



Holy Spirit Catholic Elementary School

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December 2nd, 2022

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Thank you for your support of our Christmas Gift Bags for the Aurora Food Pantry. As a school community we have made and delivered over 130 Christmas Gift Bags! We also made a donation of 5 boxes with extra items to the Aurora Food Pantry. Your generosity will help to brighten the Christmas holidays for those in need. Thank you!



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

Virtue of the Month: Hope

As we recently celebrated the virtue of Justice, this month's virtue is hope. During the month of December, we encourage students to reflect on how they can maintain a positive attitude and to look at the bright side of situations. We also ask them to reflect on God's grace, to never give up hope. These messages will be prevalent in our morning announcements, prayers, and within our classrooms throughout the month.

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

This Wednesday, Dec. 7th, 2022 from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm we will be celebrating our Catholic School Council Milk & Cookies Evening at Santa's Workshop in our gym and library.

Please note we encourage families to come together as there is no supervision for students. This evening we will also be collecting donations of new unwrapped toys which will be donated to Central York Fire Services. For each donation, a raffle ticket will be provided to families to win prizes. We ask families not to park in the Kiss and Ride Area as the Fire Truck will be parking there for the first hour of the event.

Lastly, as there is limited parking, we ask that families walk or carpool together. Extra parking will be available in the Primary Area at the back of the school. Parking is available on the street, please follow the posted parking signs and we kindly ask that you do not block our neighbours driveways. Thank you for your cooperation.

St. Vincent De Paul

As the holidays approach, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul helps support struggling individuals and families. Please see the letter below on how you can contribute to help those in need this Advent season.

Primary Christmas Concert: Save the Date

On Wednesday, December 21st at 12:30 pm our Kindergarten and Primary Divisions will be presenting our Holy Spirit Christmas Concert in the gym. An invitation to RSVP has gone out to families this week. As space in the gym is limited, we kindly ask that a maximum of two to three

family members attend and that you RSVP before **Friday, Dec. 9th, 2022**. We look forward to celebrating the advent season in joyous songs with our parent community!

Spirit Wear: Last Chance to Order

Our Online Spirit Wear Store will remain open until Saturday for families that are interested in ordering. Please visit https://stores.inksoft.com/holy_spirit/shop/home. This includes our Grade 8 students who wish to purchase a Grade 8 Grad Sweater.

Student Services Presentation

On January 26th, 2023 the Student Service Department will be hosting an information session for parents of children with exceptional needs registering for Year 1/Junior Kindergarten and will be entering school in September 2023. Please see the flyer below for details.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mr. A. Modica

Principal

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Important Dates:

Monday, Dec. 5th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hot Lunch: Delicious Greek
Tues. Dec. 6th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gr. 2 Classes visit Willowdale Outdoor Education Center
Wed. Dec. 7th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hot Lunch: Pizza Pizza• CSC Milk & Cookie Evening with Santa (6:00 pm - 8:30 pm)
Fri. Dec. 9th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hot Lunch: A & W



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

