

Holy Spirit Catholic Elementary School

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Sunday, April 4th, 2021

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your patience and support as we made the pivot to remote learning. Remote learning will continue this week but we look forward to returning on Friday, April 9th, 2021. Furthermore, we continue to work with our partners at York Region Public Health to review our procedures to ensure the safety of all of our students and staff.

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, I wish you all a blessed, safe, and joyful Easter holiday. Happy Easter to our Holy Spirit families.

Please view the information below for the upcoming week of April 5th, 2021.

An Easter Prayer

Jesus, You have overcome death and conquered every fear I could imagine.
Help me to live each day remembering that You are alive and that You are bigger than anything or any situation.
Help me to remember that Your power is real Jesus, you're my hero and I'm walking with you.



Amen.

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ShareLife Week

This week is ShareLife Week. Please see the letter sent this past Friday with information on how you can donate to support ShareLife. We have planned a variety of activities for staff and students to participate in this week. You can find the activities attached in the image below.

Easter Liturgy

On Wednesday, April 7th at 12:30 pm our Grade 6 students will be presenting our Easter Liturgy, which will also be livestreamed: <u>Live Stream</u>.

CSC Meeting

This Wednesday, April 7th we will be holding our virtual <u>Catholic School Council</u> meeting at 7:00 pm. You can find agendas and minutes from our past meetings on our Holy Spirit School Website under 'Catholic School Council'. Should you wish to attend the meeting as a guest, please use the link above to join. You will need a G-Suite account to access the meeting.

Easter Message: Catholic School Trustee Ms. Elizabeth Crowe

Last Friday our Catholic School Trustee Ms. Elizabeth Crowe shared a special Easter message to our school community, which you can also find attached below.

Parent Attestation Form

If a student is experiencing Covid-19 symptoms at school and is sent home, York Region Public Health has asked that the parent/guardian fill out a 'Parent Attestation Form'. We will provide the family with a copy of the form upon picking up the student from school. We ask that you call the office to discuss the return to school date in advance and return the attestation form. You can view a copy of the form here: Parent Attestation
Form. Thank you for your cooperation.

Student Absence Information

Please continue to use our Safe Arrival system to input student absences. As per information from the York Catholic District School Board students who are ill or absent may access synchronous learning. If a classroom is a hybrid classroom, students can access synchronous learning beginning on the first day of their absence. We do, however, have some fully in-person classes. In these instances, the student will be able to access live synchronous learning by the third day of their absence.

Twitter & School Website

For information, including the parent weekly updates, please visit our website at this link: <u>Holy Spirit School Website</u>. You can also follow us on Twitter: **@HST_YCDSB**

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mr. A. Modica

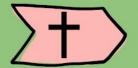
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Upcoming Events

Monday, April 5th, 2021	Happy Easter!No School Today
Tuesday, April 6th, 2021	Wear blue in support of Autism Awareness
Wednesday, April 7th, 2021	 Rally Cap Day Easter Liturgy 12:30 pm CSC Meeting 7 pm
Thursday, April 8th, 2021	 Crazy Sock Day in support of Down Syndrome Awareness Virtual Bingo
Friday, April 9th, 2021	Sports Day
Monday, April 12 th – Friday, April 16th	April Break: No School
Monday, April 19 th , 2021	School Begins

SHARELIFE WEEK: APRIL 6TH - 9TH











MONDAY

Happy Easter Monday!

TUESDAY

Autism Awareness:

Wear blue in support of Autism Awareness.

WEDNESDAY

Rally Cap Day:

Wear your favourite hat (inside-out)

& Easter Liturgy

THURSDAY

Down Syndrome Awareness:

Wear Your Crazy Socks!

& Virtual Spring Bingo

FRIDAY

Sports Day:

Wear your favourite sports hoodie, jerseys, or t-shirt.



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Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3

April 2021

We are now approaching our second Easter of the COVID-19 pandemic. This time last year, we knew very little about the virus and could not anticipate all the ways our lives and school systems would change. This Easter, however, we are much more hopeful. We can reflect upon everything we have learned, appreciate the science that has brought us vaccines and feel grateful for the ways we have pivoted so that learning could continue. We can celebrate our resilience and the ways we have come together to support one another, and we are thankful for the little things that we had taken for granted in the past.

This Easter, although we still may not be able to gather with extended family, or in person with our entire congregation at Church like we traditionally would, we truly do have reason to celebrate. We celebrate life, sacrifice and new beginnings. We nurture the living hope that Jesus' sacrifice and resurrection has given us.

The York Catholic District School Board is deeply committed to the health and well-being of its students, staff and families. The Easter break will provide much needed time to reflect and nurture our souls and mental health. Easter is a time to celebrate renewal and rebirth, for "those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength" (Isaiah 40:31).

Here is an Easter Sunday prayer you can say with your family:

Jesus, we stand in awe at the mystery of your death and resurrection.

We wonder at the depths of your love for us.

May all peoples of the Earth receive the good news of your Gospel.

As your people we ask this day for the power to live in the joy of your rising.

May we sing with all creation: Hail, O Light of Christ! Welcome, Risen Lord. Amen.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees at the York Catholic District School Board, I wish you and your family a very Blessed Easter!

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Crowe

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Trustee