



Holy Spirit Catholic Elementary School

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Monday, October 12th, 2020

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

I want to thank all of our staff and students for participating in our Terry Fox Walk and Safety Week. I know that the news of our school reorganization has been stressful for our students, parents, and teachers. Please know that we have tried our best to keep students together where we could in reorganizing classes but this is not always possible. I appreciate your understanding and patience during this process. We are hopeful that this change will allow for more flexibility and stability for our face to face and online learners. Class placements will be communicated by email on Tuesday evening, to allow our system to incorporate all changes.

I also hope that you have had an opportunity to celebrate Thanksgiving with your family this weekend. This weekend is an opportunity to give thanks to God for all that we are thankful for and to spend quality time with those we cherish the most.

Please see the information below for updates and information for the upcoming week of October 12th, 2020.

PA Day

Please note, that in order to facilitate our school reorganization plan, there is a PA Day on Tuesday, October 13th, 2020. There will be no school for students.

Thanksgiving Liturgy & Easter Mass

This past Friday, our face to face learners celebrated a Thanksgiving liturgy through Google Meet. It was an opportunity for us as a school community to reflect on what we were most thankful for in our lives. I hope that students found this time inspiring and relaxing as they embarked on their Thanksgiving weekend.

Our Lady of Grace Parish has shared a YouTube link for a Thanksgiving Mass which we will view as a school on Friday, October 16th at 9:00 am. We look forward to sharing the video with our classes on that day.

Staff Parking Lot & Morning Drop-Off

A friendly reminder to use the Kiss and Ride to drop-off students in the morning. If you are using the staff parking lot and there are no parking spots available, please do not block in cars. Also, parents please refrain from walking through the playground during morning recess to drop off students. Please use the sidewalks located around the school if you are dropping off students in two different locations. We appreciate your cooperation.

Terry Fox Run Update

This year we have raised \$1675 for cancer research. I would like to thank all of the students and parents who donated this year. I would also like to thank our staff and students for their fantastic participation in the Marathon of Hope. We look forward to continuing our support of the Marathon of Hope next year.

If you haven't had an opportunity to donate and would like to support this wonderful cause, please visit: <http://www.terryfox.ca/HolySpiritSchoolAurora>. All donations are to be made using our online school page.

Virtual Cross Country Meet

During the Week of October 19th, our Junior and Intermediate classes will participate in a Virtual Cross Country Meet at the school. Classes have been practicing as part of their gym classes. During this week, classes will go out to the soccer field and officially run their distance. We will encourage our online learners to participate as well to run in a safe space under parent supervision.

CSC Update

Our nomination form has closed. This year we have 10 parents who have been nominated and/or declared their candidacy using our online form. As a result, there will be no vote on Friday, October 16th, 2020 to be on the council. We would like to thank the following parents for coming forward to participate on our council this year:

Ms. S. Boz	Ms. C. Melino
Ms. D. Calleri	Ms. R. Mathanraj
Ms. R. De Cicco	Ms. M. Pinto
Ms. R. Lanni	Ms. M. Sarracini
Ms. A. Mavromatis	Mr. R. Smith

Our first virtual meeting will take place on **Wednesday, October 21st, 2020 at 7:00 pm**. More information on how to join our meetings for both our members and the school community will follow. A vote will take place during our first meeting to elect a new chair, secretary, treasurer, and OAPCE representative.

Yearbook Update

If you have not picked up your Yearbook, please call the office to set-up a date and time. You can also email the school directly at hst@ycdsb.ca

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mr. A. Modica

Principal

Upcoming Events

Monday, October 12th, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thanksgiving Day
Tuesday, October 13th, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PA Day

Wednesday, October 14th, 2020	
Thursday, October 15th, 2020	
Friday, October 16th, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thanksgiving Mass