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## Week of February 5th, 2024

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Mr. D. Scuglia

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### Pastor(s)

Father John Bertao  
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### Principal

Mr. A. Modica

### Senior Secretary

Ms. M. Giffney Parsons

**M Y S P**

**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),

We would like to thank Mr. Barbarinde Williams for his passionate and energetic presentation on Wednesday afternoon. The sharing of the story of Nelson Mandela, his message of kindness, and his knowledge of African culture was truly inspiring. His musical gifts were a sight to behold that we hope all of our students enjoyed.

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

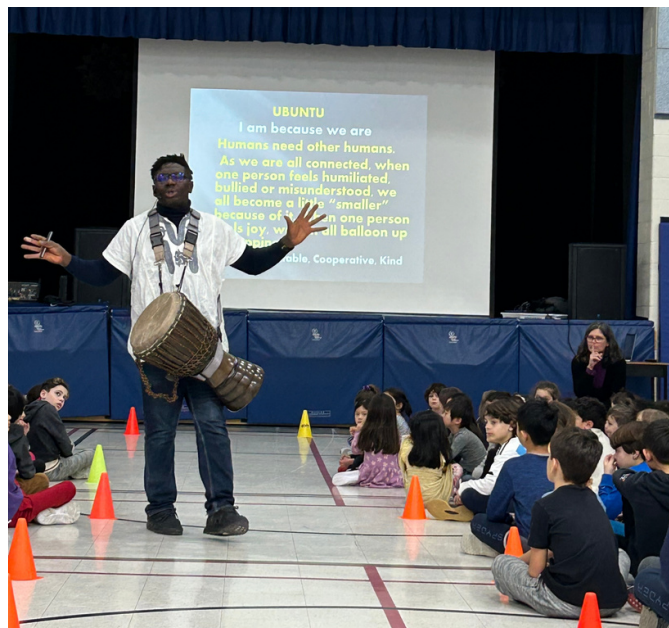
8:25 - Classes Begin

9:45-10:00 - AM Recess

11:20-12:20 - Lunch

1:40 - 1:55 -PM Recess

2:55 - End of Day



## OAPCE

Check out the OAPCE Newsletter for information on their work in supporting Catholic Education :

[OAPCE January Newsletter](#)



## VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

During the month of February, we celebrate and honor the virtue of Wisdom. Through our announcements, reflections, and classroom lessons we call on students to:

- The gift of Wisdom in everything they do.
- Do things without having to be asked.

## LUKE 4:18

### HATS ON FRIDAYS FOR SHARELIFE ARE HERE!

Every Friday in the month of February students are invited to wear their favourite hats, toques, and caps ALL DAY!

If you would like to participate, we are asking students to bring in a loonie or toonie, which will be directly donated to ShareLife!



## My Ability is Stronger than my Disability Motivational Presentation

Unfortunately, due to circumstances outside of our control, we were unable to provide this special presentation to our Junior and Intermediate students. The presentation will be moved to a later date.

## Aurora Cultural Centre Presents: Chris McKhool

Through their Kalediscope In The School Program (KITS), the Aurora Cultural Centre is able to provide schools in Aurora with a free arts presentation. This year, Holy Spirit welcomes Chris McKool.

In this concert, Chris gets kids singing and talking about taking care of the Earth. For over a decade, Chris has taken his audience beyond the 3 R's of ecology (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) to a new level of understanding of our global connection to forests, air, water, and animals.






Afterward, our Grade 4 students will participate in a workshop with the artist! We look forward to the concert taking place on Monday, February 5th, 2024.

## HOLY SPIRIT CARNAVAL 2024

Carnaval 2024 is around the corner. Please see the schedule below for the events taking place throughout the week of February 19th - 23rd! Stay tuned next week for details on our events such as Taffy Tuesday!

### *Carnaval de Holy Spirit*

*Du 19 au 23 février 2024*

Lundi	Mardi	Mercredi	Jeudi	Vendredi
19 Family Day 	20 Jour des Tuques and Taffy Tuesday 	21 Jersey day or Spiritwear Blue and White day 	22 Plaid day 	23 Pajama day   Presentation in the gym at 8:40 a.m.



## Intermediate Boys and Girls Basketball Team & Dance Team

Tryouts for the Intermediate Boys and Girls Basketball Teams are underway as well as tryouts for the Dance Team! Thank you to our coaches for organizing.



## UKELELE CLUB

Ukelele Club has now started. We look forward to the musical progress of those participating in the lunchtime program.



## CHESS CLUB

Chess club began just before the Christmas holidays. The chess club is open for all students in Grades 1 to 8. Students in Grades 4 to 8 will play each other in our ongoing school tournament for the opportunity to represent Holy Spirit at the Optimist Chess Club Tournament taking place at the Aurora Royal Canadian Legion on **Thursday, February 29th, 2024.**

## 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](#)



Yours in Catholic Education,

Mr. A. Modica  
Principal

**BOOK FAIR**

**COMING  
SOON**

**FEB. 23RD - MARCH 1ST**



## DATES TO REMEMBER:

### Monday Feb. 5th

Aurora Cultural Centre Presentation:  
Chris McKhool  
Hot Lunch: Delicious Greek

### Wednesday, Feb. 7th

Hot Lunch: Pizza Nova

### Thursday, February 8th

Hot Lunch: Zucca's

### Friday, February 9th

Hot Lunch: A & W

### Tuesday, Feb. 13th

Shrove Tuesday (Pancakes in the Gym)  
Valentine Exchange

### Wednesday, February 14th

Ash Wednesday Liturgy (10:00 am)  
Hot Lunch: Pizza Nova

### Thursday, February 15th

Hot Lunch: Zucca's  
Gr. 3's Visit the STREAM Centre

### Friday, February 16th

Hot Lunch: A & W  
100th Day Celebration (Grade 1's)

### Monday, Feb. 19th

Family Day (School is Closed)

### Monday, Feb. 19th - Friday, Feb. 23rd

Holy Spirit Carnival (See Schedule)

### Monday, February 26th

Black Heritage Month Liturgy (12:30 pm)