



## Holy Spirit Catholic Elementary School

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

With the winter weather upon us, please ensure that you are taking the time to arrive at school safely and before our school begins at 8:25 am.

On Tuesday at 1:00 pm, we welcome our celebrant Father John as we celebrate our Advent Mass as a school community. Parents are welcome to attend as seating will be available at the back of the gym beginning at 12:45 pm.

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

### Luke 4:18 Christmas Drive

**Christmas Drive**

**\*BRAND NEW HATS. MITTENS AND SOCKS \***

Holy Spirit is collecting brand new hats, gloves, mittens and socks for the St Vincent De Paul Organization

**December 4th to 15th**

*Just remember the true spirit of Christmas lies in the heart*

## **Society of St Vincent De Paul Christmas Assistance Program**

The holiday season is a time to enjoy our many blessings and to remember the needs of the less fortunate in our community. We invite you to participate in the annual **St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Assistance Program**. This program provides our Aurora “neighbours in need” with gift cards to help make their holidays brighter.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is a registered charity and is able to provide donation receipts (for income tax purposes) for all individual donations of \$20 and over, **as long as the full donor name and address are provided (see below)**.

The Society asks that any donations be completed by **Friday, December 15th**. Please use the links below for Interac e-transfer or credit card donations:

- Interac e-transfer donations can also be made via [olgssvp@gmail.com](mailto:olgssvp@gmail.com). Please use a simple security question that will be easy for us to solve (i.e. What town is Our Lady of Grace Parish in?) If you would like a receipt, please email your name and address to the same email address.
- Credit card donations can be made via Canada Helps.org. Tax receipts will be issued directly to you by Canada Helps. [Canada Helps donation link](#) (Society of St. Vincent de Paul - Our Lady of Grace Aurora)

## **Kiss and Ride/Staff Parking Lot**

We kindly ask that if you are dropping off students in the morning you continue to use the Kiss and Ride. The Kiss and Ride is an opportunity for students to be dropped off and independently walk to their schoolyard area.

There are no parking spots available in the staff parking lot and we ask that you **please do not block in cars**. Unfortunately, cars not adhering to the parking signage on school property can be ticketed by city parking enforcement. Please use street parking where available. We would also appreciate your cooperation in not leaving your car unattended in the Kiss and Ride area.

By adhering to these guidelines, we can ensure that our students are dropped off and picked up as safely as possible.

## **Virtue of the Month**

In December we celebrate the virtue of hope. Through our announcements, prayers, and classroom lessons students are asked to reflect upon how they:

- With God's grace, never give up hope
- Maintain a positive attitude and look for the brighter side of situations.

## **Catholic School Council Milk & Cookie Event**

A reminder to please return the RSVP note to your child's classroom teacher before December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Please note that extra parking will be available at the back of the school (Primary Yard) but we encourage families to walk to the event if possible.

Secondly, if you know a high school student looking for volunteer hours or if you would like to volunteer to help with the Milk & Cookie Event please submit the following Google Form by Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

[Milk & Cookie Volunteer Google Form](#)

## **Primary Christmas Concert Reminder**

An RSVP has been sent home to our youngest students for our Primary Christmas Concert. **Please note that RSVP's are reserved for families who have students in Kindergarten and/or Primary.** Our concert will be held on Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 from 1:00 – 2:00 pm. Due to a limited amount of space/seating, we are asking families to RSVP for no more than 3 family members to ensure the safety of our school community. Please see the invitation below for details.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mr. A. Modica

Principal

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Monday, Dec. 4th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hot Lunch: Delicious Greek</li></ul>
Tuesday, Dec. 5th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Advent Mass (1:00 pm)</li></ul>
Wednesday, Dec. 6th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pizza Nova Hot Lunch</li></ul>
Thursday, Dec. 7th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Zucca's Ristorante Hot Lunch</li></ul>
Friday, Dec. 8th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A &amp; W Hot Lunch</li></ul>