



Holy Spirit Catholic Elementary School

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

I hope you are enjoying the weekend. A friendly reminder that daylight savings time has ended. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour if you haven't done so already. As we look to next week at Holy Spirit, please remember that on **Monday, November 8th, 2021**, our photography provider Lifetouch will be organizing our school photo day. Classes will be called down to the gym one at a time for students to take their individual photos.

Please take an opportunity to review the information below for details on our upcoming week at Holy Spirit CES.

Poppy Donations

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch #385 has provided our students at Holy Spirit with a poppy sticker. Students will be able to wear their poppy on Remembrance Day as a symbol of remembrance. We kindly ask that you consider taking the time to donate to the Poppy Fund at: <https://legion.ca/remembrance/the-poppy-campaign/donate-to-the-poppy-fund> Donations can be made in a few ways including an online donation. Thank you for your consideration.

Progress Reports & Parent Teacher Interviews

This year as in previous years, the progress reports will be available through the parent portal on Tuesday, November 16th, 2021 after 4:00 pm. To access this portal, please visit our school's website, and click on the parent's link in the top banner. From the Parents page, you will find a link to "Maplewood Parent Portal ConnectEd" on the right hand side. Parents are encouraged to set up a log in if they have not already done so already and to check their log in before November 16th.

For detailed instructions on registering, using the portal, and to seek support, please visit: <https://sites.google.com/ycdsb.ca/ycdsbparentportal>

This week teachers will be reaching out to set up Parent Teacher interviews for the evening of November 18th and/or morning of November 19th, 2021.

Catholic School Council Meeting

I would like to take the opportunity to thank our 2021-2022 CSC members:

- Co-Chair: Ms. S. Kalamaris Boz
- Co-Chair: Ms. S. Livia
- Treasurer: Ms. A. Mavromatis
- Secretary: Ms. C. Melino
- OAPCE Representative: Ms. R. Mathanraj
- Teacher Representative: Ms. I. West
- Ms. D. Calleri

- Ms. R. Di Leo
- Ms. D. Henen
- Ms. R. Lanni
- Ms. L. Mirzoyan
- Mr. D. Pereira
- Ms. M. Pinto
- Ms. M. Sarracini

This Wednesday, November 10th at 7:00 pm we will be conducting our second Catholic School Council Meeting. The meeting will take place virtually. You can find agendas and minutes on our Holy Spirit School Website under 'Catholic School Council'. Should you wish to attend the meeting as a guest, please use this [link](#) to join. You will need a G-Suite account to access the meeting.

Indoor Shoes & Warm Clothing

Weather changes are upon us early in November. It is important that students are safe and comfortable both inside and outside. Students can bring in their indoor shoes as well as extra clothing if they have not already done so. As per the YCDSB re-entry plan, parents are not able to drop off clothing or other items at the school so we ask that students are dressed appropriately for the weather and this includes having hats and gloves available.

Idling & Staff Parking Lot

We kindly ask that if you are dropping off students in the morning that you continue to use the Kiss and Ride to drop-off students. The Kiss and Ride is an opportunity for students to be dropped off and independently walk to their school yard area.

If you are using the staff parking lot and there are no parking spots available, **please do not block cars**. Unfortunately, cars not adhering to the parking signage on school property can be ticketed by city parking enforcement. Please use street parking where available and you are encouraged to walk your child to the yellow gate. We would also appreciate your cooperation in not leaving your car idling as this is a safety concern.

By adhering to these guidelines we can ensure that our students are dropped off and picked up as safely as possible.

Remembrance Day Liturgy

Our Grade 7 students have been working on a remembrance day liturgy. If you would like to join us for the liturgy, you can access the livestream at 10:45 am on Thursday, November 11th, 2021: [Remembrance Day Liturgy Live Stream](#)

The Magic of Coby Virtual Anti-Bullying Magic Show

As part of our Anti-Bullying initiative we will be welcoming Coby the magician to Holy Spirit CES on Tuesday, November 23rd, 2021. We will be holding two virtual shows for our students on this day. Our Kindergarten to Grade 3 students will be discussing inclusion, sharing, keeping our hands to ourselves, identifying what bullying is as well as coping strategies in a fun interactive magic show. This will be followed by a magic show for our Grades 4 to 8 classes that focuses on inclusivity, the responsible use of technology, how jokes are not always funny and thinking before we act.

Mental Health & Wellness & Our Virtue of the Month

This month we celebrate justice. Standing up for the truth is difficult, especially when your opinion or point of view may not be popular. We will encourage students to talk with adults for help, and stand by people in need. November 13th is World Kindness Day. Acts of kindness have been proven to be beneficial to our own mental health by reducing stress, improving our emotional wellbeing and even benefiting our physical health. You can try these [Acts of kindness activities](#) at home!

Yours in Catholic Education,

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