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## Week of March 18th, 2024

### Interim Director of Education

Mr. J. De Faveri

### Catholic School Trustee

Ms. E. Crowe

### School Superintendent

Ms. L. Sawicky

### Pastor(s)

Father John Bertao

Father Ravi Babu

Kakumanu

### Principal

Mr. A. Modica

### Senior Secretary

Ms. M. Giffney Parsons

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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),

Congratulations to our Intermediate Boys Basketball Team who finished second at our Divisional Tournament this past Thursday. The team showed great fortitude and courage in battling their way into the final.

I'd like to wish all of our students, parents, and staff a safe and relaxing March Break. We look forward to welcoming our students back to school on Monday, March 18th, 2024.

Please see the details below for information and events taking place at Holy Spirit.

## CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF FAITH

### 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

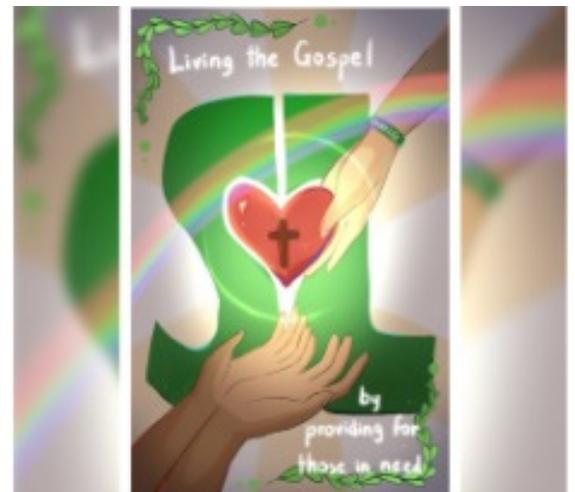
11:20-12:20 - Lunch

1:40 - 1:55 -PM Recess

2:55 - End of Day

### ShareLife Poster Contest

Congratulations to Holy Spirit's Emily Z. whose poster placed 3rd in the ShareLife poster contest!



## Virtual Lenten Mass

This year we will gather once again as a family of faith for our annual YCDSB board-wide Lenten Celebration of the Eucharist with Bishop Boissonneau as our celebrant on **March 21st at 1:15 pm**. If you would like to join the Mass virtually please use this link to attend:

[Lenten Mass YouTube Link](#)



## World Down Syndrome Day

We're excited to announce that our school will be celebrating World Down Syndrome Day on Thursday, March 21st! This day is not only an opportunity to raise awareness about Down Syndrome but also to celebrate the wonderful individuals who make our community diverse and vibrant.

**To commemorate this special day, we encourage all students to wear mismatched socks on Thursday, March 21st.**

As part of our commemoration, all students will be engaging in a special sock decorating activity to honour the uniqueness and diversity of all individuals. Students will be creating a sock as unique as they are.

The sock will be provided to students for an activity upon their return to school during the week of March 18th.

To support participation in this creative endeavor, we invite students to bring in a few materials for decorating their sock.

This may include:

- markers
- glitter
- glue
- adhesive items/stickers
- pom poms
- ribbons
- any other decorative items they'd like to use.



Thank you for your support!

## Appropriate Dress Code Reminder

With the warmer weather just around the corner, it is a good time to remind our community of Policy 219A: Appropriate Dress Code. We kindly ask that parents review the following with their children to ensure that the policy is being adhered to.

- Shoulder straps: at least three fingers wide;
- The midriff is not visible
- Garments are to have solid fabric rather than mesh or netting
- Shorts must be longer than the length of the student's arms/hands at their side
- Avoid low-riding pants so that underwear is not visible
- No wearing hats/hoodies in the school building
- No explicit/inappropriate messaging on shirts/sweaters
- Running shoes are required as outdoor/indoor shoes (both for recess safety & Physical Education)

Students will receive verbal reminders, however, if they continue to not follow the dress code, they will be asked to call home for a change of clothes. We hope that with your support these guidelines can be adhered to.



## Free EQAO Parent Webinar

Parents are invited to register for a free live webinar and learn about the EQAO Grade 3 and Grade 6 assessments for Reading, Writing, and Mathematics. EQAO staff will address the purpose of these assessments, the assessment format, and resources to support students (followed by a Q&A).

Please use the link below to register for one of the following webinar dates:

- March 19, 2024, from 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
- April 3, 2024, from 12:00 pm to 12:45 pm
- April 10, 2024, from 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm

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Registration: [Free EQAO Webinar Link](#)

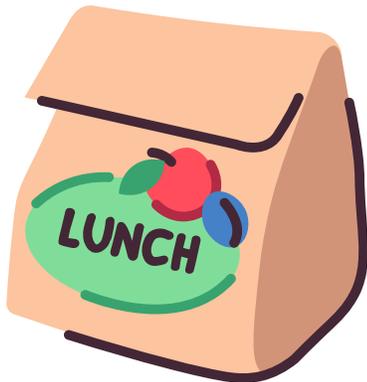
## Hot Lunch Ordering Is Open!

Our Hot Lunch Program will continue with our Spring Session, which begins on April 3rd, 2024, and ends on June 21st, 2024.

**Ordering is now open and will close on Wednesday, March 20th, 2024.**

Online Payment by Credit Card can be made via our Munch-A-Lunch site.

Please refer to the email sent earlier this week for details.



Yours in Catholic Education,

Mr. A. Modica  
Principal

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

**Monday, March 11th - Friday March, 15th**  
March Break (School is Closed)

**Wednesday, March 20th**  
Intermediate Girls Basketball Tournament  
at St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School

**Thursday, March 21st**  
World Down Syndrome Day: Rock Your  
Socks Day

Board-Wide Virtual Lenten Mass (1:15  
Virtually)

**Thursday, March 28th**  
Stations of the Cross Presentation  
(12:30 pm In Our Gym)

**Friday, March 29th**  
Good Friday (School is Closed)

**Sunday, March 31st**  
Easter Sunday

**Monday, April 1st**  
Easter Monday (School is Closed)