



Holy Spirit Catholic Elementary School

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February 6th, 2022

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

This Monday we will begin our hot lunch program at Holy Spirit CES. Thank you to our Catholic School Council for organizing. During the month of February, we celebrate Black History Month. Throughout the month, students will be engaging in curriculum that celebrates the contributions of people of African ancestry. Please take an opportunity to review the information below for our upcoming week at Holy Spirit CES.

Black History Month Presentation

On February 14th, Holy Spirit CES welcomes two presentations for our students:

Tales by Moonlight (Grade K to 3)

Students will engage in a storytelling performance “Tales by Moonlight”. This entertaining program uses the African cultural art of interactive Storytelling, Dance, and Hand Drumming to teach, educate and motivate students.

The Griot’s Journey (Grade 4 to 8)

An exciting and colorful journey into African History told through myths, epics, odysseys, and folktales. Students will be exposed to oral history and the role of the Griot (the ancient historian) who will challenge them to think beyond their own experiences regarding cultures outside the coasts of North America.

Report Cards

The Term 1 Report Cards will be available through the parent portal on Tuesday, February 8th, 2022 after 4:00 pm. Parents are encouraged to sign-on to the Parent Portal in advance of February 8th to ensure that your username and password will allow access.

To access this portal, please visit our school’s website, <https://hst.ycdsb.ca/> 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.

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

Save the Date: Graduation Photos/Picture Retake Day

On Tuesday, February 22nd, we welcome our school photographers from Lifetouch to complete our Gr. 8 Graduation photos as well as any student retakes. More details will follow to the families of our graduates.

Reminder Regarding Temporary Remote Learning

Kindly note that the last day for Temporary Remote will be Friday, February 18th, 2022. Temporary remote students are expected back into their classrooms at Holy Spirit CES on or before **Tuesday, February 22nd, 2022.**

Notification Letter

Please note that if a parent chooses to disclose that their child is a Covid positive case, the school will notify only the child's classroom and/or bus cohort of the case via a letter by email. In these cases, cohort parents should visit the website ontario.ca/exposed or consult the Provincial [Child Care Screener](#) for further information and to determine the appropriate next steps.

As a reminder, if your child has symptoms, but the screening tool does not advise self-isolation, they should remain at home until their symptoms are improving for at least 24 hours (or 48 hours if gastrointestinal symptoms). Your household members do not need to self-isolate.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mr. A. Modica

Principal

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Upcoming Dates:

Monday, February 7 th	Delicious Greek Hot Lunch
Wednesday, February 9 th	Pizza Pizza Hot Lunch
Friday, February 11 th	Angel Delight Hot Lunch
Monday, February 14 th	Black History Month Presentations
Monday, February 21 st	Family Day