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Week of May 13th, 2024

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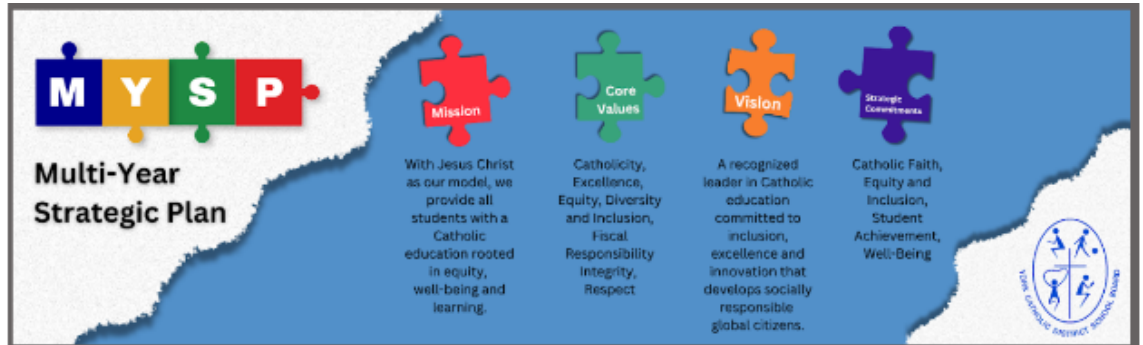
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Principal

Mr. A. Modica

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Ms. M. Giffney Parsons



Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

We hope that our students enjoyed the Catholic Education Week activities this past week: The Great Big Crunch, Healthy Lunch Initiative, Track and Field, Virtual Mass, Art Gallery, and our Living Rosary.



This week we are looking forward to our Junior Spring Concert which will take place on Monday, May 13th, 2024. Doors will open at 12:30 pm.

Please see the newsletter for details on upcoming events at Holy Spirit.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mr. A. Modica
Principal

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

OAPCE CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

OAPCE has sent out information on its 85th Conference. Please visit the link below for details:

[OAPCE Conference Highlights](#)



ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH

May is Asian Heritage Month, an opportunity for all Canadians to learn more about the many achievements and contributions of Canadians of Asian descent. With that, we share the prayer below as part of our celebrations and reflection on Asian Heritage Month.

Caring God,

We give you thanks for Asian Heritage Month,
a time to remember the contributions of people of Asian heritage to the
tapestry of your world.

You blessed the continent with glorious civilizations in its long history,
the birthplace of farming, built up by its fertile lands and life-giving waters;
Asia is a land rich with diversity.

We give thanks for the diversity of lands and of peoples, and for the ways you
made each one of us unique.

May we continue to support each other in recognizing and developing our
gifts.

May we share our gifts with one another as members of one human family of
brothers and sisters.

Fill our hearts with love for you and for one another so that we may be
instruments of peace and justice, ensuring that all people are treated with
fairness and respect.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, your son.

Amen



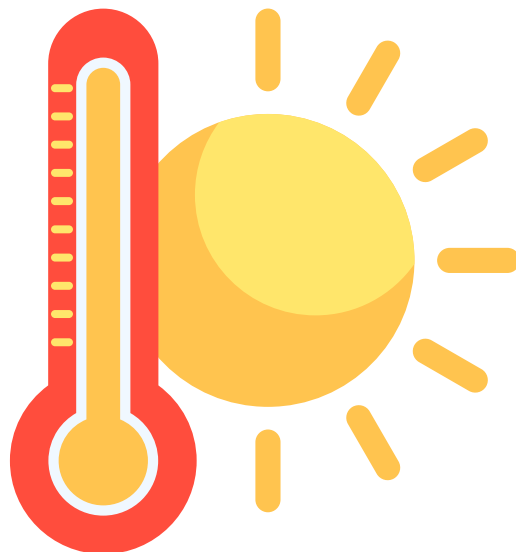
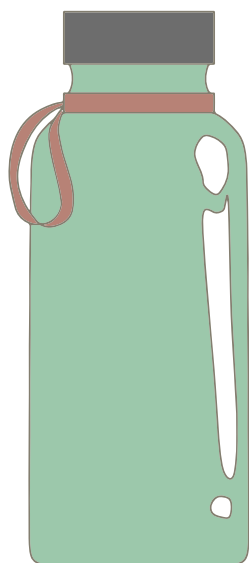
HOT WEATHER REMINDERS

In the event of extremely hot weather, Holy Spirit will implement prevention measures to support student health and well-being. Hot weather is when the Humidex is over 35°C or when heat waves occur during three consecutive days reaching temperatures of 32°C or higher.

Our prevention measures will include:

- Allowing personal water bottles at student desks and outside if necessary
- Altering recess routines as needed
- Staff and students will be asked to monitor their level of activity and take water breaks to remain adequately hydrated
- Classrooms will be encouraged to keep windows open and lights off
- Encourage students to wear lightweight and light-coloured clothing as well as other hot weather necessities such as hats, sun visors, sunscreen, etc.
- Rotate classes through our library where air conditioning is available
- Classrooms will be provided with a fan

We hope that utilizing these strategies will help students stay cool during hot days.



Equity, Inclusion & Well-Being

YOUTHSPEAK PRESENTATION: ONLINE OVERDRIVE GRADES 4 to 8

This assembly will provide students with a deeper look into the impact that online use may have on their mental health and overall well-being. Youth Speakers share their personal stories of how online use affected their self-esteem, choices, social groups, and self-concept. Students will leave with a greater understanding of the choices they are making online and how to interact and use technology in a healthier way.

For more information on the program, you can visit their website and click on Online Overdrive: [YouthSpeak Programs](#)



Student Achievement

2023-2024 HOLY SPIRIT YEARBOOK

It's that time of year again! Our yearbook committee has been putting together our 2023-2024 book of memories and the committee is pleased to be taking orders. We will be accepting orders until **Tuesday, May 21st, 2024.**

We pride our Yearbook on capturing students in action at Holy Spirit. This year's full-colour yearbook is 88 pages and as always is full of images documenting all the excitement and discovery that has taken place at Holy Spirit this year. Our yearbooks must be pre-ordered by the due date and yearbooks will be distributed to students in the Fall of our new school year.

You can order your yearbook through the School Day application. Please ensure that you have signed up using your unique passcode.

Families can also use the paper order form which went home with students this week and pay by cheque made payable to Holy Spirit Catholic Elementary School or Cash.

Thank you for your support.

LATE BUS REPORTS

Families are encouraged to check the late bus reports page on School Bus City for up-to-date alerts on their child/children's bus.

[School Bus City Late Report Website](#)



While bus companies endeavour to report late buses in a timely manner, it is important to check the website for important updates.

APPROPRIATE DRESS CODE REMINDER

The warmer weather is here. This is a friendly reminder 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.

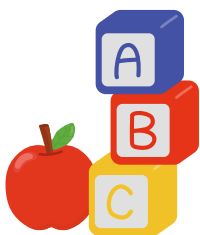


We hope that with your support these guidelines can be adhered to.

WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN

On Wednesday, May 22nd, 2024 we will be hosting our Welcome To Kindergarten event for families whose children will be beginning JK in 2024.

Families have been emailed information. Please RSVP by Wednesday, May 15th, 2024.



SPIRIT WEAR IS AVAILABLE

Families can order Spirit Wear! Please check out our school store to order: [Holy Spirit Online Store](#)

Use the cod HIPPO to take advantage of 10% off.



DATES TO REMEMBER:

Thursday, May 16th

York Region Public Health Vaccination Clinic (Grades 7 & 8)

YouthSpeak Presentation Grades 4 to 8

Monday, May 20th

Victoria Day (School is Closed)

Wednesday, May 22nd

Welcome to Kindergarten For JK Families

Monday, May 27th - Friday, May 31st

Grade 3 EQAO

