



Holy Spirit Catholic Elementary School

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May 29th, 2022

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

This week we welcomed The Fitzgerald's for a musical performance and workshop courtesy of the Aurora Cultural Centre. Our JK to Grade 4 Students enjoyed a variety of dance and music.

A reminder that this **Thursday, June 2nd is a PA Day** and there is no school for students. This Thursday is also election day and our school has been selected as a voting station. Please see the information below for more details on our upcoming week at Holy Spirit.

First Communion & Confirmation Gifts

Congratulations to all of our Grade 2 (First Communion) and Grade 7 (Confirmation) students on receiving their sacrament! We wish them continued spiritual growth as they continue to build upon their relationship with God, the Church and our school. This week our Grades 2 and 7 students will be receiving a gift on behalf of our Catholic School Council.



Walk/Bike To School Week

As part of our participation in Active School Travel, this week we are encouraging students to walk/bike to school. Students who bike to school are reminded to review the information below. Bike parking racks are located at the front of our school and bikes can be locked up throughout the day. We hope that our students will consider participating in this initiative.

Catholic School Council Family Paint Night

Our Catholic School Council has organized a virtual family paint night on **Wednesday, June 8th from 6 pm - 8 pm** with an artist from Countryside Canada. The artist will be leading families in the completion of a painting of spring flowers.

An email was sent earlier this week with information on submitting a Google Form as well as providing families with a list of items needed to participate in the workshop. We ask that families only sign up once by **Friday, June 3rd, 2022**. Please see the email for more information.



Kiss and Ride Safety Reminders

A friendly reminder to please follow the directional arrows when using the Kiss and Ride throughout the day. We also ask that cars not park or idle in our Kiss and Ride area. For student safety, students should be let out of cars directly onto the school sidewalk and not in between cars.

Only with your cooperation can our Kiss and Ride run efficiently to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to safely drop-off our students at school in the morning and throughout the day.

Ice Dawg Update

A reminder that an Ice Dawg day had previously been scheduled for Thursday, June 2nd, 2022. This is a PA Day for students and there will be no school. Please note that the Ice Dawg day will take place on Friday, June 3rd, 2022.

EQAO Update

A reminder that this year EQAO will take place for our Grade 3 and 6 students between June 6th and 17th, 2022.

Covid-19 Screening & Signing In

Any visitors who enters the school is expected to sign-in. Students, staff, and visitors are required to perform daily COVID-19 screening before arriving at school using the [Provincial Screening Tool](#). Anyone experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19 must not attend school and should follow the guidance provided in the screening tool.

Twitter & School Website

For information, including the weekly parent updates, please visit our website at this link: [Holy Spirit School Website](#). You can also follow us on Twitter: @HST_YCDSB

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mr. A. Modica

Principal

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Upcoming Dates:

Monday, May 30th	Delicious Greek Hot Lunch
Wednesday, June 1st	Pizza Hot Lunch
Friday, June 3rd	Angel Delight Hot Lunch



Bike to School Week is May 30-June 3

Let's get cycling!

Celebrate active modes of transportation like cycling and wheeling along with other students and staff across Ontario during **Bike to School Week - May 30-June 3, 2022**. **Bike to School Week** is a free and fun week-long celebration for kids of all ages and abilities.



When cycling, remember to:

- Wear a properly fitting helmet. Every cyclist under 18 must wear a bike helmet.
- **Air Brakes Chain** – Check your bike tires, brakes and chain before you start riding.
- Ensure your bike has a working bell, white light or reflector at the front, and a red light or reflector at the back. For information and to learn more visit the [Government of Ontario's bicycle safety information](#).
- Cross at crosswalks, if there is one. Walk beside your bike when crossing the road.
- Watch for cars backing out of driveways and turning at intersections.
- Lock your bike in bike racks.
- Be visible and dress for the weather.

For anyone who can't walk or cycle to school every day, we encourage you to try choosing an active mode of travel two or three times a week, or consider parking and walking a block to decrease the pollution around your school.

Benefits of Biking to School

- Promotes physical and mental health
- Students arrive energized and ready to learn
- Improved safety in school zones
- Good for the environment
- Convenient, bicycling is often faster than sitting in traffic
- Good for the community, encourages social interaction
- Promotes life-long habits that foster independence and active lifestyles, preparing children for their future
- **Just plain old simple fun!**



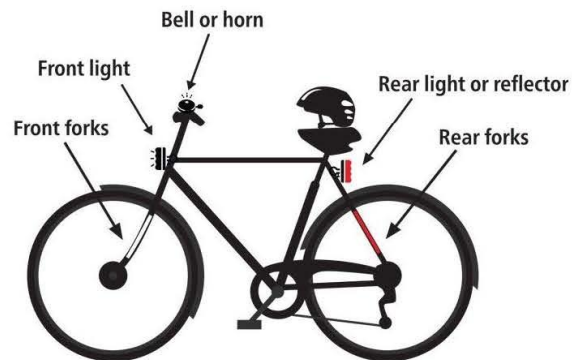
CYCLING SAFETY FACT SHEET

BE SEEN - BE HEARD - BE SAFE

DID YOU KNOW?

Ontario law requires you to equip your bike with

- ✓ White reflective tape on the front forks and red reflective tape on the rear forks
- ✓ A white front light and a red rear light or reflector if you ride between ½ hour before sunset and ½ hour after sunrise
- ✓ A bell or horn that works



EVERY CYCLIST UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE MUST WEAR AN APPROVED BICYCLE HELMET