



## Holy Name Catholic School

### Weekly Update

**March 3 - 7, 2025**

#### Holy Name Families,

As March begins, we ready ourselves for the start of the liturgical season of Lent—a period of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that helps us prepare for the joy of Easter.

*God of the journey,*

*Sustain us throughout this Lenten season.*

*Help us to continue to use this time of the Lord's favour  
to reflect on ways to change and grow.*

*Strengthen us to keep going when we are discouraged.*

*Give us the grace to persevere as we journey toward the sacred days of Easter,  
nourished by your steadfast love. Amen*

**Shrove Tuesday:** Tuesday, March 4th, is Shrove Tuesday and students will visit the gymnasium where they will enjoy pancakes and juice prepared by our Catholic School Council. A big thank you to our CSC and parent volunteers for coming in to prepare and serve our school community pancakes.



*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.

**Healthy Snack:** This **Thursday** is Healthy Snack Day at Holy Name. Students will enjoy a healthy snack at school to fuel their bodies and minds! Healthy snacks provide essential nutrients that help children stay focused, energized, and ready to learn. Encouraging healthy eating habits at school sets the foundation for a lifetime of good nutrition. This week's healthy snack is havarti cheese squares, crackers, and apples.

**March Break:** Next week, **Monday, March 10- Friday, March 14th**, is March Break. During this week there will be no school for students and we hope that you will be able to rest, relax and make some wonderful memories together.

**Boys Invitational Basketball Tournament:** Our intermediate boys basketball team will be attending an Invitational basketball tournament this week on **Thursday, March 6th** that is being hosted at St. Brother Andre CES in Markham. Information about the tournament was sent home last week. We thank Mr. Takaoka for coaching our boys and wish our team the best of luck. 🏀 **Go HUSKIES!** 🏀

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

- ❖ **FDK/Primary Trip:** The FDK and Primary Classes will be attending an interactive and engaging performance of PigMania on **Tuesday, March 25th** at the Markham Theater. **The cost of this trip is \$35.00** and payment and consent forms can be completed online through School Day on or before **Tuesday, March 18, 2025**.
- ❖ **Hot Lunch:** Phase 3 of our **Hot Lunch program** begins on April 1st and runs until June 26, 2025. Ordering via School Day is open and orders can be placed up until **Friday, March 21, 2025**. Hard copies of the ordering forms are available in the office if needed.
- ❖ **Ice Dawgs:** The grade eight students will be selling ICE DAWGS (ice cream sandwiches made using chocolate chip cookies and vanilla ice cream) to raise funds for their graduation activities. Students who order will receive an Ice Dawg (or alternative) treat every Wednesday from April 2 until June 18. **The cost of the Ice Dawgs is \$30** and orders are being accepted online until **Friday, March 21st**. Please note that late orders will be accepted and Ice Dawgs will not be available to be purchased on treat days. If, due to dietary restrictions, your child requires an alternative frozen treat option, Welch's Organic Juice Ice Bars are available.

**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. Staff will also share valuable insights from the past three years of assessment results, which can help parents and guardians support their children's math learning. Click [here](#) for registration information. The following are the webinar dates:

- March 6, 2025 @ 12:00 pm
- March 26, 2025 @ 6:30 pm




**Active School Travel:** Walking to the school bus stop and riding the bus to school are considered important forms of active school travel. Walking to the bus stop and riding the bus provides a number of benefits including:

- Teaching children the value of time and being organized
- Keeping children active, which leads to strong physical and mental health
- Encouraging social interaction and improving and building social skills

Refer to the attached [memo](#) for further benefits of walking to the bus stop and riding the bus to school every day.

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

	<p>March 9- Daylight Savings (Clocks move forward 1hr) March 10-14 - <b>March Break (no school for students)</b> March 17- 🍀 St. Patrick's Day 🍀 March 18- Lenten Food &amp; Toiletries Drive Begins - PigMania Theater payment due March 18-19- Jump 2 Math Initiative March 19- Grade 8 Grad Photo Retake Day March 20- 🌸 First day of Spring 🌻 - Intermediate Boys Basketball Tournament @ OLGC March 21- Intermediate Girls Basketball Tournament @ SMY - World Down Syndrome Day - Phase 3 Hot Lunch Orders Due</p>
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**The staff of Holy Name would like to wish all families a restful and safe March Break.**

**May the week be filled with moments of joy with family and friends and early signs of Spring.**

Wishing you a wonderful week ahead!

*C. Zorzi*  
*Principal*

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