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Week of May 20th, 2024

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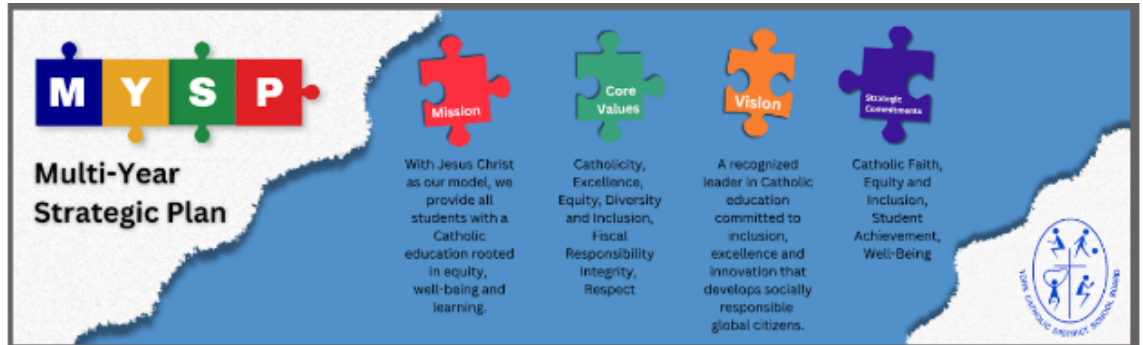
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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Thank you to the presenters from YouthSpeak for sharing their experiences and strategies for managing the online environment with our Junior and Intermediate students.

Please note that this Monday is Victoria Day and the school will be closed. The school will reopen on Tuesday, May 21st, 2024.

This Wednesday, we welcome the families of next year's JK students for our Welcome to Kindergarten and First Impression Interviews. We look forward to meeting all of our new students on this day.

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

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

During the month of May, we celebrate the virtue of Responsibility. Students are called to reflect upon how they can:



- Honour their commitments even when it becomes difficult
- Be reliable, so that people can depend on them
- Be accountable for the things they do and say

Equity, Inclusion & Well-Being

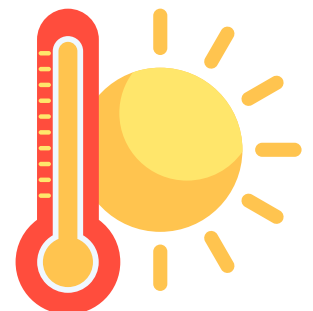
HOT WEATHER REMINDERS

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.

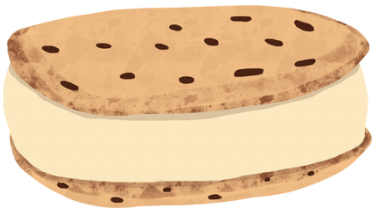


York Regional Police Chief for a Day Essay Contest

Congratulations to Taron K. in Ms. Domenichini's Grade 5 Class as he was selected as one of 10 finalists from over 200 submissions in the Police Chief for a Day Essay Contest. Taron presented in front of the judging panel in the finals and was awarded the Deputy Chief for a Day title based on his essay that reflected on the York Region Police motto of 'Deeds Speak'. Great job Taron!



FREE ICE DAWG DAY



On Friday, May 24th, 2024 every student at Holy Spirit will receive one free Ice Dawg as part of their Halloween Fundraiser Prize! Thank you again for your support of our school and we hope the students enjoy their frozen treat.

OPHEA

Congratulations to Ms. Domenichini's Class who won the OPHEA Wallet Wellness Classroom Challenge. Participation in this challenge provides students with opportunities to explore healthy living skills while considering how financial choices and decisions affect their overall well-being.



EQAO INFORMATION

This year the administration of the EQAO test will take place:

Grade 3: May 27th - 31st, 2024

Grade 6: June 3rd - June 10th, 2024

EQAO assessment questions are directly based on the expectations set out in The Ontario Curriculum for Reading, Writing, and Mathematics.

Here are some tips for students:

- Get a good night's sleep the night before every test
- Eat a big, healthy breakfast to wake your brain up for the mornings of your tests
- Be confident and try your best!
- Bring a quiet activity to complete once you have finished your test

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2023-2024 HOLY SPIRIT YEARBOOK

A friendly reminder that we will be accepting orders until **Tuesday, May 21st, 2024.**

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.

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.



CSC HOLY SPIRIT YEAR-END BBQ

On Thursday, June 6th, 2024 our CSC will be hosting our Year End BBQ!

Please see the email sent this week for details, including how to pre-order BBQ food items! All orders must be placed using the Munch-A-Lunch system by **Friday, May 24th, 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:

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

Monday, June 3rd - Monday, June 10th

Grade 6 EQAO

Thursday, June 6th

CSC Year End BBQ: 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Friday, June 7th

PA Day

