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## Week of May 6th, 2024

### Interim Director of Education

Mr. J. De Favari

### Catholic School Trustee

Ms. E. Crowe

### School Superintendent

Ms. L. Sawicky

### Pastor(s)

Father John Bertao

Father Ravi Babu

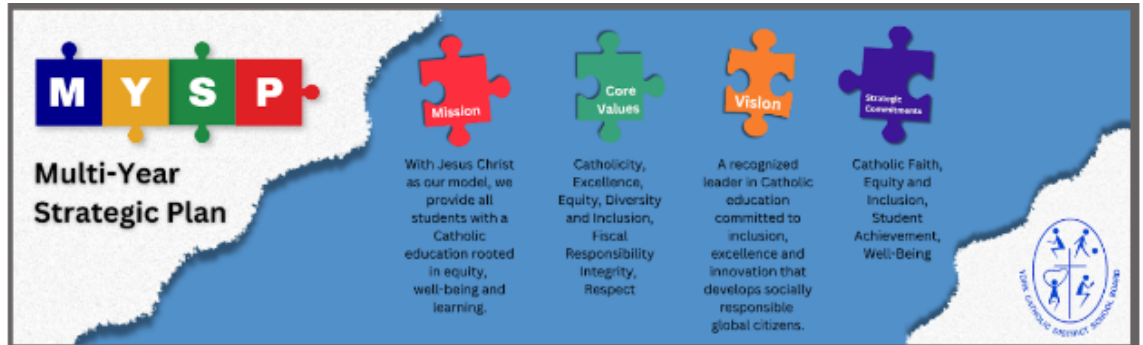
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### Principal

Mr. A. Modica

### Senior Secretary

Ms. M. Giffney Parsons



Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

We are looking forward to Catholic Education Week which begins on Monday.

As part of our upcoming Catholic Education Week activities, we will be hosting an **Art Gallery on Thursday, May 9th from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm**. All families are invited to attend.

### To report student absences and lates,

call 1-855-856-7862

or visit

[go.schoolmessenger.ca](http://go.schoolmessenger.ca)

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

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mr. A. Modica

Principal

### 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

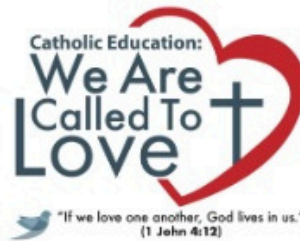
OAPCE has sent out information on its 85th Conference. Please visit the link below for details:

[OAPCE Conference Highlights](#)



## CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK ACTIVITIES

Catholic Education Week begins on Monday. We have some exciting activities taking place throughout the week. On Thursday, from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm, families are invited to attend an open house of student artwork which will be displayed throughout the school.



<b>Monday, May 6</b> <i>As people of hope / Dans l'espérance</i>	<b>Tuesday, May 7</b> <i>As people of faith / Dans la foi</i>	<b>Wednesday, May 8</b> <i>As people of mercy / Avec compassion</i>	<b>Thursday, May 9</b> <i>As people of justice / Dans la justice</i>	<b>Friday, May 10</b> <i>As people of joy / Dans la joie</i>
Virtual Announcements and Principal Read Aloud	School-Wide Mental Health Art Activity  Great Big Crunch (Healthy-Eating)	Live streamed Provincial Mass at 12:30 p.m.  (Recording To Be Played in the Gym)	Display of student artwork inspired by the theme of love  Showcase from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Living Rosary at 10:00 am in our Gym

### HOLY SPIRIT TRACK & FIELD DAY

This Thursday, May 9th, 2024 Holy Spirit will have its annual track and field day for all of our students in Grades 4 to 8 (weather permitting). We wish all of our students the best of luck. As we will be outside all day, in order to participate safely, students are reminded to:

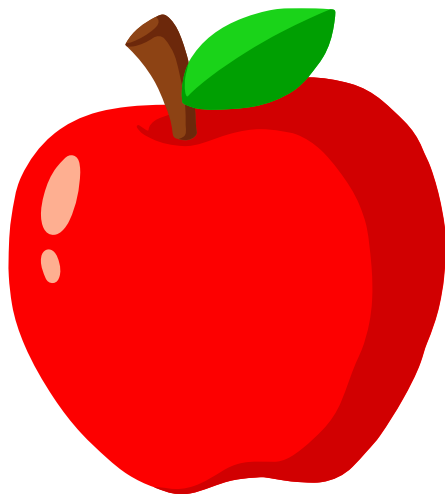
- Bring plenty of water (refillable water bottle)
- Wear sunscreen
- Wear a hat
- Wear comfortable clothing appropriate for the activity including footwear
- Bring healthy snacks & lunches

### THE GREAT BIG CRUNCH

Get ready to make some noise because the Big Crunch is coming to Holy Spirit!

As part of the Healthy Lunch Challenge, all students will be provided with an apple on **Tuesday, May 7th** to participate in the Big Crunch event. However, if you would simply prefer to pack an apple from home, please feel free to do so.

The Big Crunch is a fun and exciting way for our school community to come together and enjoy a delicious and nutritious snack. During the Big Crunch event, students will gather together to take a synchronized bite into a delicious apple. It is a simple yet powerful way to promote healthy eating and raise awareness about the importance of consuming fresh fruits and vegetables as part of a balanced diet.



### HEALTHY LUNCH CHALLENGE

#### What is the Challenge?

During the week of May 6th to May 10th, we are challenging students to bring healthy lunches and snacks to school every day. We encourage lunches and snacks that include a variety of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, lean proteins, and dairy. By providing nutritious foods, students will have the energy and focus they need to thrive in the classroom and beyond.

#### Why the Challenge?

We are called to treat our bodies as temples of the Holy Spirit. We are reminded in scripture that we are Christ's hands and feet on Earth, therefore, we are encouraged to honour God through healthy habits.

#### Try It At Home Too!

You don't have to stop at just healthy lunches, practicing healthy eating extends beyond the school environment and can be continued at home too. Gather your family around the table for shared meals, just as Jesus shared meals with his disciples. Use mealtime not only as a time to nourish your body, but as an opportunity for prayer and gratitude.

Thank you for your support in promoting healthy habits among our school community.



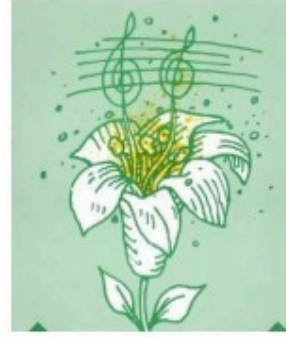
## Student Achievement

### SPRING CONCERT

During our music classes with Ms. Frijio our Junior students have been preparing a song for our Jr. Spring Concert. We will also have a presentation from our Dance Team!

We kindly ask families to return their RSVP before **Friday, May 10th, 2024.**

*Holy Spirit CES Presents  
Our 2024 Jr. Spring Concert*



*You are cordially invited to an afternoon of joyous music featuring our students from Grades 4 to 6 as well as a performance from our Dance Team*

*On  
Monday, May 13th, 2024  
From 12:45 pm - 1:30 pm*

## SAFE & CARING SCHOOL COMMUNITY

### 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.



### YORK REGION PUBLIC HEALTH GR.7 & 8 SPRING VACCINATION CLINIC

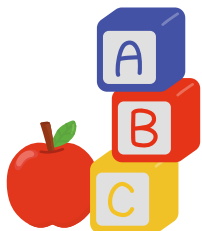
On Thursday, May 16th, York Region Public Health will hold a free vaccination clinic for students in Grades 7 and 8. Details have been mailed directly to all families who have a student in Grade 7 or 8.



## 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.

Information will be emailed to families today.



## 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 6th - Friday, May 10th**  
Catholic Education Week

**Tuesday, May 7th**  
Catholic School Council Meeting  
(7:00 pm in our Library)

**Wednesday, May 8th**  
Catholic Education Week Province-Wide  
Virtual Mass (12:30 pm)

**Thursday, May 9th**  
Holy Spirit STREAM/ART Event  
(6:30 - 7:30 pm)

**Friday, May 10th**  
Living Rosary (10:00 am)

**Thursday, May 16th**  
York Region Public Health Vaccination  
Clinic (Grades 7 & 8)

**Monday, May 20th**  
Victoria Day (School is Closed)

**Wednesday, May 22nd**  
Welcome to Kindergarten

