



## Holy Spirit Catholic Elementary School

315 Stone Road, Aurora, ON L4G 6Y7  
Telephone: (905) 713-6813 • Fax: (905) 713-6744

November 10th, 2023

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Please note that this upcoming Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 is a PA Day and there is no school for students. We are looking forward to hosting our Parent-Teacher Interviews this Thursday and Friday. Congratulations to all of our Halloween Dance-A-Thon prize winners! This year as a school community we raised over \$18,000! Thank you for your generosity and support. All classes will be receiving our school-wide prizes in the near future.

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

### **Progress Reports**

Progress reports will be available through the parent portal on **Tuesday, November 14th, 2023 after 4:00 pm**. To access this portal, please visit our school's website, and click on the parent's link in the top banner. From the Parents page, you will find a link to "Maplewood Parent Portal ConnectEd" on the right-hand side. Parents are encouraged to set up a log-in if they have not already done so already and to check their log-in before November 14<sup>th</sup>.

For detailed instructions on registering, using the portal, and to seek support, please visit the YCDSB Parent Portal at: <https://sites.google.com/ycdsb.ca/ycdsbparentportal>

### **Parent-Teacher Interviews**

This week parent-teacher interviews will be taking place on the evening of Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> and the morning of Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Teachers will be communicating directly this Monday to parents through a slip in the agenda or through their Google Classrooms.

### **Leo Barbe Visits Our Intermediates for Kindness Week**

On Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, Holy Spirit welcomes guest speaker Mr. Leo Barbe. Through the use of spoken word, Catholic messaging, and entertaining storytelling Leo will be engaging our Grades 4 to 8 students on topics such as leadership building, mental health, and the power of positive choices.



### **Intermediate Boys & Girls Volleyball Divisional Tournaments**

On Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup> our Girls Volleyball Team will be participating in their divisional tournament at Good Sheppard Catholic Elementary School.

On Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 our Boys Volleyball Team will take part in their divisional tournament at Our Lady of the Annunciation Catholic Elementary School.

We wish both of our teams the best of luck and thank our coaches Ms. Pineda and Mr. Bonavota for their efforts. Let's go Flames!

### **York Region Public Health Immunization Clinic (Grades 7 & 8)**

On Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, York Region Public Health will be hosting an immunization clinic for our Grade 7 & 8 students. Parents/Guardians, please check your email for the online consent form if you wish for your child to participate.

### **Kindness Week Is Here!**



### **Canadian Dental Benefit**

The interim Canada Dental Benefit is intended to help lower dental costs for eligible families earning less than \$90,000 annually. Parents and guardians may be eligible if they pay for dental care for a child under 12 years old who does not have access to a private dental insurance plan.

Please see the info sheet below for more details.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mr. A. Modica

Principal

[anthony.modica@ycdsb.ca](mailto:anthony.modica@ycdsb.ca)

Monday, Nov. 13th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hot Lunch: Delicious Greek</li><li>• Intermediate Girls Volleyball Tournament at Good Sheppard</li></ul>
Tuesday, Nov. 14th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Intermediate Boys Volleyball Tournament at Our Lady of the Annunciation</li><li>• Progress Reports Available After 4:00 pm (Parent Portal)</li></ul>

Wednesday, Nov. 15th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pizza Nova Hot Lunch</li> <li>• Leo Barbe At Holy Spirit</li> </ul>
Thursday, Nov. 16th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zucca's Ristorante Hot Lunch</li> <li>• Parent-Teacher Interview (PM)</li> </ul>
Friday, Nov. 17th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PA Day (No School For Students)</li> <li>• Parent-Teacher Interviews (AM)</li> </ul>



# Canada Dental Benefit

## Factsheet

Tooth decay is the most common, but preventable, childhood chronic disease both in Canada and around the world. Oral diseases frequently begin in the preschool years which is why it is so important to establish good oral hygiene behaviours as soon as possible.

The Government of Canada has implemented the **Canada Dental Benefit**, which is designed to provide some financial support to help Canadian families access dental care. With this benefit, families can start addressing some of the basic dental care that their young children need while the Government continues its work to develop a long-term Canadian dental care program.



### WHAT is the benefit?

The Canada Dental Benefit provides **up to \$650** per eligible child under 12 years of age. You can apply for a **maximum of 2 payments** per child.

**\$650**

if the family's adjusted net income is **under \$70,000**

**\$390**

if the family's adjusted net income is **between \$70,000 and \$79,999**

**\$260**

if the family's adjusted net income is **between \$80,000 and \$89,999**

The benefit can be used for any dental care provided by any regulated dental professional.



### WHO can apply?

Parents/Guardians who:

- ✓ Have a child under 12 years of age, who does not have access to private dental care insurance.
- ✓ Have an adjusted family net income under \$90,000 per year.
- ✓ Have filed last year's income tax return—for more information on how to file a return, visit [Canada.ca/doing-your-taxes](https://Canada.ca/doing-your-taxes).
- ✓ Receive the Canada Child Benefit for each eligible child.
- ✓ Have or will have **out of pocket** dental care expenses for each eligible child that have not been fully reimbursed under another federal, provincial or territorial government program.



### HOW can you apply?

Canada Revenue Agency (**CRA My Account**) will be the quickest, easiest and most secure way to apply for the Canada Dental Benefit. If you don't have a CRA My Account, you can register at [Canada.ca/my-cra-account](https://Canada.ca/my-cra-account) or call **1-800-715-8836**.

You will need to **provide information** on the dental care visit, including the name of your child's dental care provider(s) and your employer information.

If you apply online and are signed up for CRA direct deposit, you can receive your payment within five business days!

Keep your child's dental receipts for **six years** in the event CRA contacts you to validate eligibility.

Make sure you have your Social Insurance Number, address, date of birth and a copy of your income tax return from last year.



### WHEN can you apply?

Parents can now apply for the second benefit period, to help pay out-of-pocket expenses for dental care services received by their eligible child between **July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024**.



### WHAT if I don't read or speak English or French?

The application portal is only available in English and French. However, if you need help with the application, you can ask an English or French-speaking friend to sit with you while you fill out the application, or have them with you when you call **1-800-715-8836**.

If you don't have a friend available to assist with the process, the CRA can arrange to call you back in order to have someone on the line who speaks your language.

Visit [Canada.ca/dental](https://Canada.ca/dental) for more information, or call **1-800-715-8836**



Government of Canada

Gouvernement du Canada

Canada