



Holy Spirit Catholic Elementary School

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Sunday, December 6th, 2020

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Our students showed kindness and support to stop bullying last week as part of Holy Spirit's Kindness Week. Many students participated in our random acts of kindness as well as a variety of activities. From wearing red & pink to creating their class kindness chains, our school spirit, and support to stop bullying was evident both inside and outside of the classroom.

As we have now begun the Advent season, this Thursday we look forward to participating in our Advent Mass. Please see the information below for the upcoming week of December 7th, 2020.

Advent Mass

Our Lady of Grace Parish has provided us with a video of their Advent Mass. We will be sharing this video with all classes on Thursday, December 10th, 2020 at 10:05 am.

All classes will be celebrating the mass virtually together. If you would like to join us for the sharing of the celebration you can do so by joining the live stream link below.

stream.meet.google.com/stream/3a2dcb39-7bbe-4428-a463-d815f99f1d7b



Fighting Hunger: Food Drive for The Aurora Food Pantry

We'd like to take the opportunity to thank our school community for their support in our Food Drive for the Aurora Food Pantry. We will be delivering all of your generous donations in time for the advent season when many will need your support.

Grade 4 CCAT Testing (PACE)

This Tuesday, December 8th to Thursday, December 10th, our Grade 4 students will be participating in the CCAT testing for the PACE program. Face to face students will be writing the test in class while our remote students have been invited to write the test in the library. Testing over those three days will take approximately one hour per day from 8:40 am to 9:40 am. We wish our students writing the test the best of luck.

Itinerant Schedule Changes

As per our Director's email to parents entitled '**Core French Program Schedule Changes**' English stream students from Grades 3/4 to 5 will now receive three periods of Core French weekly, rather than five. Due to the change in schedules, students may be assigned a new Core French teacher. This new arrangement now mirrors the amount of instructional time that is already provided in the Primary Division for this subject. Please know that the minutes of instruction in Core French across the Primary, Junior and Intermediate grades continue to meet expectations from the Ministry of Education. This change will help to manage the province-wide

shortage of French as a Second Language (FSL) teachers. Please see Director Maria Battista's letter for more details.

Grade 8 Transitional Registration Form

Our York Catholic District School Board (YCDSB) secondary schools are eager to welcome new Grade 9 students for the upcoming 2021-22 school year!

Grade 8 students currently attending a YCDSB elementary school are asked to complete and submit the Transitional Registration Form (S.1B) by December 10th. The form is available by [clicking here](#).

Changing Modalities (Face to Face or Remote Learning) Reminder

Parents/Guardians, please note that should you wish to change modalities you must inform me in writing of the change. If you are looking to switch to face to face from remote learning, you may be placed on a waitlist. This is due to the number of students that may already be in a classroom as we must adhere to class size numbers in consultation with the school board.

If there is space available in the classroom there will be a two-day minimum waiting period between the date of the request and the start date to minimize the risk associated with the time lag in the onset of symptoms. Also, please note that you will be asked to commit to a 30-day period for the modality you are looking to switch to. Thank you for your understanding

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mr. A. Modica

Principal

Upcoming Events

Monday, December 7th, 2020	
Tuesday, December 8th, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CCAT Testing AM
Wednesday, December 9th, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CCAT Testing AM
Thursday, December 10th, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CCAT Testing AM• Advent Mass 10:05 am
Friday, December 11th, 2020	