



## Holy Name Catholic School

### Weekly Update

**March 24 - 28, 2025**

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

As we step into the final week of March, we are greeted by warmer temperatures and the promise of spring. With new growth comes fresh opportunities and new beginnings, filling us with hope and joy as we continue our journey through the school year together. The arrival of spring brings a sense of renewal, energy, and excitement – both in nature and in our learning, inspiring us to embrace the season with curiosity and enthusiasm.



**FDK/Primary Trip:** On Tuesday, the FDK and Primary Classes will be attending a performance of PigMania at the Markham Theater. Students will be departing from school at 11:30 a.m. and returning at approximately 2:30 p.m. Students will eat lunch before leaving for the performance. **All students are asked to bring a packed lunch to school** and any students who have ordered hot lunch will receive their order upon their return to school that afternoon.

**Confessions at Holy Name:** We welcome Father John and other Parish priests to the school on **Wednesday, March 26th, and Friday, March 28th** to offer confessions to any students in grades 3 - 8 who wish to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this Lenten Season. If you have any questions or concerns, please notify your child's teacher.



**A Lenten Celebration - Board Wide Mass:** The annual YCDSB board-wide Lenten Celebration of the Eucharist with Bishop Boissonneau will take place on **March 27th at 1:15 pm**. All members of the YCDSB community are invited to attend the Mass by clicking on the following [link](#).

**Civvies Day:** As we approach the end of the month, HNE students are invited to participate in our monthly civvies day this **Friday, March 28th**. Students are invited to come to school in their favourite casual attire. A reminder that students are to wear appropriate attire for school.

**School Day Events Added:** The following items have been added to School Day. Please log on for more details and to make online payments.

❖ **Grade 2 Rosary Bracelet Workshop:** As part of the Religion and Arts curriculum the grade 2's will participate in a workshop on March 24th, where they will create rosary bracelets as a memento of the Sacrament of Holy Communion. The cost of this workshop is \$13.00 and payment is due by **Monday, March 24th**. Please log onto School Day if you have not yet done so.

❖ **Junior Trip to Marlies Game:** Junior classes will be attending a School Day Marlies hockey game at the Coca-Cola Coliseum on Wednesday, April 2nd. The cost of the trip is **\$42.00** and payment and consent forms can be completed online via SchoolDay on or before **Friday, March 28, 2025**.

**Lenten Food and Toiletries Drive:** As Easter approaches, we prepare by praying, fasting, and almsgiving. As a school community, we will be participating in a Lenten Food & Toiletries Drive in collaboration with Sacred Heart Church to collect dried and canned foods, as well as toiletries to assist/support local families in need. Our **Lenten Food & Toiletries Drive will run from March 18th - April 14th**. Donation bins will be set up inside the main entrance of the school and students can come down to drop off their donation items. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.



**Spirit Challenge Points:** Each month our HINE students participate in initiatives that are aimed to build school spirit and are awarded points for their efforts. Last month's Spirit Challenge took place during Carnival Week, where students were awarded Spirit Points for their participation in the theme days throughout the week. Our Spirit Challenge Winners were: Ms. Barbero & Ms. Rovito's Kindergartens, Ms. LaGambina's grade 2's, Ms. Caramanna's grade 3/4's, Ms. Gizzo's grade 4's and Mr. Takaoka's grade 8's. 🎉 **Congratulations to all our winning classes!** 🎉 This month's Tidy Challenge has one week left... Let's continue to work together to gain Spirit Points.

**CSC Spring Fundraiser:** Our Terracotta Cookie Dough Spring Fundraiser is underway. Online ordering opened on **Monday, March 10th**, and will stay open until **Friday, March 31st**. To place your order, click on the following [Order Link](#) to access the variety of cookie dough available to purchase. Cookie dough orders will be available for pick up on **Tuesday, April 15th**. Please see the attached [Spring Fundraiser Letter](#) for more details. Thank you to our CSC for organizing this fundraiser to help raise funds for our 3D printer and other technology resources.



**School Climate Survey for Parents:** Schools need to be safe and welcoming so all students can learn, thrive, and feel a sense of belonging. YCDSB families recently received an email inviting you to share ideas on how we can work together to ensure that our schools are places that promote the Catholic faith, equity, and inclusion and foster student achievement and well-being by completing an online School Climate Survey. The survey is available from **March 17- April 4th** on our school website or by clicking the following [link](#). More information about the survey is attached. [Parent Climate Survey Letter](#)

**Webinar: EQAO Math Night for Parents and Guardians:** Register for a free live webinar where EQAO staff will discuss math questions that Ontario students encounter when they participate in Ontario's large-scale assessments. These assessments are taken by all Ontario students in Grades 3, 6, and 9. During the webinar, EQAO staff will show how these math questions help assess the skills students are learning in their math classes, and provide valuable insights which can help parents and guardians support their children's math learning. Click [here](#) for registration information. The following are the webinar dates:



March 26, 2025 @ 6:30 pm

April 2, 2025 @ 6:30 pm (**New webinar date added**)

**Spring Immunization Clinic-** York Region Public Health will be hosting its Spring Immunization Clinic for our grade 7 students on **Tuesday, April 1, 2025** at Holy Name. Please see the attached [flyer](#) with information about YRP immunizations. If your child did receive immunizations at school in the fall a second consent form for the upcoming visit is **not required**.

**Holy Name Spirit Wear:** Holy Name Spirit Wear orders have been processed and we are happy to share that we are expecting delivery in the next week or so. Once orders arrive at Holy Name, items will be sorted and then distributed to students.


**Save the Date:** Our Catholic School Council is excited to share the news that our year-end *Family Fun Fair* will take place here at Holy Name on **Friday, June 13, 2025**, from 5-8 p.m. Fair tickets will go on sale beginning in April. Stay tuned for more information!



**Reminders:** Please make note of a few important reminders.

1. Any families with students at Holy Name that are registering new children for the 2025-2026 school year are reminded that all supporting documents to the application are to be brought to the office in order for the Registration application to be completed.
2. As the weather continues to warm up, we want to remind parents to ensure their children are dressed appropriately for outdoor recess. Spring can bring unpredictable temperatures, so layering is a great option to keep students comfortable throughout the day. Please make sure your child has proper footwear for outdoor play as well as an indoor pair of shoes. Thank you for helping us keep our students safe and our hallways and classrooms tidy!

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

	<p>April 1 - Grade 7 Immunizations Phase 2 - Hot Lunch Phase 3 begins</p> <p>April 2 - Grades 3/4-6 Trip to Marlies Game - Ice Dawg Treat Day - <b>World Autism Awareness Day</b></p> <p>April 7-11 - ShareLife Week</p> <p>April 8- STREAM Centre visit ( Ms. LaGambina's grade 2's)</p> <p>April 9- Ice Dawg Treat Day - Catholic School Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm</p> <p>April 11- Grade 3 Trip to Legoland - ShareLife Loonie/Toonie Civvies Day</p>
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Wishing you a wonderful week ahead!

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