



Holy Spirit Catholic Elementary School

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December 9th, 2022

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

We would like to thank all of our families, students, and staff who were able to join us for the Catholic School Council Milk & Cookie Evening. A warm thanks to our special guests Mr. and Mrs. Claus, as well as Central York Fire Services for stopping by to spend time with us. We hope you enjoyed the evening. As a community, we donated over 100 unwrapped toys to those in need this holiday season!

This Friday we will be celebrating our Advent Mass with Father John at 10:10 am in the gym. Thank you to our Grade 4 students and teachers for organizing.

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

Staff Parking Lot

We kindly ask parents not to park in the staff parking lot. Our staff arrive at various times throughout the morning and to ensure the safety of our school community we ask that families use the Kiss and Ride to drop off students in the morning. Thank you for your cooperation.

Catholic School Council Milk & Cookies Evening at Santa's Workshop

Thank you to our Catholic School Council and Milk and Cookies Committee for their time and efforts in organizing the event.

We would also like to thank the following businesses for their support.

- The Real Canadian Superstore- Clementines and Water
- Starbucks (Aurora)- coffee donations
- Tim Horton's (Aurora)- hot chocolate donations
- Longos (Aurora)- Milk donations
- Bourbon St Grill & California Thai- donated beautiful balloon garland at entrance.
- Grande Woodcraft- designing and making the school Corn Hole games.
- York Region Fire Fighters
- The Nutcracker Shoppe- nutcracker donation
- Rising Stars Soccer Academy- gift basket
- The De Gasperis Family- gift basket
- Newmarket Hyundai- gift baskets
- Country Wide Homes- gift basket
- Chocolats Flavoris- gift basket

3 gift baskets went unclaimed. If you have one of the following tickets, please contact the main office to claim your prize:

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Hot Lunch: Winter Session Ordering Is Open

- The winter session will begin on **Monday, January 9th, 2023** and run until the **Friday, March 31st, 2023**
- Ordering opens today and will close on **Sunday, December 18th, 2022.**
- Online Payment by Credit Card can be made via our Munch a Lunch site and is the preferred method of payment.
- If paying by cash, please send it in with your child to school no later than **Monday, December 19th.**
- To place an order, go to our school website www.hst.ycdsb.ca, and scroll down to the green Munch a Lunch icon.
- Before ordering, please ensure that you have reviewed the hot lunch policies below.

Hot Lunch Policies Reminders:

- No Refunds
- Inclement Weather Days will be rescheduled as there will be no hot lunches on these days
- Absent students on hot lunch days can arrange to pick up lunch or give it to a sibling on the same day only. Contact the office or email our hot lunch team at hs.hot.lunch@gmail.com
- Due to Public Health requirements, we cannot store any lunches overnight. Any unclaimed lunches will be disposed of.
- If you would like to volunteer to help with the program or have any questions please email us at hs.hot.lunch@gmail.com

MYSP Survey

Our school board is in the process of developing the next multi-year strategic plan (MYSP). We have been working diligently to gather feedback from parents, students, staff, and all community stakeholders to help inform and make our new MYSP the best it can be for our students and communities.

To date, our responses from our parent community have been unusually low. We understand that you are likely overwhelmed by the sheer volume of requests you receive, but we know how important your child's education is to you. We know that our parent community always shows strong interest in their child's education, which is why we are reaching out one more time. When a strong school-home relationship exists, our children will be happier and achieve well at school. Thank you for taking the time to complete this short survey to help inform us about your child's education and the strategies that will make a difference in Catholic education for student achievement and well-being.

This is an anonymous survey to ensure privacy and confidentiality are maintained. The survey will take as little as 5 minutes to complete. Please submit your response by the end of the day on **Friday, December 16.**

Survey Link: <https://forms.gle/XdEvQVxmfapbNHWg9>

The Saidat Show Is Here!

At this time, we are set to welcome the Saidat Show to Holy Spirit on Monday, December 12th, 2022. Please see the poster attached below for details on the assemblies.

THE SUPERPOWER OF KINDNESS: GRADES JK-3

MANY STUDENTS ARE EXCITED TO BE BACK IN SCHOOL, LEARNING AND GROWING ACADEMICALLY WITH THEIR FRIENDS, AND THERE IS AN ENERGY OF EXCITEMENT AND ANTICIPATION FOR A GREAT YEAR. WHAT BETTER WAY TO INCREASE THAT ENERGY AND OPTIMISM FOR LEARNING THAN BY CULTIVATING A CLIMATE OF KINDNESS AND RESPECT?

SAIDAT'S SHOW FOR GRADES JK-3, THE SUPERPOWER OF KINDNESS, WILL SHARE WAYS STUDENTS CAN SHOW EMPATHY, CELEBRATE DIVERSITY, AND FIND THE COURAGE TO ASK FOR HELP WHEN THEY ARE UNSURE HOW TO NAVIGATE BULLYING. IT WILL SURELY BE AN EXCITING AND POWERFUL SCHOOL CELEBRATION WITH HIGH-ENERGY SONGS, ENGAGING STORIES, AND GROUP PARTICIPATION.

HOW TO SURVIVE SCHOOL - GRADES 4 - 8

IF STUDENTS SPEND OVER 1200 HOURS A YEAR IN SCHOOL, WHY NOT TEACH THEM TO FIND REASONS TO LOVE BEING WHERE THEY ARE? SAIDAT'S SHOW HOW TO SURVIVE SCHOOL WILL INVITE STUDENTS TO LEARN THE LIFE HACK OF "MINDFULNESS" TO OVERCOME DIFFICULTIES THAT SCHOOL LIFE MAY PRESENT. THROUGH REAL-LIFE STORIES, MUSIC AND INTERACTIVE CONVERSATIONS, SAIDAT WILL ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO COLLECTIVELY FIND WAYS TO MOVE THEIR ENERGY BY CREATING A LEARNING ENVIRONMENT THAT NURTURES INCLUSION AND RESPECT.

**ONE PERSON CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.
TOGETHER WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD!**

WWW.SAIDAT.CA

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mr. A. Modica

Principal

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Important Dates:

Monday, Dec. 12th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hot Lunch: Delicious Greek• Saidat Show
Wed. Dec. 14th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hot Lunch: Pizza Pizza
Thurs. Dec. 15 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gr. 1 Trip to Kortwright Center•
Fri. Dec. 16th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hot Lunch: A & W• Advent Mass (10:10 am)
Week of December 19th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Luke 4:18 Presents Christmas Spirit Week (More Info To Follow)



Society of Saint Vincent de Paul - Our Lady of Grace Conference
15347 Yonge Street
Aurora, Ontario L4G 1N7

November, 2022

Dear Parents,

We are appreciative of the support our local Catholic schools provide to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Program at Our Lady of Grace Parish. Many individuals and families in our community are struggling during these uncertain times. These neighbours in need include single parent families, the working poor, people on social assistance, and individuals who are dealing with various physical disabilities, addictions or mental illness. These are people of all ages and from all backgrounds, who have fallen on hard financial times, and are looking for some extra help during the holiday season.

Any amount you choose to donate to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will help to spread the joy and magic of Christmas to those in the community who need our help. Donations raised during the Christmas season also allow us to sustain our programs throughout the year, providing families with food vouchers, fresh food baskets, and other financial assistance.

- Donations can be dropped off at Our Lady of Grace Parish. Please make cheques payable to **Society of St. Vincent de Paul (OLG)**. Tax receipts will be mailed out for donations of \$20 or more as long as a full name and address is provided.
- Interac e-transfer donations can be made via olgssvp@gmail.com. Please assign a simple security question that we will be able to decipher. If you would like a receipt, please email your name and address to the same email address.
- Credit card donations can be made via Canada Helps.org. Tax receipts will be issued directly to you by Canada Helps. [Canada Helps donation link](#)

We wish you a blessed Advent and Christmas season and thank you for your generosity and continued support.

Sincerely,
Society of St. Vincent de Paul,
Our Lady of Grace Parish



York Catholic District School Board



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Student Services will be hosting an
**Information Session For:
Parents of Children with Exceptional Needs
Registering for Year 1/Junior Kindergarten
Entering School September 2023**



**YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND OUR VIRTUAL PARENT INFORMATION SESSION TO
LEARN ABOUT OUR SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**

VIRTUAL PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2023

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

**Please click on the link below to register.
Upon registration, a link to the virtual session will
be provided.**

To register click on:

<https://forms.gle/kc8fTrtkMMQQ7Ka56>

Deadline for Registration:

January 24, 2023

Mission Statement	Vision Statement	Core Values	Strategic Commitments
Guided by Gospel values and Catholic Virtues, in partnership with home and Church, we educate and inspire all students to reach their full potential in a safe and caring environment.	Our students will become creative and critical thinkers who integrate Catholic Values into their daily lives, as socially responsible global citizens.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Excellence Equity Fiscal Responsibility Catholicity Inclusion Integrity Respect 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integration of Our Catholic Faith Continuous Improvement of Student Achievement Effective Use of Our Resources Engaging Our Communities

