



Holy Spirit Catholic Elementary School

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January 27th, 2023

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Our popcorn has arrived and we are greatly looking forward to this initiative being led by our Grade 8 students. Also, information was sent home this week regarding the new dates for our Ice Dawg days. A gentle reminder that outdoor supervision begins at 8:10 am and school begins at 8:25 am. Lastly, this **Friday, February 3rd is a PA Day**. There is no school for students.

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

Hot Lunch Update: Rescheduled Date for A & W

The hot lunch that was rescheduled for Thursday, January 19th, 2023 was cancelled due to inclement weather. This hot lunch will now take place **Thursday, February 2nd, 2023**.

York Catholic District School Board Is Now On Instagram

The York Catholic District School Board has launched an official Instagram account: [@yorkcatholic_dsb](https://www.instagram.com/yorkcatholic_dsb). This account will be used to share some of the amazing things happening throughout our YCDSB school communities. If you are on Instagram, please check it out!

Ukulele Kids

If your child is interested in participating in the Ukulele Lunch Hour Club please ensure that you **register before January 30th, 2023**. Paper forms went home with students this week. Please see the flyer and registration attached at the end of this communication for details.

Dental Screening at Holy Spirit

On Thursday, February 2nd, 2023 York Region will be conducting its annual dental screening at Holy Spirit CES. The dental screening will be conducted by a Registered Dental Hygienist for Grades JK, SK, 2, and 8. Students in Grades 4, 7 as well as others requested by parents/guardians may also be included. For more information, including how you can have your child opt out of the screening please see the parent letter sent out by email last week.

SEAC Newsletter

The YCDSB Special Education Advisory Committee provides important advice on special education to our school board. Members include representatives from the Board of Trustees, local agencies, and associations that further the well-being of exceptional students. This month they shared their first newsletter. Please see this link to view: [SEAC Newsletter](#)

Online Term 1 Report Card Access

Term 1 Report Cards will be available through the parent portal on **Wednesday, February 22nd, 2023** after 4:00 pm. To access this portal, please visit our school's website, and click on the parent's link in the top banner. From the Parents page, you will find a link to "Maplewood Parent Portal ConnectEd" on the right-hand side.

For detailed instructions on registering, using the portal, and to seek support, please visit the YCDSB Parent Portal at: <https://sites.google.com/ycdsb.ca/ycdsbparentportal>

EQAO Free Parent Webinar

This webinar is available to parents interested in learning about the Grade 3 and Grade 6 assessment as well as highlights from this year's results. Holy Spirit's results are available on our school website under our 'Parents' section.

Free Parent EQAO Webinar - February 22, 2023

Education Quality and
Accountability Office



Register for a free live webinar and learn about the EQAO Grade 3 and Grade 6 assessments and highlights from the 2021–2022 assessment results.

The live session will take place on **February 22, 2023**, from **6:30 pm to 7:30 pm** followed by a Q&A with EQAO staff.

Registration: bit.ly/eqao-ycdsb-webinar

Kindergarten Registration for the 2023-2024 School Year

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

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mr. A. Modica

Principal

anthony.modica@ycdsb.ca

Important Dates:

Monday, Jan. 30th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Hot Lunch: Delicious Greek
Wed. Feb. 1st	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Hot Lunch: Pizza Pizza
Thurs. Feb. 2 nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Hot Lunch: A & W (Make-Up Date)Dental Screening
Fri. Feb. 3rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none">PA Day: No School For Students



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Turn the page for information about Ukulele Kids classes at your child's school

www.ukulelekids.org

Holy Spirit CES Ukulele Kids Club

START DATE: Thursday, February 2, 2023
END DATE: Thursday, April 13, 2023
NO CLASS: March Break)
TIME: 11:20 pm – 12:20 pm
DURATION: 10 weeks
ROOM LOCATION: TBA
PROGRAM OPEN TO: Grades 1 to 3

REGISTRATION: **MUST BE COMPLETED ONLINE**
www.ukulelekids.org

COST:
Beginner: \$149.00 includes 10 lessons and a songbook.

ALL STUDENTS MUST HAVE A UKULELE TO PARTICIPATE.
Ukuleles are available for purchase during registration for \$50.
Colours: Red, Blue, Green, Yellow, Pink, Purple, Orange, Brown

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST REGISTER ONLINE
www.ukulelekids.org

PAYMENT OPTIONS: E-transfer, Cash, Cheque or Credit Card

After Monday January 30, 2023, we cannot guarantee ukulele colour choice and there will be a \$15.00 late registration fee.

If you need assistance registering, please call Linda Pfeifer at 416-831-939 or email us at linda@ukulelekids.ca

Online and in-home private lessons available for all instruments.
Register at www.ukulelekids.org

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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:



www.ycdsb.ca/admissions



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905-713-2711 or 416-221-5050

