



## Holy Name Catholic School

### Weekly Update

**October 21- 25, 2024**

#### **Holy Name Families,**

As the leaves begin to change and we welcome the crisp, refreshing air of autumn, we are reminded of the beauty that each new season brings. Fall is a time for reflection, gratitude, and growth. Let us embrace this season of change together, and engage in the opportunities it offers for connection and celebration within our school community.

**Cross Country Board Finals:** Congratulations to our Grade 4-8 top students who competed at the Cross Country Board Finals on Friday, October 18th at Bruce's Mill. Our students displayed perseverance and determination and represented our school with great Husky motivation. Thank you to our Cross Country coaches for preparing our students over the last few weeks and to our students for their ongoing commitment to the team. **Way to Go Huskies!**

**Healthy Snack Initiative:** We are excited and looking forward to the **BIG CRUNCH**.



On **Wednesday, October 23**, all staff and students at Holy Name will be participating in the *BIG CRUNCH* by biting into an apple as a whole school in support of Healthy Snacks in Schools. Each student will receive an apple to bite into as part of the initiative. Thank you to our Healthy Schools Committee for organizing this initiative for our students and reminding us of the importance of eating healthy. If you do not want your child to participate please advise their classroom teacher.

**Invitational Volleyball Tournament:** Our Intermediate Boys & Girls Volleyball teams were invited to participate in an invitational Tournament at St. Joan of Arc CHS. The tournament will take place on **Thursday, October 24th**. Coaches will be sharing details about the tournament with team members. Thank you to our coaches for preparing our students and to our students for their ongoing commitment to the team. **Go Huskies!**

**Bus Loop:** A reminder to all parents to please use the kiss and ride when dropping and picking up students. We ask that you **do not enter** the bus loop during morning entry (8:45 am - 9:00 am) and afternoon dismissal (3:15 pm - 3:45 pm) procedures to ensure student safety.

**P.A. Day:** A reminder to all families that **Monday, October 21st** is a P.A. Day and there is no school for students on this day. School staff will participate in School Improvement Planning and goal setting for student success for this school year. Staff will also complete a number of online safety training modules. These modules continue to support and monitor the health and safety of all our students and staff.

**Civvies Day:** As we approach the end of the month, HNE students are invited to participate in our monthly civvies day this **Friday, October 25th**. Students are invited to come to school in their favourite casual attire. A reminder that students are to wear appropriate attire for school.

**International Walk to School Month: (IWALK)** is an annual event that takes place in October to raise awareness about the benefits of walking and other types of active transportation to get to and from school. It is a great opportunity for students, families, and the school community to be part of a global event to celebrate the benefits of active transportation. Students are encouraged to WALK to and from school **or** to and from bus stops for the month of October.

**Halloween Dance-A-Thon Fundraiser:** The Halloween Dance-A-Thon Fundraiser will take place on **Wednesday, October 31, 2024**. 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**. We have begun receiving fantastic donation prizes. Donations are still being accepted and greatly appreciated. If you wish to donate prizes, you may drop them off at the office or contact Sandra Volpe at [sandra.volpimorelli@ycdsb.ca](mailto:sandra.volpimorelli@ycdsb.ca) 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 Halloween colours 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.

**Hot Lunch Volunteers:** Our Hot Lunch program is up and running. Thank you to our volunteers who have given their time to organize and distribute orders on a weekly basis. Volunteers are always welcome to help in any capacity. If you are available and would like to volunteer, please contact [sandra.volpimorelli@ycdsb.ca](mailto:sandra.volpimorelli@ycdsb.ca)

**Confirmation Registration:** Last call for any grade 7/8 students who have not yet registered to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at Sacred Heart Church. For more information or to register please contact the Parish Office on or before **November 5th**.

**Sacred Heart of Jesus:** All schools in YCDSB received a framed picture of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It is widely believed that the Sacred Heart of Jesus image is the most powerful symbol of the love of Jesus for us all. This picture frame will be displayed in the front foyer of our school where it is visible to all and acts as a reminder to love as Jesus loved and to always treat one another with compassion and kindness.

**Restless Outreach:** Sacred Heart Parish's Youth Group is hosting an event on **Saturday, October 26th** to help clothe and feed refugee and community housing tenants. Please see the attached flyer for more information. [Restless Outreach Flyer](#)

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



October 30 - FDK Halloween Howl  
October 31- Halloween Dance-a thon  
November 5- Picture Retake Day  
November 6- Grade 8 visit to Cardinal Carter CHS  
                  - Cardinal Carter Parent Open House 6:30 p.m.  
                  - Int. Boys Volleyball Tournament @Notre Dame CES (TBC)  
November 7- Int. Girls Volleyball Tournament @ Holy Name CES  
November 8- Mass with Fr. John 9:30 a.m.

Wishing you a wonderful week ahead!

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