



Holy Spirit Catholic Elementary School

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October 6th, 2023

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

I'd like to take the opportunity to wish all of our families a Happy Thanksgiving! I hope you are able to take the opportunity to spend quality time with those you cherish. Our school will reopen on Tuesday, October 10th, 2023.

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

Thanksgiving Prayer

Thank You, God, for all the wonderful blessings, for our daily meals, for clean drinking water and for sunlight, and for the cool breeze.

I'm thankful for my family, my friends and my health. I'm thankful for my friends, to love and be loved. Thank You for this great country and for the freedom it offers.

I'm thankful to be alive and praise You for all these wonders. I'm thankful that You have been so gracious to give Your only Son to us who gave his life and bore the unbearable for us sinners.

On this Thanksgiving Day, I take the opportunity to give thanks for countless other things You provide us with on a daily basis.

Amen.

From: https://www.cpco.on.ca/common/Uploaded%20files/CPCO/Prayers/Special-Occasions/8_Thanksgiving_Prayer.pdf

Catholic School Council Update

Thank you to everyone who was interested in joining our 2023-2024 Catholic School Council. Our meetings will take place at 7:00 pm in our library on the following dates:

October 24 th , 2023	November 21 st , 2023	January 16 th , 2024	March 5 th , 2024	April 9 th , 2024	May 7 th , 2024
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This year our council consists of the following voting members along with Ms. P. D’Aoust who will be our Teacher Representative. Our Executive members have been identified with their role in parentheses. Congratulations to all and I look forward to continuing our work together this school year.

S. Boz	J. Chacko	D. Calleri	R. De Cicco (Treasurer)	R. Colangelo
L. De Gasperis	M. Facchini	R. Gaudioso Lanni	K. Haldane (Co-Chair)	S. Kimens
S. Lai (Secretary)	R. Mathanraj (Co- Chair)	A. Mavromatis	T. Mraibe	D. Ornat (OAPCE Representative)
M. Pinto	K. Renwick	M. Sarracini (Parish Rep.)	J. Tam	A. Vallesteros

Luke 4:18 Food Drive For The Aurora Food Pantry

Thank you to all of our families and students who were able to participate in our Thanksgiving Food Drive. Many items were picked up today, however, we will be extending the food drive to Tuesday if you would still like to donate any items.



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.

Student Nutrition Program is Back At Holy Spirit

This week we began our Student Nutrition Program, which aims to provide students in the school with healthy snacks throughout the week. We thank Ms. Boulay, Ms. Barbaro, and Ms. Capodagli for organizing the program with the help of our student committee as part of our healthy school initiative.

With grants from PC Children’s Charity and Student Nutrition Ontario, we are able to serve healthy snacks to our students. Students are encouraged to eat their snacks from home first before taking a snack from the program. Healthy snacks are also available in the office if needed. We look forward to continuing the program throughout the year.

Hot Lunch Update

Hot Lunches have begun! As a reminder, we are kindly asking families to bring in reusable utensils on hot lunch days. This will help to reduce the amount of waste created at the school through the use of plastic or one-time-use items. We thank you in advance for your support.

Terry Fox 2023 Final Update


- As a school, we have now raised \$1005 for cancer research, surpassing our goal of \$1000! Thank you to everyone who was able to donate.

Thanksgiving Liturgy

We look forward to our Grade 3 classes celebrating a Thanksgiving Liturgy on Wednesday, October 11th, 2023 at 10:00 am. Parents are welcome to attend.

EQAO Webinar

EQAO is offering a live webinar where they will present the results of the 2022-2023 Primary (Grade 3) and Junior (Grade 6) Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics. The session will also explain how Ontario's large-scale assessments are administered. Parents will also learn about the latest research and resources available on eqao.com. The session is approximately 45 minutes, followed by a live Q&A with EQAO staff. If you are interested please use the link below to register for one of the dates.

Free Parent EQAO Webinar - Fall 2023	
 Education Quality and Accountability Office	Register for a free live webinar and learn about the EQAO Grade 3 and Grade 6 assessments and highlights from the 2022–2023 assessment results (followed by a Q&A with EQAO staff).
Choose one of the following webinar dates:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• October 17, 2023, from 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm• October 19, 2023, from 6:30 pm to 7:15 pm• November 7, 2023, from 6:30 pm to 7:15 pm	
Registration: https://eqao.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_RZfQnyoXTQq7IJC7iv9KtQ	

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mr. A. Modica

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Monday, October 9th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Happy Thanksgiving• School Is Closed
Tuesday, Oct. 10 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thanksgiving Liturgy (10:10 am)
Wednesday, Oct. 11th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pizza Nova Hot Lunch
Thursday, Oct. 12th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Zucca's Ristorante Hot Lunch
Friday, Oct. 13th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A & W Hot Lunch