



# Holy Spirit Catholic Elementary School

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

We are looking forward to our Halloween Dance! Please keep those pledges coming in to help support our school. Your consideration is greatly appreciated.

We also wish our Boy and Girls Intermediate Volleyball teams the best of luck at the Our Lady of Grace Invitational Tournaments.

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

## **Halloween Dance Fundraiser**

Holy Spirit CES will be holding its annual fundraiser through our **Halloween Dance-a-thon**. 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](http://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 able to turn his hair into the colours of the rainbow!

### **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.

### **Halloween Dance Schedule**

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| 8:35 am - 9:40 am   | Kindergarten Classes |
| 10:05 am - 11:15 am | Primary Classes      |
| 12:25 pm - 1:25 pm  | Junior Classes       |
| 1:25 - 2:50         | Intermediate Classes |

On the day of the dance-a-thon, we invite you to join us.

We kindly ask that:

- If you do join us and would like to take pictures, you take pictures of only your own child and do not post them to any social media applications/sites to protect the privacy of all of our students.
- All parents who enter the building are asked to sign in and sign out at the desk in front of the main office.
- You sanitize your hands before entering the gym and upon exiting the school.

### **York Region Public Health Dental Screening**

On Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, students in grades JK, SK, 2, and 7 will be screened as part of the York Region Public Health's Dental Screening program. Students in other grades can be screened if requested by parents/guardians.

Please note the following:

**If you DO NOT want your child to participate in screening:**

- Notify the Child and Youth Dental Program before the dental screening date by leaving a message at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 74395
- Provide your child's first and last name (including the spelling), school, grade, date of birth, and phone number

- Once YRPH receives notice that you do not want dental screening, your child will not receive future dental screenings while attending this school

**Picture Retake Day**

On Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, BrightPics will be back at Holy Spirit for our picture retake day.

**Personally Owned Electronic Devices Information (Cell Phones)**

At Holy Spirit we recognize that parents may need their children to have their cell phones before and after school, however, we ask that students keep their cell phones off and out of sight (i.e. backpacks) so that they are not a distraction during the school day.

If a student is found to be misusing their cell phone, they will be reminded that their cell phone is to be turned off and out of sight. If the student continues to use their phone throughout the school day, then please note that the teacher may ask to hold onto the phone for the duration of the day. The student will be responsible for picking it up at the end of the school day.

If offences continue, then the parent/guardian will be contacted by either their teacher or administration. Future offences may involve the loss of the privilege of bringing a personally owned electronic device to school for a select period of time. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter to ensure the safety of all of our students at Holy Spirit.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mr. A. Modica

Principal

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| Monday, October 30th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hot Lunch: Delicious Greek</li> </ul>  |
| Tuesday, Oct. 31st   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Halloween Dance</li> </ul>   |
| Wed. Nov. 1st        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pizza Nova Hot Lunch</li> </ul>  |
| Thursday, Nov. 2nd   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zucca's Ristorante Hot Lunch</li> <li>• YRPH Dental Screening</li> <li>• Boys Invitational Volleyball Tournament at OLG</li> </ul> |
| Friday, Nov. 3rd     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A &amp; W Hot Lunch</li> <li>• Girls Invitational Volleyball Tournament at OLG</li> </ul>  |