



Holy Spirit Catholic Elementary School

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

This week our Junior and Intermediate students took part in our Holy Spirit Track and Field Day. Thank you to all of our students and staff for their participation in organizing and implementing a fun and successful day. This week we are looking forward to our Kindergarten and Primary STEM workshops.

I would like to wish all of our parents and guardians a Happy Mother's Day. Please find below a prayer you may wish to share with your loved ones this weekend.

Please see the information below for the week of Monday, May 15th, 2023 at Holy Spirit CES.

A Mother's Day Prayer

I said a Mother's Day prayer for you
to thank the Lord above for blessing me with a lifetime of your tender-hearted
love.

I thanked God for the caring you've shown me through the years,
for the closeness we've enjoyed in times of laughter and of tears.
And so, I thank you from the heart for all you've done for me
and I bless the Lord for giving me the best mother there could be!

Source: Unknown

https://cpco.on.ca/files/9415/1880/5532/6._A_Mothers_Day_Prayer.pdf



Halloween Prize Update

As part of our school-wide Halloween prizes, the students earned a FREE Ice Dawg Day. This day will take place on Thursday, May 11th, 2023, and will be distributed with the help of our Grade 8 students. We have also set our 'Slime the Principal Day' for Friday, May 26th, 2023!

Big Box of Cards Fundraiser

Our prize draw took place today. Congratulations to all of our prize winners! Thank you to Tina's Restaurant for their prize donation

We would like to thank our Catholic School Council members for organizing. We expect our box of card orders to arrive early next week. Information for families who are picking up larger orders will be sent through email once the order arrives.

Paul Davis Presentation

On Friday, May 26th, 2023, our parent community has been invited to attend a parent presentation at Aurora Grove P.S. at 6:00 pm. The parent presentation is on social media and online safety featuring guest speaker Paul Davis. If you are interested in attending, please complete the RSVP below by Thursday, May 18th, 2023.

[Paul Davis Presentation RSVP](#)

We hope you will find the evening informative and thank our Catholic School Council for their support in the initiative. Please see the flyer below for details.

Bike to School Week is May 29-June 2

Bike to School Week takes place from May 29-June 2, 2023. When cycling, please remind students to remember to:

- Wear a properly fitting helmet. Every cyclist under 18 must wear a bike helmet.
- Air Brakes Chain – Check your bike tires, brakes, and chain before you start riding.
- Ensure your bike has a working bell, white light or reflector at the front, and a red light or reflector at the back. For information and to learn more visit the [Government of Ontario's bicycle safety information](#).
- Cross at crosswalks, if there is one. Walk beside your bike when crossing the road.
- Watch for cars backing out of driveways and turning at intersections.
- Lock your bike in bike racks.
- Be visible and dress for the weather.
- Please see the fact sheet below for more safety tips.

Prevention of Tick Bites

Please review York Region's [Fight the Bite](#) fact sheet to help minimize exposure to black-legged ticks when enjoying the outdoors:

- Wear light-coloured clothing, long pants, long-sleeved tops, socks, and closed-toe footwear
- Use insect repellent containing DEET or icaridin
- In wooded areas or areas of brush and parks, stay on paths (middle of the trail)
- After being outdoors, search your body for ticks especially in the following areas: behind your knees, on your head, belly button, underarm areas, groin, and back
- Shower when you get home to remove unattached ticks
- Check yourself, your family, and your pets for ticks
- Remove attached ticks from the body as quickly as possible

EQAO Dates

This year our EQAO dates will be the following:

Gr. 6 Monday, May 29th, 2023 - Monday, June 5th

Gr. 3: Monday June 5th, 2023 - Friday, June 9th, 2023

We ask that Parent(s) and Guardian(s)

- Wherever possible, please avoid appointments during these dates
- Make sure students arrive at school on time at 8:25 am.
- Ensure that your child eats a healthy breakfast
- Ensure that your child has a good night's sleep and that they go to bed early, so they are well-rested and alert for the test.
- Send your child with a quiet activity to complete when they are done their section of the assessment

Pediculosis Reminder

The York Catholic District School Board recognizes concerns related to pediculosis (head lice) at the school and community level. Pediculosis (head lice) are not a public hazard, as they do not cause illness, but they are a nuisance. To prevent pediculosis (head lice) from becoming a

problem at our school we all need to work together. Please check your child's head on a regular basis for lice or nits. If you do find lice or nits, you must contact the office so that we can notify other parents in your child's class to keep a special watch for any signs of head lice.

A student's readmission to school is contingent upon the Parent/Guardian submitting a completed and signed "Pediculosis Treatment Form" communicating to the Principal that treatment for pediculosis (head lice) has been administered.

More information on the identification, treatment, and prevention of pediculosis (head lice) from the Canadian Pediatric Society (<http://www.caringforkids.cps.ca/handouts/headlice>) and Toronto Public Health (toronto.ca/health) is available on the school's website under the 'Parents' section.

Spirit Wear Is Available!

Our school spirit wear is available for purchase. If you are interested in ordering please visit our virtual store: https://stores.inksoft.com/holy_spirit/shop/home

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mr. A. Modica

Principal

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Important Dates:

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| Mon. May 15th | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hot Lunch: Delicious Greek |
| Wed. May 17th | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hot Lunch: Pizza |
| Fri. May 19th | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hot Lunch: A & W |

**SOCIAL MEDIA
AND ONLINE SAFETY**
**AN EVENING FOR
PARENTS WITH
PAUL DAVIS**

AURORA GROVE PS
MAY 26, 2023
6:00 PM

TOPICS INCLUDE:

SNAPCHAT / TIKTOK / INSTAGRAM / DISCORD
SMARTPHONES AND DIGITAL TRAILS
CYBERBULLYING / IMAGE SHARING
PRIVACY & ONLINE SECURITY

**EMPOWERING
PARENTS IN THE DIGITAL AGE**



Cycling Safety Factsheet

Be Seen - Be Heard - Be Safe

Did you know?

Ontario law requires that you equip your bike with:

- ✓ White reflective tape on the front forks and red reflective tape on the rear forks
- ✓ A white front light and a red rear light or reflector if you ride between 1/2 hour before sunset and 1/2 hour after sunrise
- ✓ A bell or horn that works



Every cyclist under 18 years of age must wear an approved bicycle helmet
