The upcoming weeks of the school year are filled with great learning opportunities and many activities and celebrations are being planned and organized. Please continue to access our school website (www.hne.ycdsb.ca) for up to date information, calendar events and school news. In addition, you may wish to follow our school instagram account, (holynameces) for reminders of weekly events taking place at Holy Name and our school X (formerly known as Twitter) account, (@wholynameCES).

CSC Fundraiser update: The CSC Terra Cotta and Casa Nostra Pizza Fundraiser was a great success. Thank you to the school community for your support and thank you to CSC for organizing this fundraiser for our school and students. In total we have sold over 550 pizzas and over 100 boxes of cookies. A final total of the amount raised will be shared in the coming weeks.

A reminder that pick up for both pizza and cookie dough will be on <u>Monday, May 6th from</u> 3:30pm - 5:30pm at the main entrance of the school. Please ensure your order is picked up as soon as possible to ensure the products stay frozen and return to freezer storage in a timely manner. This is important and will ensure a safe and quality product. (IMPORTANT: If you cannot make that time please send a delegate as there is no storage space at school for frozen items).

Karl Subban Presentation: Last week Karl Subban made a great connection with our students sharing inspiring words on maximizing potential and sharing his new book "The Hockey Skates." Karl has graciously offered to come back to sign any books that families may have purchased. If you have a copy of "The Hockey Skates" book that you would like signed by Karl please let your child's teacher know by <u>Friday, May 3rd.</u>

STEM Minds Workshops: We are delighted to announce an exciting collaboration with STEM Minds as part of our upcoming Catholic Education Week initiatives! From May 6th to May 16th, all students and classes will have the opportunity to participate in an interactive, hands-on coding workshop. **Payment and consent are due by Friday May 3** and can be done through the School Day Online Cashless System. Please see the attached letter for more information. **STEM Minds Workshops**

Lego Donations: Thank you for the overwhelming response to our Lego Donation Drive. Thank you to CSC and Mrs. Donadio for cleaning and preparing the donations into bins which will be distributed to our classrooms this coming week.

2023/2024 Yearbook Cover Contest: Calling all Artists in grade 4-8! The 2023/2024 Yearbook Cover contest will run from May 1st to May 31st for all students in grades 4-8. All hand drawn submissions must be on an 8.5x11 page with portrait orientation and include the school name and year. Staff will narrow the submissions down to the top 10 and all students will have an opportunity to vote for the winning cover design.

Milk Bag Collection: The Luke 4:18 is continuing to collect donations of clean, empty outer milk bags. These can be *placed in the designated boxes in the front foyer of the school* until Thursday, May 23. The Luke 4:18 along with volunteers from Milk Bags Unlimited will be hosting our 7th milk bag weaving day on Friday May 24th. Each class will have the opportunity to come to the gym and have hands-on experience in making these incredible mats! Please see the attached letter for further details. Milk Bag Collection Letter

Indoor/Outdoor Shoes: All students should have indoor and outdoor shoes to continue to ensure the safety of our students and staff and to maintain clean indoor spaces within our school.

2023-24 School Year: Planning for the 2024/2025 school year has begun. If you are planning on registering your child or know of anyone that would like to register at our school, please visit the YCDSB website. In addition, if you are *not* returning to Holy Name for the next school year due to transferring schools, enrolling in the French Immersion program or moving, please let the school know once confirmed and as soon as possible. This information is crucial for the successful and accurate planning for the 2024-25 school year. Your support and attention to this matter are greatly appreciated. Please call the school if you have any questions.

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

Upcoming Dates:

May 1: CSC meeting at 7:00 pm in the library

May 2: Welcome to Kindergarten for new registered families

May 3: YCDSB STREAM Center Trip (Mrs. Savoia's Grade 1 Class)

-Junior Boys Basketball Tournament

May 6 - May 10: Catholic Education week

May 6: Junior Girls Basketball Tournament

-Fundraiser Cookie Dough and Pizza Pick Up

May 10: Catholic Education Week Mass with Father John at 9:30 am

Have a good week,

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