



Holy Name Catholic School

Weekly Update

May 5 - 9, 2025

Holy Name Families,

We welcome the month of May, a time of growth, celebration, and continued learning here at Holy Name! We begin the month by celebrating Catholic Education Week from May 5th to 9th, guided by this year's theme, "**Pilgrims of Hope**." This theme invites us to reflect on our shared journey of faith, compassion, and community. May's Virtue of the Month is **Responsibility**, and our focus this month will be to actively care for the good of others and God's creation, to fulfill our commitments even when it becomes difficult to do so, and to be accountable for the things we say and do. It's sure to be an eventful and exciting week at Holy Name, and we are looking forward to all the wonderful learning and activities that will be taking place.

Catholic Education Week: This week, we celebrate Catholic Education Week. Holy Name CES will be celebrating Catholic Education Week with a variety of activities focusing on the theme, "*Pilgrims of Hope*." This year we will be taking an outdoor aerial photo on **Monday, May 5th at 9:30** (weather permitting), students and staff together will create a 'cross of hope' on the field. **We would like all students and staff to wear a white top (school dress code)** for our school photo. Mass will be celebrated by the Most Rev. on *Wednesday, May 7, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.* and will be live-streamed from the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria. All are invited to attend the Province-Wide Mass by clicking the [link](#) to access the live stream.



Children's Mental Health Week: This week is also Children's Mental Health Week with the theme, "*Unheard, Stories Told: Centering the Diversity of Ontario's Infants, Children & Youth*." This national event takes place every year during the first week in May and encourages people to reflect and engage with others on all issues relating to mental health. As a school, we look forward to the week as we come together and engage in many faith-filled activities.

Musical Production: We are very excited to announce that Our Musical Production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* will take place this



week on **May 7th and 8th**. Tickets were sent home to families on Friday. If your child was absent, they will receive them on Monday. A special thank you to our parent volunteers who helped with the organization and distribution of tickets. **We do still have some tickets available for any families who are still wanting to attend one of the performances.**

Please contact the office if you wish to purchase tickets. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and all seats are on a first-come, first-served basis. Our show will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. We are looking forward to seeing you all there.

Proud to be a Huskie: Last week, we launched a renewed effort to support our school's dress code in a positive and constructive way. Our goal is to promote a sense of pride in how we present ourselves as Huskies, while also helping inform families about dress code expectations, and it is not meant to be punitive. To support this initiative, we've created "**Proud to be a Huskie - Dress Code**" slips, which will be sent home as a reminder for students to come to school dressed in proper dress code. Students will be asked to take them home, have them signed by a parent or guardian, and return them to school. We kindly ask for your continued support with this initiative in helping all our students to be proud Huskies!

Making Tracks Scootering Program: Get Ready to Scoot around Holy Name!!! This week, the grades 1-3 students will be participating in the "*Making Tracks Scootering*" Program. Making Tracks is designed to educate and train children in the skills needed to safely use active transportation in the community and to promote the importance of being physically active, particularly going to and from school. Details about the program and permission forms were sent home with students. Please ensure that the forms are signed and returned so that your child is able to participate. We ask that you please ensure your child **brings in either a bicycle or hockey helmet labelled with their name** for the duration of the program. Helmets will be stored in your child's respective classrooms or can be brought to school on their 'gym' days. **Elbow pads and knee pads are also recommended, though not required to participate.** To learn more about Making Tracks, please go to the York Region website at www.cycling@york.ca. Once at the site, click on Cycling Education, where you will find various links to the Making Tracks program.

Intermediate Love of Dance Competition: Our Intermediate Dance Team has been busily preparing their dance routine to participate in the Love of Dance competition on **Monday, May 5th** at St. Elizabeth CHS (525 New Westminster Drive, Thornhill). We wish them the best of luck and thank Ms. Tarantino for preparing and accompanying them to the competition.

Healthy Snack: This week, we will once again be offering a Healthy Snack. Healthy snacks provide essential nutrients that help children stay focused, energized, and ready to learn. This week's healthy snack is individually packed mini carrots and Breakfast Rounds. Ingredients List: Unbleached wheat flour, whole grain wheat flour including germ, filtered water, organic cane sugar, dried blueberries (blueberries, apple juice concentrate, sunflower oil), raisins (raisins, sunflower oil), blueberry flavoured cranberries (cranberries, cane sugar, grape juice concentrate, blueberry juice concentrate, sunflower oil), organic sour dough (organic unbleached wheat flour, filtered water, sea salt, yeast, organic high oleic sunflower oil), yeast, sunflower oil, sea salt, cultured wheat starch, natural flavours, citric acid

2025/2026 School Year: Planning for the 2025–2026 school year will begin soon. If you are planning on registering your child or know someone interested in enrolling at our school, please visit the YCDSB website for more information. If your child will not be returning to Holy Name next year – whether due to a school transfer, enrollment in the French Immersion program, or a move – please inform the school as soon as your plans are confirmed. This information is essential to help us plan accurately and effectively for the upcoming school year. Thank you for your cooperation and support. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the school office.

Spring Emergency Drills: This month, we will be revisiting important safety procedures with our students. As part of our school's safety plan, students will participate in fire drills and review various emergency procedures over the coming weeks.

Active School Travel: This month, the focus is on promoting cycling and the benefits of active travel to and from school. **Bike to School Week**, taking place from May 27th to 31st, encourages staff and students across Ontario to participate in cycling and wheeling activities while celebrating healthy, sustainable transportation choices. Please see the attached [memo](#) for more information about the benefits of biking and cycling tips.

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



May 11- 🌸 Happy Mother's Day 🌸

May 12- Junior Dance Program (Day 3)

May 14- Junior Dance Program (Day 4)

- Welcome to Kindergarten

- CSC Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

May 19- **Victoria Day** No School for students

May 21- Grade 4 Trip

May 22- Boys Soccer Tournament @ Woodbridge Sports Dome

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May 25- Sacred Heart Church Gala

Wishing you a wonderful week ahead!

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