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## Week of January 22nd, 2024

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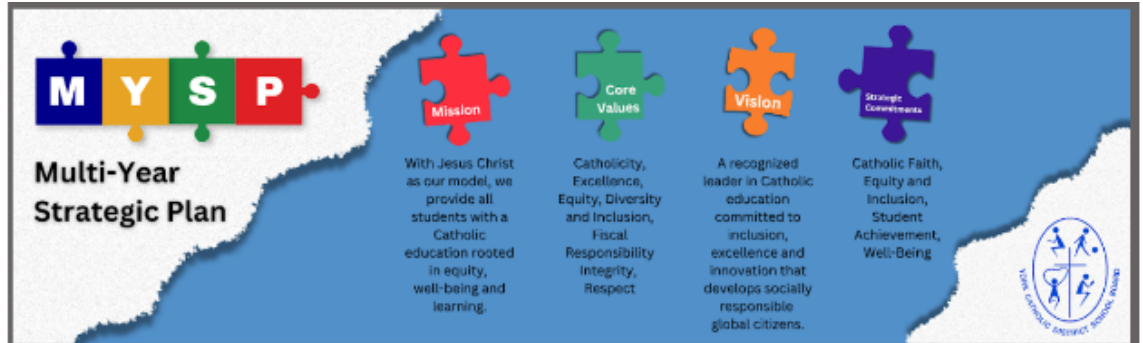
Father John Bertao  
Father Ravi Babu  
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### Principal

Mr. A. Modica

### Senior Secretary

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

As we begin the new year together we look forward to upcoming events such as celebrating Ash Wednesday with a liturgy led by our Grade 1 classes. This year Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day both fall on February 14th. We will encourage students to bring in Valentine's cards on Tuesday, February 13th as part of our Shrove Tuesday celebration.

We also ask that parents refrain from using the Staff Parking Lot or Bus Loop to drop off students. Thank you for your cooperation.

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.

### To report student absences and lates,

call 1-855-856-7862

or visit

[go.schoolmessenger.ca](http://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

For technological support  
please visit

<http://help.ycdsb.ca/vle>

# CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF FAITH

## Unity Prayer

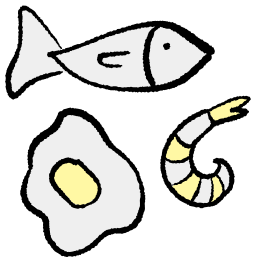
Throughout the month of January we conclude our prayers in the morning with our special YCDSB prayer for unity. Please feel free to practice this prayer at home.

God of harmony and unity,  
You want us all to work together to build your kingdom.  
May our ears hear your voice clearly  
May our eyes see your beauty in all  
May our understanding break down walls of fear and prejudice.  
May we make our school  
a place of friendship, a place of belonging,  
a place of welcome.  
where everyone feels safe.  
where everyone has a place  
where all are united in You, dear God.  
Amen.



## QUALITY LEARNING FOR ALL

### 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 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.

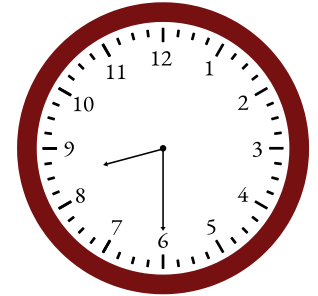
## Punctuality

Please note that we continue to have students who arrive well after the bell. School begins at 8:25 am. 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.

If students continue to be late, a letter will be sent home to parents regarding consistent lates/absences.



## VACATION

If families are going on a trip and their child/children will be absent for more than 15 school days, we ask that you contact the main office and classroom teacher in advance to discuss educational arrangements.



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

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

### January

#### **Monday, Jan. 22nd**

Delicious Greek Hot Lunch

#### **Tuesday, Jan. 23rd**

Jr. Boys Triple Ball Tournament

#### **Wednesday, Jan. 24th**

Pizza Nova Hot Lunch

Jr. Girls Triple Ball Tournament

#### **Friday, Jan. 26th**

A & W Hot Lunch

#### **Monday, Jan. 29th**

Delicious Greek Hot Lunch

#### **Wednesday, Jan. 31st**

Pizza Nova Hot Lunch

## Inclement Weather Reminder

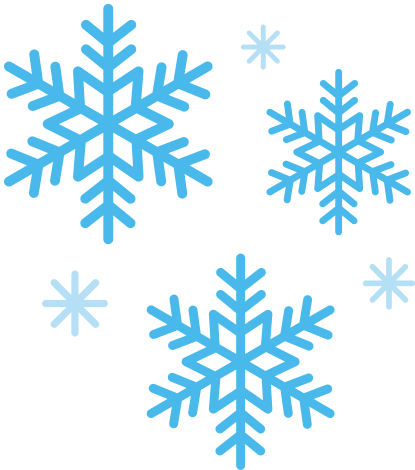
If school transportation is cancelled due to inclement weather and /or poor road conditions:



- **Schools remain open unless otherwise stated**

### **For Parent(s)/Guardian(s) with children in Elementary Schools:**

- Please use the Safe Arrival System if your child(ren) is absent due to inclement weather. Students who cannot attend due to cancelled buses must still be reported absent using the Safe Arrival System.
- Hot Lunch programs at all **YCDSB Elementary Schools** are cancelled.
- As school transportation is cancelled in the morning, it will not operate in the afternoon.
- Exams, tests, quizzes, excursions/trips, school programs, co-curricular activities, evening presentations, workshops, in-services and parent meetings are cancelled for that day and will be rescheduled.
- Before and After Programs and Childcare Centres in schools make every effort to remain open in inclement weather. However, the decision to open or to close early is up to the discretion of the Child Care Operator.



## 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



Yours in Catholic Education,

Mr. A. Modica  
Principal