



## Holy Name Catholic School

### Weekly Update

**November 18 - 22, 2024**

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

As we move further into November, we are reminded of the importance of kindness and community. This week marks Bullying Awareness & Prevention Week at Holy Name, where students will engage in activities and discussions aimed at promoting kindness and respect for one another both in and out of the classroom. Students are reminded to show kindness at all times and to use conflict resolution strategies when they find themselves in a difficult situation. As cooler temperatures are settling in, please ensure your child is dressed warmly and appropriately for the weather, including jackets, hats, and both indoor and outdoor shoes.

**Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week: November 18 - 22, 2024** is dedicated to Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week. Our goal is to highlight the importance of kindness, inclusion, and respect while providing students with tangible strategies to prevent and address bullying.



The week will feature a variety of activities designed to engage our

students and encourage positive behaviour. **Key Initiatives Include:**

1. **Themed Days:** Each day of the week will focus on a different theme, reinforcing strategies and reminders about how we can all contribute to ending bullying. See attached [Bullying Awareness Flyer](#) for our daily theme schedule.
2. **Student-led Presentation:** Our Grade 8 student leaders will present the book *One* by Kathryn Otoshi to our Kindergarten and Primary classes and reinforce important lessons about standing up to bullying.
3. **"Kindness Coat" Activity:** Students will work together with "buddy" classes to create a **Kindness Coat** incorporating words, phrases, or symbols that promote kindness, peace, and an end to bullying.
4. **Technology and Kindness Project:** Students will be utilizing a 3D printer (on loan from the School Board) as part of a coding and technology project and will have the opportunity to build and print 3D projects that reflect our commitment to kindness and peace.

5. **Classroom Presentations:** Mr. Zorzi and Mrs. Liegghio will visit classrooms and speak about the Power of Words as well as the recent YCDSB "Say No to Slurs" Campaign.

**Halloween Fundraiser Update:** Our fundraiser was a huge success, and as a school community we raised **\$24,695**. Our school was filled with anticipation and excitement as the winners from the draw prizes were announced last week. **Ms. Tarantino** (Gr. 1/2), **Ms. McKinnon** (FDK,) and **Ms. D'Alimonte's** (FDK) classes were top 3 in the collection of donated funds. These classes will celebrate with a pizza party on **Monday, December 2nd**. Due to the overwhelming response and efforts from our HNE students in working toward exceeding our school goal, all students will receive an extra civvies day this **Friday, November 22nd**, as well as an extra recess (date to be determined). Thank you again to our CSC, school community, and local businesses for all the donations of time and prizes that helped make this year's fundraiser a great success.

**Healthy Snack Initiative:** As part of our School's Healthy Snack Initiative this **Friday, November 22nd** our Healthy Snack Committee will be distributing tangerines to our students. Research shows that nutritious foods can have a positive impact on mood, concentration, and overall mental health. We encourage students to make healthy snack choices both at school and at home to support their emotional and physical well-being.



We look forward to enjoying a refreshing fruit snack that will help fuel our minds and bodies for success!

**Hearing Clinic:** The School Screening Association will be visiting our school to conduct its annual Hearing Screening Clinic on **Thursday, November 28th**. If you would like to have your child's hearing tested, please complete the form and submit payment by **November 28th**. Hard copies of the consent forms are available in the office. Please see attached for more details. [Consent Form](#) [Parent Letter](#)

**Holiday Heroes Campaign:** Collections for the Holiday Heroes Campaign have begun. Donations of **new unwrapped toys and new children's clothing** can be sent in with students and placed in the donation bin in our front foyer for the next few weeks. 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](#)

**High School Registration:** High School Registration for Grade 8 students has begun. Cardinal Carter's Open House took place on November 6th and online registration is now open. Please visit the following link for timelines and further information. Registrations are due by **December 4th**. [Carter Registration Information](#)

**Save the Date - FDK & Primary Christmas Concert:** The FDK and primary students have started preparing for this year's Christmas Concert, which will be held on the morning of **Tuesday, December 17th**, in the school gymnasium. Please refer to the attached [flyer](#) for more information. Classroom teachers will share specific details with the parents of the students participating as they become available.

**Breakfast with Santa & Vendors Market:** Our Holy Name Vendor Market @ **Breakfast with Santa** is less than a month away. Be sure to mark your calendars: **Saturday, December 7th from 9:00 am- 12:00 pm**. Get your lists ready and check out the vendors that will be in attendance. See attached [flyer](#) for details.

This year's vendors are:

- ★ Beads By Besties - handmade inspirational bracelets
- ★ VV Soaps - artisan soaps
- ★ @camillascutecreations - perler bead creations, ornaments & gift tags
- ★ @\_isabella\_creates - knitted wreaths, blankets & stuffies
- ★ @dcgiftco - handmade candles
- ★ @kristas\_kakes - butter tarts, freeze dried candy & pretzel rods
- ★ @craftyrobinpage - customized on the spot ornaments
- ★ @thegoldenplume - 18k gold-plated, waterproof jewelry
- ★ @younesbodybalm - natural vegan body balm
- ★ Eija - handmade ornaments & home decor with a Scandinavian influence
- ★ @katariinacrafts - customized small purses, belt bags & pouches with chenille patches on the spot
- ★ @humblehooks.crochet - cardigans, gnomes, characters



**PLEASE NOTE: Not all vendors will have access to debit or credit payment options, some vendors are CASH only.**

**Catholic School Council Meeting:** A reminder that there is a CSC meeting this Wednesday, November 20th at 7:00 p.m. in the library. All are welcome to attend.

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



November 12- December 13- Holiday Heroes Campaign continues  
November 22- Civvies Day (prize from Fundraiser)  
November 28- Grade 5 (Corallo's class) visit to the STREAM Center  
- Hearing Clinic  
November 29- Civvies Day  
December 2- **NO** Hot Lunch delivery  
- Pizza Party Lunch for Fundraiser winning classes  
December 1- First Sunday of Advent  
December 4- Cardinal Carter grade 9 registrations are due  
December 7- Breakfast with Santa & Vendor's Market

Wishing you a wonderful week ahead!

*C. Zorzi*  
*Principal*

*M. Liegghio*  
*Vice Principal*