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January 13th, 2023

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Happy New Year and welcome back to all of our families. I hope you had an excellent break, celebrating and relaxing with family and friends. As we enter into the new year, I pray that we continue to work together to support our students and school community. Lastly, a friendly reminder that this **Friday**, **January 20**th **is a PA Day** and there is no school for students.

Please see the information below for other important information regarding our upcoming week at Holy Spirit CES.

Catholic Virtue of the Month & Unity Prayer

During the month of January, we celebrate the virtue of Unity. Students are called to

- Make everyone feel welcomed and appreciated
- Take some time to learn about the similarities and differences in any community
- To empower people with their words and not put anyone down by calling them names

During our morning announcements, we will also share our special YCDSB prayer for unity which we invite families to share at home:

God of harmony and unity,
You want us all to work together to build your kingdom.
May our ears hear your voice clearly
May our eyes see your beauty in all
May our understanding break down walls of fear and prejudice.
May we make our school

a place of friendship, a place of belonging, a place of welcome.

Where everyone feels safe.

Where everyone has a place.

Where all are united in You, dear God.

Amen.



Junior Girls and Boys Triple Ball (Volleyball)

On Monday, January 16th our Junior Boys Triple Ball Team will head to Our Lady of Grace for their local tournament while on Tuesday, January 17th, our Junior Girls Triple Ball Team will be hosting their tournament here at Holy Spirit. We wish all of our players and coaches the best of luck.

Hot Lunch Update: Rescheduled Date for A & W

The hot lunch that was previously scheduled for Friday, December 23rd but was cancelled due to inclement weather will be rescheduled for this **Thursday**, **January 19th**, **2023**.

Catholic School Council Meeting

Our next Catholic School Council meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 18th, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the library for our council members as well as any parents who wish to attend.

CCAT 7 for Grade 4 PACE Results

The individual student results of the CCAT 7 Test for the Pace program have been completed. The results are filed in the student's OSR. If you would like a copy of your child's results please email the school at hst@ycdsb.ca and a copy will be sent home. Please note that any students who have qualified, if any, for the next round of testing have been notified directly by the Principal.

French Immersion Registration for Next Year

The York Catholic District School Board is pleased to announce that the application process for the Regional French Immersion Program is currently underway for the 2023-2024 school year. Applications for grade 1 will continue to be accepted until **January 20, 2023**. Families of students in Senior Kindergarten can begin registering for French Immersion now by clicking on the following link: YCDSB French Immersion Program Link

Please see the flyer below for more details.

Kindergarten Registration for the 2023-2024 School Year

Registration for the 2023-2024 school year begins on January 9th, 2023. Please see the flyer below for more details.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mr. A. Modica

Principal

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Important Dates:

Monday, Jan. 16th	 Hot Lunch: Delicious Greek Jr. Boys Triple Ball Tournament at Our Lady of Grace
Tuesday, Jan. 17th	 Jr. Girls Triple Ball Tournament at Holy Spirit
Wed. Jan. 18th	Hot Lunch: Pizza Pizza
Thurs. Jan. 19th	Hot Lunch: A & W (Make-Up Date)
Fri. Jan. 20th	PA Day



The French Immersion program is offered at 14 schools across the YCDSB and is designed to provide non-francophone children with a high degree of proficiency in the French language from Grd 1-12.

The online application process is now open until January 20, 2023. Click here for more information

YCDSB - French Immersion

Blessed Chiara Badano CES – 55 Meridian Way, Stouffville
Blessed Trinity Catholic Elementary School - 230 Hawker Blvd. Maple
Christ the King Catholic Elementary School - 329 Valley Mede Dr, Richmond Hill
Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School - 191 Crofter's Rd, Woodbridge
St. Anthony Catholic Elementary School - 141 Kirk Dr, Thornhill
St. Edward Catholic Elementary School - 33 Cairns Dr, Markham
St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Elementary School - 960 Leslie Valley Dr, Newmarket
St. Francis Xavier Catholic Elementary School - 223 Highglen Ave, Markham
St. John Bosco Catholic Elementary School - 199 Belview Ave, Woodbridge
St. John XXIII Catholic Elementary School - 125 Kreighoff Ave, Unionville
St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Elementary School - 475 Brownridge Dr, Thornhill
St. Joseph, Aurora Catholic Elementary School - 2 Glass Dr, Aurora
St. Marguerite d'Youville Catholic Elementary School - 121 Rolling hill Rd., Richmond Hill
St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Elementary School - 262 Old Homestead Rd, Keswick

PLEASE NOTE: ALL STUDENTS EVEN IF IN ATTENDANCE AT AN FI SCHOOL, MUST APPLY ONLINE TO INDICATE INTEREST



Kindergarten Registration

Registration for the 2023-24 school year begins

January 9, 2023

Parents are invited to register online at:

www.ycdsb.ca/admissions

The York Catholic District School Board offers:

- Province-leading academic results
- A caring, faith-filled community guided by Gospel values
- Inquiry and play-based learning methods that support the unique needs of each child
- An innovative curriculum that allows students to benefit from STREAM learning (Science, Tech, Religion, Engineering, Arts and Math)

JK: Children must be 4 years old by Dec. 31, 2023 (born in 2019) SK: Children must be 5 years old by Dec. 31, 2023 (born in 2018)

If your child is already attending a YCDSB school for JK, registration is not required.

For information, contact the Admissions Department:





