



Holy Name Catholic School

Weekly Update

November 4 - 8, 2024

Holy Name Families,

November is upon us and it is a month that is filled with many activities and special events. It is a time to remember the veterans who fought for peace and those who continue to serve in the armed forces. As Remembrance Day approaches we are reminded of the importance of peace and the value of freedom and we continue to instill these important values in our students. As we move into a new month, just a gentle reminder that the weather is continuing to get cooler and students are encouraged to come to school with appropriate clothing for outdoor recesses.

Daylight Savings Time: Did you remember to turn back your clocks this weekend? We hope everyone enjoyed that extra hour of sleep and are ready for the week ahead.

Literacy Pumpkin Challenge: This fall, our classes came together for an exciting spirit challenge that combined creativity and a love for reading! Each class was tasked with decorating a pumpkin inspired by their favourite book, showcasing their artistic flair and literary enthusiasm. Please visit our school website for pictures! <https://hne.ycdsb.ca/>



Halloween Dance-A-Thon Fundraiser & FDK Howl: Thank you to the CSC and the many volunteers for organizing a fun and successful Dance-a-thon Fundraiser and Halloween Howl. We would also like to extend a big thank you to the Santaramo family for donating their professional DJ services and providing great music for students to dance to. Students were very excited to be able to participate in Halloween activities. It was truly a great week filled with fun and excitement. If you have **not returned** the pledge envelopes, please ensure they are returned to the office as soon as possible as we want to ensure all pledges are collected for the upcoming draw of prizes. Ballots will be distributed this week for students to select possible prizes and winners will be announced soon after. The draw will take place the week of November 11th. If your child is away for an extended period, please reach out to their teacher to discuss arrangements.

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.

Picture Retake Day: Students who were absent on Picture Day or would like a retake can have their photo taken on the morning of **Tuesday, November 5th**. If a re-take photo is requested please write a note for your child's teacher. Don't forget to bring your smile!

Progress Reports & Parent-Teacher Interview Scheduling: A reminder to return completed Parent/Teacher Interview Request Forms by **Monday, November 4th**. Students will visit teachers to request interview times based on completed forms on **Tuesday, November 5th**. Teachers will schedule interviews for students without forms once all requested interviews (from returned forms) have been scheduled. Your child's teacher will confirm interview dates and times after organization day on November 5th.

Progress Report Cards 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 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>.

Optional Lunchtime Build & Design with Lego Program: Build & Design with LEGO® Bricks is back once again at Holy Name. It is a 5-week program that will run during the lunch hour for interested students in grades 1 - 6. Students learn building techniques through instruction and group building of various projects. Registration deadline is **Monday, November 4th**. Registration is online and can be accessed using this [link](#). The program will run on Tuesdays starting November 12th.

Grade 8 Cardinal Carter Visit: Grade 8 students will visit our feeder high school this Wednesday from 9 am - 12 pm and connect with friendly staff and current students, explore the school, and get a taste of what life at Cardinal Carter CHS is all about. Some of the highlights include engaging presentations about enrichment opportunities, councils, clubs, and athletics; information on the IB Programme and the Grade 9 Muskoka Woods Trip; a guided tour of the school building; and an open forum where students can ask questions.


Intermediate Volleyball Tournaments: Good luck to our Intermediate Girls and Boys who will be competing at upcoming volleyball tournaments this week. Thank you to our coaches, Mr. D'Amata, Ms. DeThomasis, and Ms. Trabona, for preparing our teams to participate in these tournaments and for organizing our girls' tournament, which is being held here at Holy Name. **Go Huskies!!**

Mass: We are looking forward to celebrating our monthly mass together with Fr. John on **Friday, November 8th at 9:20 a.m.** Parents are welcome to attend.

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](#)

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

	<p>November 11- Remembrance Day - Remembrance Day Liturgy @ 10:40 am</p> <p>November 12- Progress Reports available on YCDSB Parent Portal</p> <p>November 12 -December 13- Holiday Heroes Campaign (more info to come)</p> <p>November 12- Optional Lego Lunch Program begins</p> <p>November 13- World Kindness Day</p> <p>November 14- Parent-Teacher Interviews (4pm-8pm)</p> <p>November 15-P.A. Day No School for Students - Parent- Teacher Interviews (9am-10:30am)</p> <p>November 18-22- BullyingPrevention & Intervention Week</p> <p>November 20- Catholic School Council Meeting 7pm</p> <p>November 21- Volleyball Area Finals</p> <p>November 22- Healthy Snack Initiative: tangerines</p>
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Wishing you a wonderful week ahead!

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