



## Holy Name Catholic School

### Weekly Update

**February 24-28, 2025**

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

February was a month filled with many exciting events here at Holy Name. Mother Nature gave us a healthy amount of snow so that our students could build and create at recess, we participated in winter sports and activities, students became artists and showcased their work and we are ending the month celebrating French culture with Carnaval Week. We hope that your children shared their stories and their learning with you and are looking forward to the week ahead.

**Carnaval à Holy Name:** Carnaval is in the air! This week students will be involved in a variety of activities while learning about the traditions surrounding the Quebec Winter Carnival. School Spirit points for participation in the Spirit Days will be awarded to classes!! Please refer to the attached [Carnaval flyer](#) which outlines theme days and special events that are taking place daily. Please note that due to our gymnasium being used as a polling station on Thursday, our scheduled Rocks & Rings program for that day has been rescheduled to another date.



**Graduation Photos:** Grade 8 students will have the opportunity to have their graduation photos taken on **Tuesday, February 25th**. Graduation gowns and accessories will be provided for the photos, students are encouraged to bring a white collared shirt to wear when taking their photo. See [Grad Photo Flyer](#) for details.

**Pink Shirt Day:** Wednesday, February 26th is **Pink Shirt Day**. This day is meant to raise awareness about bullying and to promote a culture of safety and inclusivity for all children at school. On this day, students are invited to wear a **pink shirt** to symbolize our commitment to kindness and to creating an inclusive and supportive environment, where everyone feels safe and welcome.



**Elections Canada Polling Station:** Last week we received notice that our school gymnasium will be used as a Polling Station for the upcoming elections on **Thursday, February 27th**. Please note that there may be more traffic than usual during drop off and pick up times and we kindly ask that all parents continue to follow regular parking rules and procedures.

**Parking Lot Reminders:** We appreciate your patience and cooperation during these winter months and thank you for continuing to help ensure student safety here at Holy Name. With the arrival of the large amount of snow our parking lot has limited space and our kiss and ride is moving slower than usual, but we kindly ask that all parents continue to follow parking lot rules to ensure student safety during drop-off and dismissal. Please park **only in designated areas**, even when snow reduces space and avoid blocking traffic or walkways and do not park and leave your car unattended as this disrupts the flow of traffic.

**Hot Lunch Orders:** Phase 3 of our Hot Lunch program will begin on April 1st and run until June 26, 2025. **Ordering will begin this week.** 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

**Friday:** Just Taste It

We thank our Catholic School Council for their hard work in leading and organizing this program for our school. If you have any questions please contact Sandra Volpe at [sandra.volpimorelli@ycdsb.ca](mailto:sandra.volpimorelli@ycdsb.ca)

**Holy Name Spirit Wear:** Holy Name Spirit Wear online purchasing is now closed. If you purchased any spirit wear, your order is being processed, and we expect shipment of items in the next 3-4 weeks. Orders will be distributed to students once they arrive.

**School Dress Code:** A gentle reminder that the HNE School Dress Code consists of **navy blue and/or white tops, navy blue or black bottoms and appropriate footwear.** Students are encouraged to come to school dressed in school dress code colours and/or school spirit wear. **Black tshirts and sweatshirts are not to be worn** as they are not part of the HNE dress code.

**Shrove Tuesday:** Tuesday, March 4th, is Shrove Tuesday. Once again this year our Catholic School Council is hosting pancake breakfast for our students. A letter and permission form was sent home with every student, if you have not yet returned your completed form please do so as our CSC has begun preparing for the upcoming event. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office.



*Shrove Tuesday*

**Ash Wednesday Mass:** The liturgical season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and we will be celebrating mass and distributing ashes on **Wednesday, March 5th** at 9:20 a.m. Parents are welcome to attend.

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

A yellow sticky note with a red pushpin in the top left corner. The text on the note reads "Mark your calendars".	<p>March 4- Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Tuesday) - Visit to STREAM Centre (Savoia's grade 1's)</p> <p>March 5- Ash Wednesday mass with Fr. John</p> <p>March 10-14- <b>March Break (no school for students)</b></p> <p>March 17- 🍀 St. Patrick's Day 🍀</p> <p>March 18-19- Jump 2 Math Initiative</p> <p>March 19- Grade 8 Grad Photo Retake Day</p> <p>March 20- Intermediate Boys Basketball Tournament @ OLGC</p> <p>March 21- Intermediate Girls Basketball Tournament @ SMY - World Down Syndrome Day</p>
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Wishing you a wonderful week ahead!

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