



Holy Spirit Catholic Elementary School

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September 22nd, 2023

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

A reminder that yearbooks were distributed this week to students whose families ordered a copy. Secondly, this Friday is Orange Shirt Day in recognition of National Truth and Reconciliation Day. We invite students to wear any orange item such as shirts, hats, shorts, sweaters, or shoes in recognition of this day. Lastly, please note that hot lunch order payments are due this week. Please see the information below for important details on our upcoming week and events at Holy Spirit CES.

Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation

This week registration packages went home with our students regarding the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Typically, students receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion in Grade 2. If your child is in Grade 3 and has not received it but would like to, please also complete a registration package for the Parish.

Students in Grade 7 receive the sacrament of Confirmation. If your child is in Grade 8 and has not received the sacrament but would like to, please also complete a registration package for the Parish.

All registration packages are due back to the Parish by Wednesday, October 20th, 2023.

Safety Week

This week is safety week! During this week, we will be rehearsing a variety of emergency school procedures to acquaint students and staff with the precautionary steps to take in the event of such things as a warning of severe weather, or an intruder.

Teachers will review these procedures with students in class on Monday and we will review the procedures over the announcements before practicing a particular procedure.

Late Buses

We encourage families to continue to check late bus reports on [School Bus City](#) for up-to-date information regarding their child's/children's bus. If a bus is late arriving after school, please note that students will be walked to the front foyer in front of the main office to wait for its arrival.

Cross Country

This year our Junior and Intermediate students will be participating in Cross County on Monday, October 16th, 2023. More information regarding the Cross Country Meet will be sent home shortly with our participating athletes.

Terry Fox 2023

- This year Holy Spirit will be holding our annual Terry Fox Walk on Wednesday, September 27th, 2023
- Students have been engaging in learning about Terry Fox throughout September
- We invite staff and students to wear red items on this day (hats, shirts, shorts, track pants, shoes, etc.)
- To donate to this incredible cause please visit our school site online at: <http://schools.terryfox.ca/HolySpiritSchoolAurora>
- Thank you for your consideration

Brightpics Picture Day

This year, we will be welcoming a new photography provider: Brightpics School Photography. Our fall picture day will take place on Tuesday, October 3rd, 2023. We look forward to working with their team throughout the year.



IT'S PHOTO DAY!

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2023

- ☀️ Class Group Photos & Individual Photos will be taken on this day
- ☀️ Proof Cards will be delivered to the school 3-5 days after Photo Day with all ordering information



CSC Information

- As a parent/guardian of a child at Holy Spirit, you are eligible to self-nominate or nominate another parent/guardian of a child at this school to be a voting member of the Catholic School Council for the 2023-2024 school year.
- To complete a nomination form, please click on this link: [Google Nomination Form 2023-2024](#) Forms must be submitted before **3:00 pm on Friday, September 29th, 2023**, with your nominations. Meetings will take place in person in our library and our first meeting and election (if needed) will take place on Tuesday, October 3rd, 2023.

Ukulele Kids

We welcome back the Ukulele Kids Lunch Program this year for students in Grades 1 to 5. Please see this link <https://youtu.be/P18RSLjEN1k> and the flyers below for information and how to register.



The flyer is a vibrant yellow poster for Ukulele Kids. At the top left is the logo, which features a stylized ukulele with colorful notes and the text "Ukulele kids" in a playful font, with "A Canada Not-For-Profit Corporation" written below it. To the right of the logo is a blue circle containing the text "Join the ukulele craze sweeping Great Britain, the U.S. and now Canada". Below this is another blue circle with the heading "Why is the ukulele so popular?" followed by a bulleted list: "easiest instrument in the world to learn", "children can sing and play at the same time", "great stepping stone to the guitar", "comes in bright cheery colours", "inexpensive and portable", and "simply fun!". In the center is a large green circle with the text "The Ukulele Kids Formula for Fun:" followed by a simple addition: "kids + bright coloured ukuleles + great songs = the best time ever learning a musical instrument!". To the right of this is a circular photograph of a group of diverse children sitting on the floor in a classroom, each holding and playing a small, colorful ukulele. Below the photograph is a red ukulele. At the bottom, a large red arrow points to the right, containing the text "Turn the page for information about Ukulele Kids classes at your child's school". The website address "www.ukulelekids.org" is printed at the very bottom.

Ukulele kids
A Canada Not-For-Profit Corporation

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Why is the ukulele so popular?

- easiest instrument in the world to learn
- children can sing and play at the same time
- great stepping stone to the guitar
- comes in bright cheery colours
- inexpensive and portable
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Holy Spirit CES Ukulele Kids Club

START DATE: Tuesday, October 10, 2023
END DATE: Tuesday, December 12, 2023
TIME: 11:20 am – 12:20 pm
DURATION: 10 weeks
ROOM LOCATION: TBA
PROGRAM OPEN TO: Grades 1 to 5

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 upon registration.
(Delivery included on first day of class)

Colours: Red, Blue, Green, Yellow, Pink, Purple, Orange, Brown

Level 2: \$139.00 (already have a ukulele and songbook)

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST REGISTER ONLINE
www.ukulelekids.org

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

After Sunday October 7, 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 416-831-9939 or email us at linda@ukulelekids.ca

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

Ukulele Kids is a Canada Not-For-Profit Organization

SEAC Information

The Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) is a group that provides important advice on special education to the York Catholic District School Board (YCDSB). It is made up of representatives from the Board of Trustees, local agencies, and associations that further the well-being of exceptional students in the YCDSB. SEAC makes recommendations on matters affecting the establishment, development and delivery of special education programs, and

services for exceptional students. If you are interested in more information please see the flyer below.



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How can SEAC help you, your child and your family?

SEAC members are available as a resource for students with exceptional needs, parents/guardians of such students, schools, educators, trustees and the community. Many members are parents themselves of students with exceptional needs and are aware of the educational needs and abilities such students may experience. For additional information visit

<https://www.ycdsb.ca/programs-services/student-services/special-education-advisory-committee-seac/>

What Agencies and Associations are represented on SEAC?

- Autism Ontario (www.autismontario.com/york)
- Community Living: York South (www.clnad.com)
- Down Syndrome Association of York Region (www.dsayr.ca)
- Early Intervention Services, York Region (www.york.ca/specialneeds)
- Easter Seals Ontario (<http://www.easterseals.org>)
- Inclusion Action in Ontario (<https://inclusionactionontario.ca>)
- Learning Disabilities Association York-Simcoe (www.ldays.org)
- York Hills Centre for Children, Youth and Families (<https://www.yorkhills.ca/>)

When does SEAC Meet?

SEAC holds regular monthly meetings virtually which are open to the public via livestream link. We invite all parents and interested members of the public to attend these meetings. A list of meeting dates for the current school year can be found at

<https://www.ycdsb.ca/programs-services/student-services/special-education-advisory-committee-seac/>

Questions? Looking for more information? [Contact us](#)



Yours in Catholic Education,

Mr. A. Modica

Principal

Monday, Sept. 25 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Safety Week Begins (25th – 29th)• Hot Lunch Orders Due (If Paying by Cheque/Cash)
Wednesday, Sept. 27 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Terry Fox Walk (12:45 pm)• Wear Red• Hot Lunch Orders Due (If Paying Online)
Friday, Sept. 29 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wear Orange (National Day of Truth & Reconciliation)