



Holy Spirit Catholic Elementary School

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February 10th, 2023

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Thank you to the Canadian Multicultural Inventors Museum for sharing their knowledge and engaging exhibits with our students today. Students had fun exploring the exhibits on their knowledge scavenger hunts. Valentine's Day is next week and we kindly ask that no treats/food items be brought into the school but students can exchange Valentine cards.



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

Kiss and Ride Reminders

With the snowy and wet weather, I'd like to thank parents for their patience when dropping off and picking up students using the Kiss and Ride. Just a quick reminder to not drop off students between cars and to continue showing the wonderful patience you are displaying to one another during these busy times. To ease congestion please remember that students can be dropped off at any time between 8:10 am and 8:25 am.

Absences

If your family is planning to go on a vacation or your child will be absent for over 15 days we kindly request a letter/note to the teacher and office. Absences of over 15 days require an extended absence form which will be provided by the main office. Kindly continue to use the Safe Arrival System to input any and all absences. Thank you for your cooperation.

Carnaval de Holy Spirit

Our French Department has scheduled some wonderful events for Carnaval. This year Carnaval takes place from February 21st to February 24th.

Poutine/French Fry orders are **due by Monday, February 13th**. Only pre-orders will be accepted so don't forget!

Please see the image below for activity details.

Carnaval de Holy Spirit

Du 21 au 24 février 2023

	Tuesday Feb 21	Wednesday Feb 22	Thursday Feb 23	Friday Feb 24
 Theme Days	Tuque Tuesday (Wear a tuque!) 	Spiritwear (Blue & White) Quebec Colours Day 	Team Sportswear Day (Team colours/Jersey) 	Plaid and Poutine Day (Wear Plaid!)  ★Don't forget to wear plaid!
 Class Activities	Shrove Tuesday Pancakes 	Ash Wednesday Liturgy 	Winter Walk 	Poutine Truck 
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Shrove Tuesday

On Tuesday, February 21st, 2023 our Catholic School Council and parent volunteers will be preparing and sharing pancakes with our students for Shrove Tuesday. A list of ingredients will be emailed in next week's communication. Please see the letter below.



Shrove Tuesday - February 21, 2023

With the Easter Season approaching, the Catholic School Council wishes to celebrate the start of Lent with a pancake treat for all students and staff.

Shrove Tuesday precedes Ash Wednesday and the start of the Lenten season. As part of our tradition, Lent is observed with fasting and abstinence. Historically this has meant consuming all perishable foods in the pantry prior to Ash Wednesday. That's how we find eggs, milk, butter, and sugar in our Shrove Tuesday feast!

This celebration will take place in the school gymnasium, starting at 9 a.m. and ending at approximately 11 a.m. Classes will come down in groups and enjoy a pancake treat. Students should still bring their regular snacks and lunch on this day.

The Catholic School Council will provide the supplies and the pancakes will be prepared by parent volunteers.

Scholastic Book Fair is Coming Back to Holy Spirit

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Holy Spirit beginning on February 23rd, 2023. More information will be shared with students and parents next week!

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>

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!

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

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Important Dates:

Monday, Feb. 13th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hot Lunch: Delicious Greek
Wed. Feb.15th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hot Lunch: Pizza Pizza
Fri. Feb. 17th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hot Lunch: A & W



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:



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