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## Week of April 1st, 2024

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### Catholic School Trustee

Ms. E. Crowe

### School Superintendent

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### Pastor(s)

Father John Bertao

Father Ravi Babu

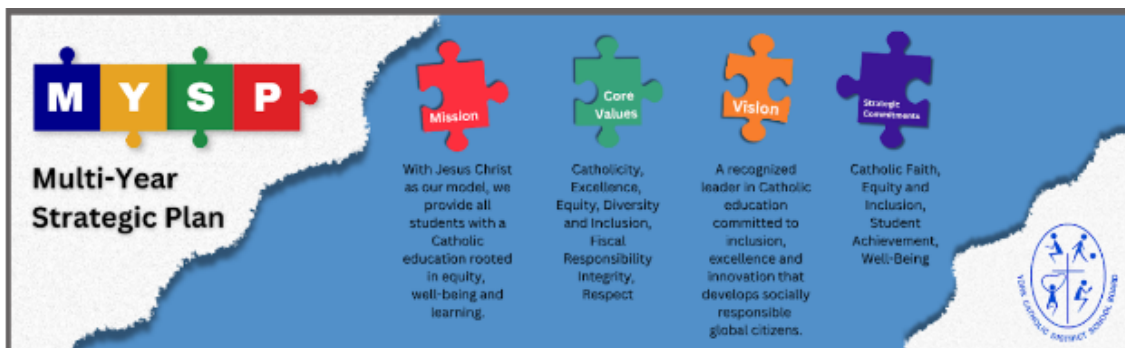
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### Principal

Mr. A. Modica

### Senior Secretary

Ms. M. Giffney Parsons



Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

This week we welcomed community member Thalia Avgousti who shared her journey of perseverance in managing cerebral palsy and achieving her goals. Her fortitude, positive attitude, and accomplishments were truly inspiring.



### To report student absences and lates,

call 1-855-856-7862

or visit

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

We ended the week with a wonderful performance by our Grade 8 students as they presented the Stations of the Cross today. As we enter into the Easter Weekend, I'd like to take the opportunity to wish all of our families a Blessed Easter.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mr. A. Modica

Principal

## OAPCE

OAPCE has released its March newsletter which contains faith resources you may be interested in learning more about. Please visit the link below for details:

[OAPCE Faith Resources](#)



## SHARELIFE NEWS

Thank you to our Luke 4:18 Committee who were able to raise \$245.90 through our Hats On Fridays campaign. All money collected will go directly to ShareLife.



## EASTER WEEKEND

As the Easter weekend approaches please note that the school will be closed on the following days:

**Friday, March 29th- Good Friday**

**Monday, April 1st- Easter Monday**

The school will reopen for students and staff on Tuesday, April 2nd, 2024.



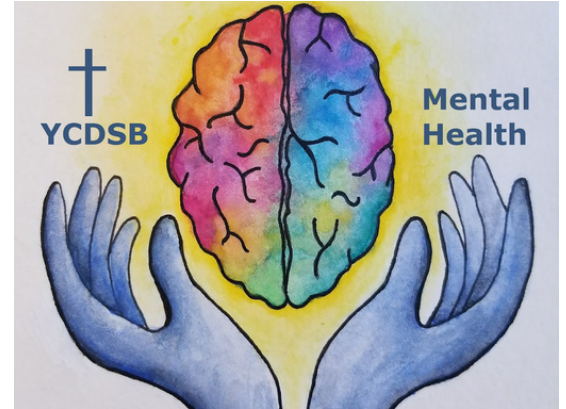
### MENTAL HEALTH GRAB & GO TOOLS

School Mental Health Ontario is a great website for students, parents, and staff. Below, please find a link to a flash card tool from their website that can be used at home or in the classroom:

[Feelings Flash Cards](#)

Also, as mentioned in last week's communication the YCDSB has a Mental Health Website that families are welcome to access for parent and student resources. If you are interested please click on the link:

[YCDSB Mental Health \(Family Site\)](#)



### WORLD AUTISM DAY

As part of our ongoing commitment to promoting inclusion and celebrating diversity, we are excited to remind you that Tuesday, April 2nd, is World Autism Day!

To show our support for individuals with autism as well as to raise awareness about autism spectrum disorder (ASD), we invite all students and staff to wear blue on Tuesday, April 2nd.

Wearing blue is a simple yet powerful way to demonstrate solidarity and support for individuals with autism.

Thank you for your continued partnership!

Save the Date: April 2, 2024  
**World Autism Day**



#CelebrateTheSpectrum





## UKELELE KIDS

Our third and final session for Ukelele Kids will take place between April 11th and June 13th. Please see the information below on how to register. Forms will be going home next week with students.

### Holy Spirit CES Ukulele Kids Club

**START DATE:** Thursday, April 11, 2024  
**END DATE:** Thursday, June 13, 2024  
**TIME:** 11:20 am – 12:20 pm

**DURATION:** 10 weeks  
**ROOM LOCATION:** TBA  
**PROGRAM OPEN TO:** Grades 1 to 5

**REGISTRATION:** **MUST BE COMPLETED ONLINE**  
[www.ukulelekids.org](http://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 at a cost of \$60.  
(Carry Bag, Picks with holder, Tax & 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](http://www.ukulelekids.org)**

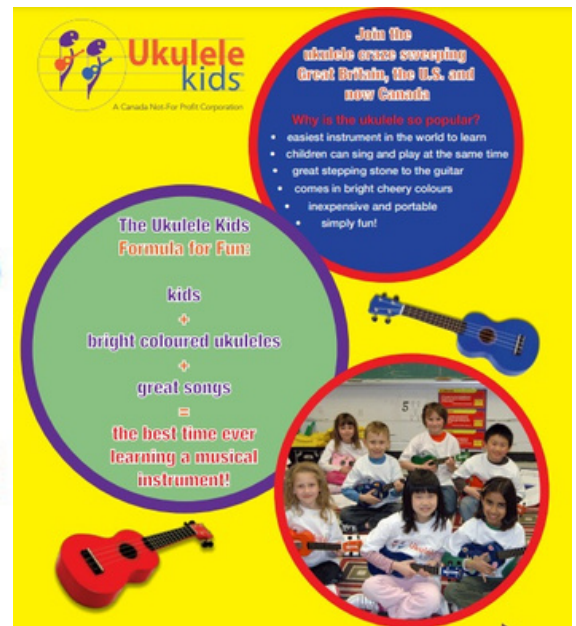
**PAYMENT OPTIONS:** E-transfer, Cash, Cheque or Credit Card

After Monday April 8, 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](mailto:linda@ukulelekids.ca)

Online and in-home private lessons available for all instruments.  
Register at [www.ukulelekids.org](http://www.ukulelekids.org)

*Ukulele Kids is a Canada Not-For-Profit Organization*





### CHESS TOURNAMENT UPDATE

On February 29th, 2024 our students participated in the Optimist Club of Aurora Chess Tournament. We would like to congratulate all of our participants on their great efforts in representing Holy Spirit!

We'd also like to recognize those who placed in the top 4 for their age group and have qualified for the Canadian Chess Challenge Ontario Championships on April 21st, 2024.

We wish them the best of luck!

Justin W. (1st Place, Pictured Right)

Matthew L. (2nd Place)

Brian C. (2nd Place)

Alex C. (2nd Place)

Sebastian W. (4th Place)

Ricky X. (2nd Place)



Way to go Flames!

## SCHOOL DAY IS COMING TO HOLY SPIRIT

We are excited to announce that in April 2024, we will be launching School-Day, an online portal that lets us complete permission forms and make payments. An email on how to sign up will be sent to families on April 2nd.

### SCHOOL-DAY IS COMING!

We're excited to announce that our school will be using School-Day for online cashless transactions and related communications.



School-Day can be accessed from any web-enabled device at [school-day.com](https://school-day.com), and mobile users can find an enhanced version at [school-day.app](https://school-day.app). With School-Day, you can:

- View announcements, news, and school information
- Approve permission forms online
- Register your child for extracurricular events
- Make online payments

We look forward to using this new system with you, and we are certain that you will find the School-Day portal very useful.

More information about how to register will be provided in



**SCHOOL-DAY.COM**



## PERSEVERANCE ASSEMBLY

On Friday, April 5th we welcome John Park for his well-received presentation on the power of perseverance. For more information please visit his website:

[Power of Perseverance](#)



## DATES TO REMEMBER:

### **Friday, March 29th**

Good Friday (School is Closed)

### **Sunday, March 31st**

Easter Sunday

### **Monday, April 1st**

Easter Monday (School is Closed)

### **Tuesday, April 2nd**

World Autism Awareness Day: Wear Blue!

### **Friday, April 5th**

Perseverance Presentation (10:00 am)

### **Monday, April 8th**

Solar Eclipse: School Ends at 11:55 am

### **Wednesday, April 10th**

Easter Mass at 10:15 (In Gym)

### **Tuesday, April 16th**

Grade 8 Graduation Photo Day

Halloween Fundraiser Prize: Free Pizza Day

### **Wednesday, April 24th**

Oral Communications School Level  
Competition