



Holy Spirit Catholic Elementary School

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

I hope all of our families had a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend. We are looking forward this week to our Grade 6 families participating in our Cosmic Family Star Party in the library. Please note that Friday, October 20th is a PA Day and the school will be closed.

Please see the information below for important details on our upcoming week at Holy Spirit.

Save the Date: Halloween Dance Fundraiser

Our Halloween Dance fundraiser is right around the corner. We will be holding an assembly for students on Tuesday afternoon. Information will be sent home with students this week on how to collect pledges and the great prizes available to be won! Thank you for your continued support.

Cross Country Regional Meet at Bruce's Mill

This Monday, October 16th our Holy Spirit cross country runners will be participating in our Regional Cross Country Meet at Bruce's Mill. Please note that hot lunches will be saved at the school for athletes and will be picked up upon their return to school. Please ensure that the students are dressed appropriately for the weather and bring plenty of water, snacks, and a lunch.

Thank you to our coaches for their efforts and best of luck to all of our athletes!

Outdoor Equipment Update

As the wetter weather approaches, there may be days when the field is closed. When it is closed students will be encouraged to use soft balls and tennis balls only on the pavement. Basketballs will only be allowed at the basketball courts. We are implementing these measures to reduce the amount of head injuries taking place on the pavement area when the field is closed. This means that footballs, moonballs, and soccer balls will only be used when the field is open. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated to protect our students and staff from injury.

Hot Lunch Update

Thank you to all of our families for your support of the hot lunch program. Please note that if your child will be absent on a hot lunch day and you would like to arrange for pick up or give it to a sibling we ask you to contact the hot lunch team by 10:00 am on the same day at hs.hot.lunch@gmail.com As this is a volunteer-run program, if emails are received after 10:00 am we cannot guarantee that it will be ready for pick or distributed to a sibling. Thank you for your understanding.

Catholic School Council Year End Report

Attached to this email you will find a link to our Catholic School Council Year End Report. This report is intended to provide parents with information on the events and items that were supported by our CSC throughout the year. The report will also be posted on our Holy Spirit website.

Reminder: PACE Testing Grade 4

During the week of October 23rd - 27th our Grade 4's will be participating in testing as part of the screening process for the Program for Academic and Creative Extension (PACE) program.

EQAO Update

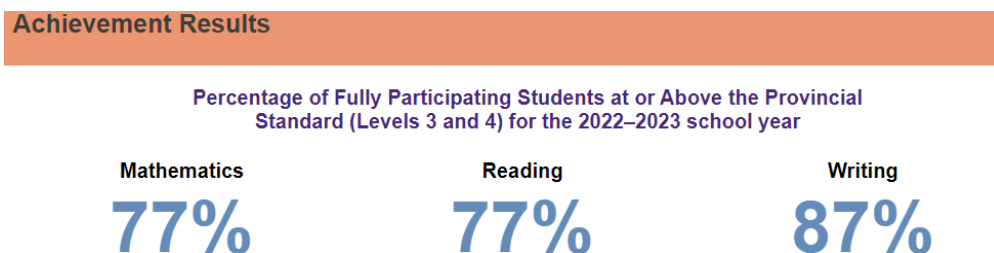
Firstly, please note that individual scores will be going home next week with students in Grades 4 and 7.

Secondly, we are pleased to provide you with achievement highlights of our school results on the provincial EQAO Test written last spring. We will be reviewing our detailed EQAO results and other school assessment data, in order to build on our strengths and address areas requiring improvement. For additional information about this and other province-wide assessments, please visit <https://www.eqao.com/>.

It is important to note that the Grade 3 and 6 EQAO results reflect the results for all students who participated in-person and met or exceeded the provincial expectations. It does not include students who provided no data due to absence, medical reasons, etc. Students enrolled in remote-learning classrooms were excluded from participating in the EQAO assessments unless they attended the assessment in-person.

During the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years, the EQAO assessments were administered online for the first time. The results from these last two years serve as a new baseline for student achievement in the province of Ontario. Due to contextual differences, including the new Ontario curriculum, there is no meaningful comparison of these results from previous administrations of the provincial assessments.

Grade 3 Achievement Results:



Grade 6 Achievement Results:

Achievement Results

Percentage of Fully Participating Students at or Above the Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4) for the 2022–2023 school year

Mathematics
69%

Reading
88%

Writing
85%

For more detailed information please visit: [EQAO School Results](#)

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mr. A. Modica

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Monday, October 16th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hot Lunch: Delicious Greek• Cross Country at Bruce's Mill
Tuesday, October 17 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Family Star Party (Gr. 6) at 6:00 pm in the Library
Wednesday, Oct. 18th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pizza Nova Hot Lunch
Thursday, Oct. 19th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Zucca's Ristorante Hot Lunch
Friday, Oct. 20th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PA Day (School is Closed)