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January 12th, 2024

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Multi-Year Strategic Plan

- Mission**: With Jesus Christ as our model, we provide all students with a Catholic education rooted in equity, well-being and learning.
- Core Values**: Catholicity, Excellence, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, Fiscal Responsibility, Integrity, Respect
- Vision**: A recognized leader in Catholic education committed to inclusion, excellence and innovation that develops socially responsible global citizens.
- Strategic Commitments**: Catholic Faith, Equity and Inclusion, Student Achievement, Well-Being

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Happy New Year and welcome back to Holy Spirit! We are looking forward to a year full of hope, excitement, and opportunities to learn and grow.

Our weekly communication has been updated with a new format to provide information to parents. Please see the details below for information and events taking place at Holy Spirit.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF FAITH

Monthly Virtues

Each month we reflect and celebrate the YCDSB Catholic virtues. Students are encouraged to demonstrate these virtues in their daily actions and words with one another. By doing this we show that we always strive to respond to Jesus' call as a community.

During the month of January, the Catholic Virtue of **UNITY** will be highlighted in our daily prayers and classroom reflections.

- *I will make everyone feel welcome and appreciated.*
- *I will take some time to learn about the similarities and differences in my community.*
- *I will empower people with my words not put them down by calling them names.*

To report student absences and lates,
call 1-855-856-7862
or visit
go.schoolmessenger.ca

Our School Day:
8:10 - Supervision Begins
8:25 - Classes Begin
9:45-10:00 - AM Recess
11:20-12:20 - Lunch
1:40 - 1:55 -PM Recess
2:55 - End of Day



Grade 7 Retreat

On Monday, January 15th, 2024 we welcome facilitators from Hopestone. They will be providing our Grade 7 students with activities during an interactive workshop reflecting on the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Confirmation for students at Holy Spirit will take place at Our Lady of Grace Parish on Monday, January 22nd, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

QUALITY LEARNING FOR ALL

Boys and Girls Triple Ball Teams

Our Boys and Girls Triple Ball (Volleyball) Teams are practicing for their upcoming tournaments. We wish them the best of luck. Thank you to our coaches for their support and efforts in preparing them for their tournament.

Jr. Boys Volleyball Tournament

Location: Holy Spirit

Date: Tuesday, January 23rd, 2024

Coaches: Ms. Perciasepe and Mr. Iaboni



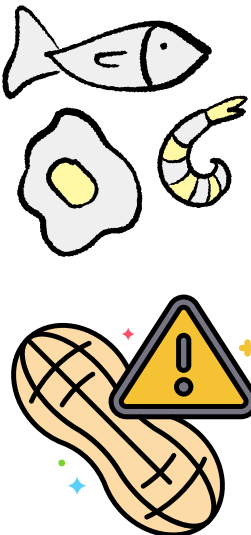
Jr. Girls Volleyball Tournament

Location: Light of Christ

Date: Wednesday, January 24th, 2024

Coaches: Ms. Barbaro and Ms. Boulay

Allergy Policy Reminder: Celebratory Loot Bags/Gifts



- This is a friendly reminder that Holy Spirit has a no food-sharing policy with regard to celebrations in the classroom such as Halloween, Christmas, Valentine's Day, Birthdays, etc.
- Though many equate the idea of celebrating with food and gift-giving, we ask that all families adhere to our policy of non-food treats.
- Alternative items could include the following non-food items:
 - Pencils, Erasers, Stickers, Notepads
 - Games
 - A donation of a book/toy/game to the classroom
- By adhering to this policy, we can better ensure that we are protecting our students with allergies.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

January

Monday, Jan. 15th

Delicious Greek Hot Lunch

Wednesday, Jan. 17th

Pizza Nova Hot Lunch

Friday, Jan. 19th

PA DAY (No School For Students)

Monday, Jan. 22nd

Delicious Greek Hot Lunch

Wednesday, Jan. 24th

Pizza Nova Hot Lunch

Friday, Jan. 26th

A & W Hot Lunch

Monday, Jan. 29th

Delicious Greek Hot Lunch

Wednesday, Jan. 31st

Pizza Nova Hot Lunch



Don't Forget Indoor Shoes, Boots, Hats, Scarves, and Gloves For The Winter Weather

Popcorn Orders

- Please note that all Popcorn orders are due this **Monday, January 15th, 2024**
- Order forms went home with students this week
- All monies raised will go towards our Grade 8 Grad Trip/Graduation.



Punctuality

Please ensure that your child arrives at school **on time**. Students demonstrate commitment, respect, initiative, and responsibility when they arrive on time.

Punctuality also shows consideration for others, since being late for class inconveniences and disrupts the learning environment.

At Holy Spirit, we continue to work toward student success in all areas by developing successful lifelong character traits and learning habits with your support.

Spirit Wear

Spirit wear is available this year through our vendor Yearbook Planet. Please see our Spirit Store Website for details on sizing and how to order: [Holy Spirit Store](#)



Kiss and Ride/ Staff Parking Lot

- Please use the Kiss and Ride pictured below for student drop-off and pick-up
- Parking is limited
- The Staff Parking Lot is for staff only, please refrain from dropping off students in this area
- For safety, students should exit directly onto the sidewalk
- Please do not block the bus loop (indicated with a white x), as buses must exit
- Do not double park at any time as having students exit in between cars can be dangerous; it also causes congestion in the Kiss and Ride area
- If you are looking to park, please use street parking where the city allows
- We ask that cars are not left idling or parked in the Kiss and Ride area
- Students are encouraged to walk independently to their designated yard
- Thank you for your support



Winter Outdoor Routine

At times throughout the winter season, the pavement and/or field may become icy and unsafe to play on. As per our regular practice, icy areas will be identified and pylons placed in those areas. If the areas are too large, we will be pivoting to indoor routines for the safety of our students.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mr. A. Modica
Principal

Please remember that you can always access technological support at <http://help.ycdsb.ca/vle>



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Holy Spirit CES Ukulele Kids Club

START DATE: Monday, January 15, 2024

END DATE: Monday, April 8, 20234

TIME: 11:20 am – 12:20 pm

No Classes: February19/ March Break/ April 1, 2024 DURATION: 10 weeks

ROOM LOCATION: TBA

PROGRAM OPEN TO: Grades 1 to 5

REGISTRATION: MUST BE COMPLETED ONLINE
www.ukulelekids.org

COST:

Beginner: \$149.00 includes 10 lessons and a songbook.

ALL STUDENTS MUST HAVE A UKULELE TO PARTICIPATE.

Ukuleles are available for purchase upon registration.
(Delivery included on first day of class)

Colours: Red, Blue, Green, Yellow, Pink, Purple, Orange, Brown

Level 2: \$139.00 (already have a ukulele and songbook)

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST REGISTER ONLINE

www.ukulelekids.org

PAYMENT OPTIONS: E-transfer, Cash, Cheque or Credit Card

After Friday January 12, 2024, we cannot guarantee

ukulele colour choice and there will be a \$15.00 late registration fee.

If you need assistance registering, please call Linda Pfeifer
at 416-831-9939 or email us at linda@ukulelekids.ca

Online and in-home private lessons available for all instruments.

Register at www.ukulelekids.org

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