



Holy Spirit Catholic Elementary School

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Sunday, December 13th, 2020

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

As we celebrate the third Sunday of Advent, we continue to reflect on the virtue of hope as we prepare and anticipate the birth of our Lord Jesus. I would like to take the opportunity to wish all of our students, parents, and staff a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. May you be safe and well this holiday season.

Please see the information below for the upcoming week of December 14th, 2020.

Advent Prayer

I would like to take the opportunity to share our Advent prayer. Please feel free to share with your family over the holidays as we continue our journey in Advent.

God's hope to direct me,
God's love to surround me,
God's joy to warm me,
God's peace to comfort me,
Bless our Advent journey to Christmas with light and patience.
Amen

Advent Liturgy

Our Grade 1 and 2 students and staff have prepared an Advent Liturgy. We will be celebrating the liturgy together on Monday, December 14th at 1:00 pm. If you would like to join us for the liturgy, please join us on the live stream: [Holy Spirit Advent Liturgy](#)

Christmas Spirit Week

Please see the image attached in our email and available on our school website for information regarding Christmas Spirit Week. We hope our students will show their Christmas Spirit by participating in some of the fun activities.

Graduation Certificate Pick-Up

On Thursday, December 17th from 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm, we will be welcoming our 2019-2020 graduates back to Holy Spirit to pick-up their graduation certificates. An email was sent to families regarding the procedure for the evening and we look forward to seeing our graduates from last year to present them with their certificate.

Winter Clothing Update

With the change in weather, please ensure that students are bringing their hats, winter jackets, gloves, boots, and snow pants to school. This will ensure they are warm throughout recess. It is also advised that they have a change of clothes at school, should for any reason they become wet while playing.

Trustee's Message

Please see below for a special message from our Catholic School Trustee Ms. Elizabeth Crowe.

York Hills Centre for Children, Youth, & Family Webinars

York Hills Centre for Children Youth and Families is striving to meet the growing needs of the community. Webinars are being offered for this upcoming Winter (January, February, and March). Attached in the email you will find the Winter York Hills Bulletin with more information. All webinar and parent groups are free of charge.

Kindergarten Registration for 2020-2021 School Year

On January 4th, 2020 Holy Spirit will begin accepting registrations for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year. Please review the flyer and information attached in the email if you are interested in registering your child at our school. We look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mr. A. Modica

Principal

Upcoming Events

Monday, December 14th, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advent Liturgy- 1:00 pm• Christmas Spirit Week: Jersey Day
Tuesday, December 15th, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Christmas Spirit Week: Wear Advent Colours
Wednesday, December 16th, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Christmas Spirit Week: Holiday Head Gear
Thursday, December 17th, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Christmas Spirit Week: Wear Christmas Colours (Red & White)
Friday, December 18th, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Christmas Spirit Week: Winter Wonderland (Christmas Sweater or Blue & White)• Last Day of School Before Christmas Break
Monday, December 21 st , 2020 – Sunday, January 3 rd , 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Christmas Break
Monday, January 4th, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School Reopens: Students Back To School



HOLY SPIRIT CES CHRISTMAS SPIRIT WEEK



MONDAY



Jersey Day

Wear your favourite jersey to show your school spirit!

TUESDAY



Advent Colours

Wear purple & pink, it is advent season!

WEDNESDAY



Holiday Headgear

Wear your elf ears, antlers, christmas toques and scarves.

THURSDAY



Christmas Colours

Wear red & green to celebrate the Christmas season.

FRIDAY



Winter Wonderland

Wear your favourite Christmas sweater! Don't have one? Wear blue and white!.





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"We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas time, not in a cold manger of our heart, but in a heart full of love and humility, in a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another."

- St. Teresa of Calcutta

Dear Families,

It is that time of year again where we in the Catholic community begin preparing for the coming of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

This time of year is always special because it is a time for all of us to share in the excitement of this joyous celebration. It is an important celebration because God sent his one and only Son to Earth to spread the Word of God and bring us all to salvation.

St. Jane Frances de Chantal once said, *"Hold your eyes on God and leave the doing to Him. That is all the doing you have to worry about."* During this unprecedented time in our world today, it is important for all of us to be reminded of these words. So long as our faith in Him remains strong, our love for each other will continue to prevail. Our students, families and staff have demonstrated this time and time again.

This Christmas season and always, I pray that you will have everlasting happiness, joy and hope. I pray that you will be reminded of all the goodness in your life that makes your heart full and happy. I pray that you will always find joy and beauty in all of God's creation. And lastly, I pray that you will always remain hopeful in your faith and relationship with the Lord, Our Saviour.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I wish you a blessed and safe Merry Christmas.

Yours in Catholic Education,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth Crowe".



Kindergarten Registration

**Registration for the
2021-2022 school year begins
January 4, 2021**

Parents are invited to register online at:
www.ycdsb.ca/admissions

Following submission of an online
registration, you will be asked to upload the
following documents via a secure link:

- Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate (child or parent) or a Catholic Church in Communion with the Holy See of Rome
- Proof of age
- Proof of legal status in Canada
- Proof of residency
- Proof of Separate School Support (i.e. MPAC Assessment Notice), or you can complete a school support form that is included in the registration package.

JK: Children must be 4 years old by Dec. 31, 2021 (born in 2017)

SK: Children must be 5 years old by Dec. 31, 2021 (born in 2016)

If your child is already attending a YCDSB school for JK registration is not required.

For information, contact the Admissions Department:



www.ycdsb.ca/admissions



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905-713-2711 or 416-221-5050

