



Holy Spirit Catholic Elementary School

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Our Halloween fundraiser has begun! We have many great prizes to be won. We hope that you will be able to support our school this year. Today was a PA Day and staff engaged in rich dialogue and activities around data, goals setting, reviewing curriculum as well as health and safety modules. We look forward to seeing everyone back to school on Monday. Please note that our next Catholic School Council meeting will take place this upcoming Tuesday at 7:00 pm.

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

Cross Country Regional Meet and Finals at Bruce's Mill

Congratulations to all of our athletes for their efforts at our Regional Cross-Country Meet that took place on Monday, October 16th. At this meet our Grade 6 athletes finished in 1st place as a team and some of our athletes qualified for the Board Championships that took place on Thursday.

We would like to recognize our cross-country runners who qualified for the board finals, some of whom placed in the Top 10 for their age group. Way to go Flames!



Grade 8	Grade 6	Grade 4
Bianca M. (1 st Place)	Taylor R. (4 th Place) Luka H. Noah K. Gianluca L. Chelsea M. Adriana R.	Adrian L. (2 nd Place)

Kiss and Ride Safety

This is a reminder that school begins promptly at 8:25 am. Please do not use the bus loop to drop off students or double-park in the Kiss and Ride area. Students can be dropped off as early as 8:10 am when supervision begins. It is encouraged that parents use street parking where the bylaws allow helping to ease the congestion in our Kiss and Ride area. Thank you for your continued patience and cooperation.

Halloween Dance Fundraiser

Holy Spirit CES will be holding its annual fundraiser through our **Halloween Dance-a-thon**. This week information went home with students. All proceeds from this fundraising event will benefit our children in many ways. This school-based fundraiser will address technology needs in our school as well as support our future library renovation and numeracy/literacy needs.

This is our ONE major school-wide fundraiser and is a "Tax Deductible Donation" fundraiser. The major benefits of this type of fundraiser are:

- 100% of the proceeds stay in the school
- Tax receipts are available for **individual cheque** donations of \$25 or more; cheques must be made out to **York Catholic District School Board**

The community is strongly encouraged to utilize the York Catholic District School Board's online payment system for donations to the school at www.canadahelps.org. This is a safe and secure method to make an **individual** donation to the school through an online payment method and receive a tax receipt immediately.

- **York Catholic District School Board Aurora** is the charity name
- Select the **school name** from the "Apply your donation to a specific fund set up by this charity" **drop-down list**.
- To identify this donation for a particular student, indicate the student's name in the "send a message for this charity" or the "in honour" section

Fundraising has begun and we ask that all donations and forms be returned by **Wednesday, November 1st, 2023**.

Students will receive one ballot for every \$25 donated. These ballots will provide students with the opportunity to be entered into our prize draws.

Our prizes include:

1 Nintendo Switch

2 Kids' Electric Scooters

1 Hoverboard

Movies/Toys R Us/ Roblox/Minecraft Gift Certificates

Toronto FC Tickets and more...

If our school raises over \$10,000 Mr. Modica will be shaving his goatee and colouring his hair! The top sellers in each division will be our colour experts for the day in helping Mr. Modica achieve his new stylish look!

Halloween Reminders

As we approach Halloween and our Halloween dance please note the following:

- Costumes should be of simple design (to limit personal items being brought to school), and treats cannot be shared. When in doubt, think saint- encourage students to dress up as saints.

- Masks should not be worn to school, as they present a safety risk, and some masks may even be quite scary to the younger students.
- Parents and students should think creatively and critically when choosing a costume, ensuring and honouring the dignity of each human person.
- Food/snacks should not be sent with your child to be distributed to classmates.

We thank you for your attention and cooperation.

PACE Testing Begins This Week

This week 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. Please ensure that students come to school well rested to put forward their best efforts.

EQAO Update

Please note that individual results for our Grade 4 and 7 students were sent home this week. Students who are new to the school will receive their results once they have been transferred from their previous school.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mr. A. Modica

Principal

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Monday, October 23rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hot Lunch: Delicious Greek
Tuesday, October 24 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSC Meeting 7:00 pm (Library)
Wednesday, Oct. 25th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pizza Nova Hot Lunch
Thursday, Oct. 26th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zucca's Ristorante Hot Lunch
Friday, Oct. 27th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A & W Hot Lunch