



## *Holy Spirit Catholic Elementary School*

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

It was great being able to celebrate Easter Mass together on Monday as a school community. Thank you to Father Arthur for leading us in celebration. Next week we wish our Dance Team the best of luck at the "For the Love of Dance Showcase" taking place at St. Elizabeth CHS.

Please see the information below for the week of Monday, April 24th, 2023 at Holy Spirit CES.

### **Oral Communication Area Competition Update**

Our Junior speaker Taylor R. and Intermediate speaker Olivia H. performed courageously at the Area C Oral Communication Competition. We are very proud of their efforts. Taylor finished as the top Junior speaker and will now represent Area C in the Regional Finals. We wish her the best of luck at the Regional Competition.

### **York Region Public Health Pause to Play Initiative**

April 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> is designated as Pause to Play week. This week in our gym classes, teachers will be discussing how important it is to put a pause on screen time. The annual Pause to Play Challenge encourages students to put their TVs, gaming devices, tablets, cell phones, and computers on pause for one full week and become more physically active through play.

Being physically active for at least 60 minutes daily and maintaining more balanced screen time benefits our children's physical, mental, and emotional well-being. It has also been shown to improve concentration and children's ability to learn. We look forward to supporting our students and encouraging them to be physically active.

### **National Day of Mourning**

Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 is the National Day of Mourning which honours workers across the country whose lives have been lost, injured, or disabled on the job or suffer from occupational diseases. To honour those affected we respectfully share the prayer below which families can share together:

Joseph, by the work of your hands and the sweat of your brow, you supported Jesus and Mary and had the Son of God as your fellow worker.

Teach me to work as you did, with patience and perseverance, for God and for those whom God has given me to support.

Teach me to see in my fellow workers the Christ who desires to be in them, that I may always be charitable and forbearing towards all.

Grant me to look upon work with the eyes of faith so that I shall recognize in it my share in God's own creative activity and Christ's work of our redemption and so take pride in it.

When it is pleasant and productive, remind me to thank God. And when it is burdensome, teach me to offer it to God in reparation for my and the world's sins.

Amen.

(Source: <https://www.stjosephshrine.org/Prayers-to-St-Joseph-For-Workers>. This prayer was taken from the booklet "Devotions to Saint Joseph" by Brian Moore, S.J., printed and published by the Society of St. Paul.)

### **Appropriate Dress Code Reminder**

With the warmer weather just around the corner, it is a good time to remind our community of Policy 219A: Appropriate Dress Code. We kindly ask that parents review the following with their children to ensure that the policy is being adhered to.

- Shoulder straps: at least three fingers wide;
- Midriff is not visible
- Garments are to have solid fabric rather than mesh or netting
- Shorts must be longer than the length of the student's arms/hands at their side
- Avoid low riding pants so that underwear is not visible
- No wearing hats/hoodies in the school building
- No explicit/inappropriate messaging on shirts/sweaters
- Running shoes are required as outdoor/indoor shoes (both for recess safety & Physical Education)

Students will receive verbal reminders, however, if they continue to not follow the dress code, they will be asked to call home for a change of clothes. We hope that with your support these guidelines can be adhered to.

### **Catholic School Council Big Box of Cards Fundraiser**

A friendly reminder to please return any unsold boxes in their entirety to your child's classroom teacher if you have not already done so. Thank you for your continued support of our school.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mr. A. Modica

Principal

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Important Dates:

Mon. April 24th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hot Lunch: Delicious Greek</li></ul>
Wed. April 26th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hot Lunch: Pizza</li><li>• Gr. 1 Trip to Kortright Centre</li><li>• Gr. 4 Class to Visit Stream Centre at OLG</li></ul>
Fri. April 28th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hot Lunch: A &amp; W</li><li>• Gr. 4 Trip to McMichael Art Gallery</li></ul>