



## Holy Name Catholic School

### Weekly Update

**December 9-13, 2024**

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

As we move through the Advent season, we enter the second week with hearts filled with anticipation and hope. This week, the candle of peace shines brightly, encouraging us to pause, reflect, and prepare not only for the celebration of Christ's birth but also for His daily presence in our lives. As a school community, let us continue to support each other in fostering an environment of calm, kindness, and joy, always remembering that Christ, the Prince of Peace, is with us.

**FDK and Primary Christmas Concert:** Our FDK and Primary students have been busily preparing for their Christmas concert. The concert will be held next week on **Tuesday, December 17th**. The Kindergarten performance will take place at 9:30 am and the grade 1-3 performance will begin at 10:30 am. We are looking forward to a great concert and celebrating the holiday season together. [Christmas Concert Link](#)

**Christmas Spirit Week:** We're excited to announce our upcoming Christmas Spirit Week, taking place from **December 16-20!** Students are invited to get into the Christmas spirit and dress according to the fun daily themes. Details about the theme days will be shared soon. We look forward to celebrating and preparing for the holidays with the students!



**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.

**Breakfast with Santa & Market:** The Breakfast with Santa & Market was a great success. It was a wonderful morning of Christmas crafts, letters to Santa, pancakes, photos with Santa, as well as this year's addition of our Vendor's Market. A special thank you to Coppas, Tim Hortons, Air Riderz, The Bubble, and King Fire Department for the tremendous support of this event. Thank you to the many families that attended and supported the Food Drive in support of King Township Food Bank. A **heartfelt thank you** to CSC and the many volunteers for the many hours of preparation in organizing this great event and bringing our school community together during the Holiday season.

**FDK Christmas Craft Extravaganza:** This past Friday, our Kindergarten students took part in a Christmas Craft Extravaganza. They spent part of the day visiting different craft stations, organized by our wonderful parent volunteers, where they created a variety of festive crafts. The excitement in the rooms was contagious, and the holiday cheer spread quickly. A **big thank you** to all the parent volunteers for dedicating your time to make this event so special!

**Hot Lunch Orders: Phase 2** of our Hot Lunch program will begin in January and run until March 27th, 2025. **Ordering is now open** and orders can be placed via School Day until **Friday, December 27th** and extensions to the deadline will not be made. Please note that we will not be sending home hard copies of the ordering forms. If you need a hard copy, please reach out to the school office. Our Hot Lunch Schedule is as follows:

**Monday:** Nonna's Oven

**Tuesday:** Galina's Portuguese Chicken

**Wednesday:** Pizza Nova

**Thursday:** Subway

Phase 2: **'Pop Up Lunches'** from *"Just Taste It"* who will be offering Shawarma lunch options will be available **3 Fridays during Phase 2.**

A big **'thank you'** to our Catholic School Council for their hard work in leading and organizing this program for our school, we couldn't do it without all of our parent volunteers. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to assist with our Hot Lunch program please contact Sandra Volpe at [sandra.volpimorelli@ycdsb.ca](mailto:sandra.volpimorelli@ycdsb.ca)


**Winter Weather Reminders:** As the temperatures continue to cool down and the snow covers the ground, please ensure your child is prepared for the outdoor weather with coats, hats, gloves, and boots. Please ensure that your child(ren) has indoor shoes so that we can do our best to keep our classrooms and school safe and clean for all staff and students.

**Parking Lot Reminders:** As winter weather sets in and the snow continues to fall, we'd like to remind parents of the importance of ensuring the safety of our students during drop-off and pick-up. A reminder that the Bus Loop is used for students arriving and leaving via school bus only. Please drop off and pick up your child from the Kiss and Ride but **do not park or leave vehicles unattended** while doing so. Your cooperation is much appreciated and will help keep everyone safe and ensure a smooth flow of traffic. Thank you!

**Parent Engagement Invitation:** Parents are invited to attend a presentation that focuses on social media and online safety with guest speaker Paul Davis on **December 10th at 6:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel CES (801 Murrell Blvd East Gwillimbury, Ontario)**. See the attached flyer for more information about topics that will be discussed. If you are able to attend please click on the link to RSVP. [RSVP link](#)    [Paul Davis Presentation](#)

**Advent Mass:** We are looking forward to celebrating our monthly mass together with Fr. John on Friday, December 13th at 9:20 a.m. Parents are welcome to attend.

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

	<p>December 17- FDK/Primary Christmas Concert (a.m.) 🎅 December 16-20- Christmas Spirit Week December 20 - Christmas Sing-a long - Last day before Christmas Break 🎄🎁 January 1- <b>HAPPY NEW YEAR!</b> January 6- Return to School January 7- Dental Screening January 9 - Grade 5 visit to STREAM Centre (D'Amata)</p>
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Wishing you a wonderful week ahead!

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