



Holy Name Catholic School

Weekly Update

December 2-6, 2024

Holy Name Families,

Welcome to the month of December and the liturgical season of Advent. Advent is the season of waiting and looking forward to something special. This weekend we lit the first candle, the hope candle to symbolize the hope that shines in our lives and guides us through this season of joyful expectation. Thank you to CSC and the many volunteers for adding the magic of Christmas to the school's front foyer and beautifully capturing the hope, joy, love, and peace of the Advent season.



God of Hope;

We praise you during this season of Advent and always.

Draw us into your light as we journey.

May we be filled with trust.

May our anticipation of the joyful coming of your Son ever increase.

May our hope grow with each passing moment.

We ask this through your Son, who was born in a stable in Bethlehem.

Amen

Principal for the Day: Our Principal for the Day, Daniel in Grade 2, has declared Monday, December 2nd a *Pajama/Comfy Clothes Day*. Students are welcome to wear their favourite set of PJs or comfy clothes. We're looking forward to a fun-filled day with Daniel as 'Principal for the Day'.

Breakfast With Santa & Vendor's Market: This year's Breakfast With Santa & Vendor's Market is just around the corner and will take place on **Saturday, December 7, 2024**, from 9:00 am -12:00 pm. Thank you to CSC and the many volunteers who are planning and organizing this wonderful event for our school community. We ask that all families attending bring canned food donations to support the King Township Food Bank and local families in need this Christmas. **Please take a moment to complete the Google Form RSVP before December 4th to help us with our planning. [RSVP: FORM](#)**



Lunch Art Program: The 'Messy-Hands' art program is back at Holy Name and will run from **December 4th to March 6th**. This is an optional paid lunch program for Primary and Junior students that takes place during lunch recess on assigned days of the week. Registration is open and limited. Please see the attached flyers for more information and registration links. [Primary Art Program](#) [Junior Art Program](#)

Holiday Heroes Campaign: This week is the final week for collections for the Holiday Heroes Campaign. 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 until **Wednesday, December 4th**. Donations will be picked up by the YRP on Wednesday. We thank our Luke 4:18 committee for organizing this initiative and as well as the HNE community for your outpouring generosity, our bins are overflowing. We at Holy Name are definitely Holiday Heroes. Thank you for helping make Christmas special for all children in our community.



[Holiday Heroes Donation](#) (photo)

High School Registration: Online high school registration for Grade 8 students closes on **Wednesday, December 4th**. Please visit the following link for timelines and further information. [Carter Registration Information](#)

Winter Weather Reminders: As the temperatures continue to cool down and Mother Nature begins to bless us with snow and flurries, please ensure your child(ren) is prepared for the weather with **coats, hats, gloves, and boots**. Extra socks, mitts/gloves, and clothes are also recommended as these items can become quite wet during recess play. Students are reminded to dress appropriately for the outdoors as it is quite cold. Also please ensure that your child(ren) has **indoor shoes and outdoor boots** so that we may keep our classrooms and school safe and clean for staff and students.

Sign in/Sign out Binder: A friendly reminder that if your child is late or leaving early a parent must enter the school building to sign their child in or out. This will greatly assist the office staff in ensuring that student attendance is captured accurately.

Dental Screening: The Dental Screening Program will take place on **January 7, 2025**. All students in JK, SK, Grade 2, and Grade 7 will be screened along with any other student who has requested the screening. If you **DO NOT** want your child to participate in screening you must notify the Child and Youth Dental Program before the dental screening date. Please see the attached [link](#) for more information.

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

 <p>Mark your calendars</p>	<p>December 6- FDK Christmas Craft Extravaganza (McKinnon a.m., Fischetti p.m., D'Alimonte p.m.)</p> <p>December 11 - Grade 7's visit STREAM Centre (Mr. Cristan's class)</p> <p>December 12 - FDK trip to Willogrove Farms</p> <p>December 13- Advent Mass @ 9:20 am</p> <p>December 17- FDK/Primary Christmas Concert (a.m.) 🎅</p> <p>December 16-20- Christmas Spirit Week</p> <p>December 20 - Last day before Christmas Break 🎄📺</p>
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Wishing you a wonderful week ahead!

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Principal

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Vice Principal