



## Holy Name Catholic School

### Weekly Update

**November 11-14, 2024**

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

This week is another busy week at Holy Name. Students continue to be engaged in a variety of learning activities, setting goals and working toward achieving them. Daily kindness reminders continue to be shared with students and it is our hope that our school community will continue to be a place where all students feel safe and welcome. A gentle reminder that the weather is cooling down and students are encouraged to come to school dressed for the outdoors with jackets, hats, etc. in order to be able to enjoy recesses throughout the day.

**Remembrance Day Liturgy:** On Remembrance Day we will gather as a school community at 10:40 a.m. in the gymnasium to honour the veterans who fought for peace and those who continue to fight for peace and justice. Mr. Cristan's grade 7 class has prepared a liturgy and invited a guest speaker and community member, Commanding Officer of Four Division Headquarters LCol Michael Notaro to join our liturgy and share his stories with us. Father John will also be joining us and parents are welcome to attend. Poppies will be given to all students and all donations made will be given to The Royal Canadian Legion.



**Optional Lunchtime Build & Design with Lego Program:** Build & Design with LEGO® Bricks will begin this Tuesday, November 12th, and run every Tuesday for the next 5 weeks. Students who have registered will meet in the library during the lunch hour.

**HNE Spirit Wear:** Spirit Wear orders have arrived and were distributed to students on Friday. If your child was absent, please have them ask their teacher to collect their order.

**Progress Reports & Parent-Teacher Interviews:** Progress Reports will be available on the Parent Portal on **Tuesday, November 12**. They can be accessed by visiting our school's website, [www.hne.ycdsb.ca](http://www.hne.ycdsb.ca) and clicking on the 'Parents' link at the top of the page. For detailed instructions on registering, using the portal and seeking support please visit, <https://sites.google.com/ycdsb.ca/ycdsbparentportal>.

Teachers are looking forward to meeting with parents to discuss student progress which will take place on the evening of **November 14th** and morning of **November 15th**. Confirmation of your child(ren)'s interview date and time was sent home last week. If you have not received your interview times, please contact your child's teacher.

**Halloween Dance-A-Thon Fundraiser Update:** The Dance-a-thon Fundraiser was a great success. Last minute donations are still being received and therefore we do not yet have a fundraising total to share. Once we have that information we will share it the parent community. We are grateful for our Catholic School Council and all the volunteers who helped make this event both enjoyable and successful. We would also like to express our heartfelt gratitude to our families and local businesses for their generous donations of prizes that helped make this fundraiser possible. Thank You!! Students have started placing their ballot tickets in the prize bins, and this will continue on Monday and Tuesday, with the final draw set for **Wednesday, November 13th**.

**World Kindness Day:** World Kindness Day is on **Wednesday, November 13th**, and we will be celebrating by recognizing and promoting random acts of kindness throughout the school. Students will receive special kindness stickers as an acknowledgement of a kind act. Please be sure to celebrate their act of kindness at home as well. Classes will continue to engage in discussions that highlight the importance of kind words, compassionate behaviours, and what kindness truly looks and feels like.



**Holiday Heroes Campaign:** Our school community will once again be partnering with the York Region Police and participate in the Holiday Heroes Campaign. This program supports thousands of individuals and families in need in York Region. The 2024 Holiday Heroes campaign will run from **November 12 to December 13**. We will be collecting **new unwrapped toys and new children's clothing**. We thank our Luke 4:18 committee for organizing this initiative and are excited to be Holy Name Holiday Heroes, and help make Christmas special for all children in our community. [Holiday Heroes Flyer](#)



**Hot Lunch Notice:** Please note that **Monday, December 2nd** is **NOT** a hot lunch order day, it was not included on the order forms and therefore there will not be any lunch delivery from Nonna's Oven. Students are to bring their lunch that day. Nonna's Oven hot lunch will resume on Monday, December 9th.

**Early Dismissal Reminder:** A gentle reminder that if students are being picked up before the end of the school day, a parent must come into the office and sign out their child in the attendance binder.

**Morning Drop Off:** A reminder that student drop off should occur in the kiss and ride loop at the side of our building. Please refrain from using the bus loop for drop-offs in the morning, as buses are arriving between 8:45 and 9:00 am. We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring the safety of all students.

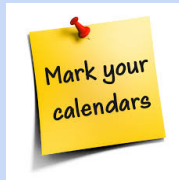
**Hearing Clinic:** The School Screening Association will be visiting our school to conduct its annual Hearing Screening Clinic on **Thursday, November 28th**. Hearing Clinic Parent Letter and Consent forms were sent home last week. If you would like to have your child's hearing tested, please complete the form and submit payment by **November 28th**. Please see attached for more details.

[Consent Form](#)   [Parent Letter](#)

**Protecting Youth Information Sessions:** The York Catholic District School Board together with the York Regional Police are offering information sessions on protecting youth from human trafficking and online child exploitation. The importance of understanding and being aware of internet safety is growing with the increase of students using the internet and engaging in conversations with others via various social media platforms. Mr. Zorzi recently attended a session led by the YRP and YCDSB and described the presentation as very informative. If interested, see the attached [flyer](#).

**Coming Soon:** We are absolutely *thrilled* to announce that, after more than 10 years, our school will be presenting a Musical Production during Catholic Education Week! The excitement is building as we prepare for *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, and our grades 4-8 students can't wait for the upcoming auditions. It's going to be an unforgettable event—stay tuned for more details!

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



November 15- **P. A. Day** No School for students  
November 18-22- Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week  
November 20- Catholic School Council Meeting 7pm  
November 22- Healthy Snack Initiative: tangerines  
November 28- Grade 7 (Fedrigoni's class) visit STREAM Center  
-Hearing Clinic  
November 29- Civvies Day

Wishing you a wonderful week ahead!

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