



Holy Spirit Catholic Elementary School

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September 26th, 2022

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

We would like to take the opportunity to thank those families who were able to join us on Thursday evening for our Curriculum Open House. Thank you to our students for sharing their dot artwork based on the children's story *The Dot* by Peter Reynolds. The dot is a symbol of working toward a growth mindset and growing in one's confidence.

Please see the information below for more information regarding the upcoming week at Holy Spirit.

Concussion Awareness Day

- On Wednesday, September 28, 2022, schools across Ontario recognize Rowan's Law Day by educating and engaging in activities and discussions around concussions and to share Rowan Stringer's story
- On Wednesday, we invite staff and students to wear purple in support of this cause and raise awareness for concussion prevention
- Students can wear anything purple: shirts, socks, shorts, hair bands, etc.

CSC Information

- Thank you to all parents who showed their interest in being a part of the Catholic School Council.
- Our first meeting, where our executive council will be voted upon, will take place in person in the library this **Wednesday, September 28th, 2022 at 7:00 pm.**

Thanksgiving Food Drive

- Thank you to our families who were able to participate
- The opportunity to donate will continue until **Thursday, September 29th, 2022**
- Students can bring items directly to their classrooms
- All donations will go towards the Aurora Food Pantry
- Items needed by the pantry are:
 - Canned vegetables, canned beans, canned fruit, canned stew, canned meat (beef, chicken, ham, beef)
 - Lunch snacks for kids



National Truth & Reconciliation Day

- This **Friday, September 30th, 2022**, students are invited to wear any orange item (shirts, shorts, track pants, shoelaces, hair ties)
- The day is an opportunity to reflect and engage in conversations and education around residential schools

- Classrooms will also be participating in an orange ribbon activity prepared by our Luke 4:18 Committee

Terry Fox Walk 2022

- This year Holy Spirit will be holding our annual Terry Fox Walk on Monday, October 3rd, 2022 in the afternoon
- Students have been engaging in learning about Terry Fox throughout September
- We invite staff and students to wear red items on this day (hats, shirts, shorts, track pants, shoes, etc.)
- To donate to this incredible cause please visit our school site online at: <http://schools.terryfox.ca/HolySpiritSchoolAurora>
- Please see the letter below for more details

School Picture Day

- This year, our fall picture day with Lifetouch Photography will take place on Wednesday, October 5th, 2022.

Cross Country at Bruce's Mill

- Our Cross Country team has been practicing in preparation for their participation in our meet being held at Bruce's Mill on Thursday, October 6th, 2022
- We wish all of our athletes all the best as they have the opportunity to compete against

Safety Awareness Week

- The week of October 3 – October 7, 2022, has been designated as “Safety Awareness Week” for the YCDSB
- During this week, we will be practicing a variety of emergency school procedures to acquaint students and staff with the precautionary steps to take in the event of an emergency
- Please see the letter below for more details

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mr. A. Modica

Principal

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Monday, September 26th – 29th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanksgiving Food Drive
Wednesday, September 28th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wear Purple for Concussion Awareness • Catholic School Council Meeting 7:00 pm in the Library
Friday, September 30th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Truth & Reconciliation Day: Wear Orange
Monday, October 3 rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terry Fox Walk • Wear Red
Wednesday, October 5th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Picture Day
Thursday, October 6 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross Country Meet at Bruce's Mill



**THE TERRY FOX
FOUNDATION**

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We are excited to announce that our school will be proudly taking part in the 2022 Terry Fox School Run. We have participated in this event since 2005 and have raised \$19,057.99. Last year we raised \$1,850.00 and our goal this year is to raise \$2000.00.

The walk is scheduled to take place on Monday, October 3rd. The alternate date will be on Tuesday, October 4th in the event of inclement weather.

Students are encouraged to wear Red or White to support cancer research while also building school spirit. We ask that you dress your child according to the weather. We will be doing a school wide walk through the school community. Let us support one of our greatest Canadian heroes, Terry Fox.

To donate to this incredible cause please visit our school site online at:

<http://schools.terryfox.ca/HolySpiritSchoolAurora>

Please join us to support cancer research while building incredible school spirit for all of our students.

Thank you in advance for your support!

The Terry Fox Committee

“NOBODY IS EVER GOING TO CALL ME A QUITTER.” - TERRY FOX



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“Safe and Caring School Communities”

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The York Catholic District School Board has a primary responsibility and goal to ensure a safe learning environment for all of our students and staff in our school community.

As part of our safety initiative Holy Spirit CES, along with all other schools in the York Catholic District School Board, will be practicing a variety of safety procedures with students and staff.

The week October 3 – October 7, 2022 has been designated as **“Safety Awareness Week”** for the YCDSB. During this week, we will be rehearsing a variety of emergency school procedures to acquaint students and staff with the precautionary steps to take in the event of such things as a warning of severe weather, or an intruder. In addition, throughout the year we will hold practice drills to acquaint students with various emergency protocols. Teachers will review these procedures with students in class prior to our practice drills.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the school. Thank you for your support.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mr. A. Modica
Principal