



Holy Spirit Catholic Elementary School

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

I'd like to wish all of our families a Happy Thanksgiving weekend. Please remember that there is no school tomorrow as it is a holiday. I hope that this holiday provides you the opportunity to rest and celebrate safely with family and loved ones. Please take an opportunity to review the information below for more details on our upcoming week at Holy Spirit CES.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

by Walter Rauschenbusch

O God, we thank you for this earth, our home;
For the wide sky and the blessed sun,
For the salt sea and the running water,
For the everlasting hills
And the never-resting winds,
For trees and the common grass underfoot.
We thank you for our senses
By which we hear the songs of birds,
And see the splendor of the summer fields,
And taste of the autumn fruits,
And rejoice in the feel of the snow,
And smell the breath of the spring.
Grant us a heart wide open to all this beauty;
And save our souls from being so blind
That we pass unseeing
When even the common thornbush
Is aflame with your glory,
O God our creator,
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

From [Living God's Justice: Reflections and Prayers](#), compiled by The Roundtable Association of Diocesan Social Action Directors

Giving Thanks Mass & Thanksgiving Liturgy



Thank you to Fr. Frank and Our Lady of Grace Parish for celebrating mass live with our Aurora schools this past Tuesday, October 5th, 2021. I'd also like to thank our Grade 5 teachers and students for preparing our Thanksgiving liturgy that we were able to celebrate on Friday, Oct. 8th.

Terry Fox Walk 2021 & Terry Fox Spirit Day

Thank you to our Terry Fox committee for providing our staff and students with activities throughout Terry Fox Week. On Wednesday, classes wore red and white in honour of Terry Fox and many were able to participate in their Terry Fox class walk.

For those that have already donated, we thank you for your donations to the Terry Fox Foundation for cancer research. If you would like to donate please visit our school website at: <http://www.terryfox.ca/HolySpiritSchoolAurora>



Holy Spirit Thanksgiving Food Drive

This past Friday, October 8th, 2021, our school held a one-day food drive for the Aurora Food Pantry. The response was fantastic and we cannot thank you enough for your donations. Your generosity will certainly brighten the lives of those in need within our community.



CSC Meeting

This year our first general Catholic School Council meeting will be taking place virtually on Wednesday, October 13th, 2021 at 6:30 pm. A general vote was not necessary this year as we did not receive over 21 nominations. Our executive election will take place this Wednesday. I'd like to take the opportunity to congratulate our 2021-2022 members and I look forward to working with them throughout the year.

Safety Week: October 17th- 22nd, 2021

The week of October 17 – October 22, 2021, has been designated as “Safety Awareness Week”. During this week, all schools in the York Catholic District School Board, including Holy Spirit CES will be rehearsing a variety of emergency school procedures. Teachers will review these procedures with students in class prior to our practice drills.

York Region Public Health Attestation Form

As we continue to work with our partners at York Region Public Health, if your child is sent home from school or from the before and after care program, the [Return to School Attestation Form](#) is to be completed and returned to your child's teacher and/or the main office. We encourage you to take the opportunity to review the three options available to parents to explore before their child returns to school.

Also, if your child is exhibiting any symptoms before coming to school you are encouraged to review the updated [YRPH School Screening Tool](#) and keep them home from school. The attestation form above should also be used upon their return to school. We thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school safe.

Yours in Catholic Education,

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