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Week of June 10th, 2024

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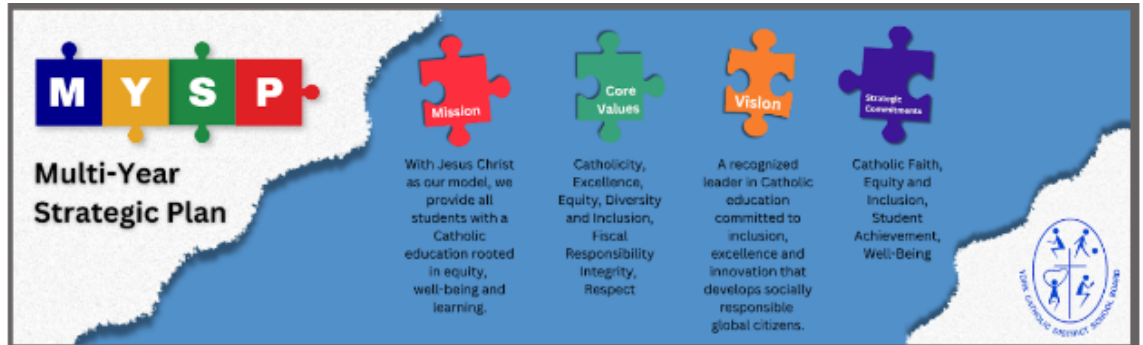
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Mr. A. Modica

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

This past week, many of our Grade 8 students visited Ottawa for their Grade 8 Trip. They had the opportunity to visit the Royal Canadian Mint, the National Art Gallery, and more. We hope that they were able to create long-lasting memories with their teachers and friends through this unique educational experience.

I would like to thank our Catholic School Council and all of our volunteers for their efforts in putting together this year's Holy Spirit BBQ. It was great seeing our community come together to celebrate as we get closer to the end of the year.

Please see the information below for details on our upcoming week together.

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

CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF FAITH

SUMMER OF SHARING FOOD DRIVE

As the school year draws to a close, we are taking one last opportunity to make a positive impact in our community through our Summer of Sharing Food Drive. This school initiative aims to support the Aurora Food Pantry and provide much-needed assistance to families in need during the summer months. The food drive will take place from Monday, June 10th to Friday, June 14, 2024.

Currently, the Pantry is in need of the following items:

- Cereal
- Juice boxes
- Canned fruit
- Apple sauce
- Canned vegetables
- Pasta
- Rice
- Toilet paper



Any other non-perishable items are also welcome.

The class with the most donated items will win a frozen yogurt party.

If we reach our school goal of 1000 non-perishable food items all students will get a Free Freezie Day!

Equity, Inclusion & Well-Being

TICK AWARENESS

With the arrival of warmer weather, we are spending more time outdoors, which can increase the risk of black-legged tick bites and Lyme disease. Please see the tips below for information on how to protect ourselves from tick bites.

- Wear light-coloured clothing, long pants, long-sleeved tops, socks, and closed-toe footwear
- Use insect repellent containing DEET or icaridin



- In wooded areas or areas of brush and park, stay on paths (middle of the trail)
- After being outdoors, search your body for ticks, especially in the following areas: behind your knees, on your head, belly button, underarm areas, groin, and back
- Shower when you get home to remove unattached ticks
- Check yourself, your family, and your pets for ticks
- Remove attached ticks from the body as quickly as possible

Fight the Bite! AGAINST BLACKLEGGED TICKS AND LYME DISEASE



WHAT ARE BLACKLEGGED TICKS?

Ticks are small bugs that feed off the blood of animals and humans. Adult ticks are the size of a sesame seed. Nymphs (adolescent ticks) are no bigger than a poppy seed.

Ticks attach themselves to people or animals who brush past. Most tick bites are painless and ticks can attach themselves and feed for up to five days.

Ticks can be found on tall grasses and bushes in wooded areas almost anywhere in Ontario including York Region.

WHAT IS LYME DISEASE?



Lyme disease is caused by a bacteria called *Borrelia burgdorferi* which is spread through the bite of an infected blacklegged tick. Not all ticks are infected with the bacteria.

SYMPTOMS OF LYME DISEASE MAY INCLUDE:

- A skin rash
- Fatigue or weakness
- Headache
- Fever or chills
- Dizziness or confusion
- Muscle and joint pain
- Swollen lymph nodes

Most people will start to show signs of illness within one to two weeks. See your health care provider if you develop symptoms of Lyme disease after a tick bite or after visiting a wooded or brushy area.



PROTECT YOURSELF EACH TIME YOU ARE IN A WOODED OR BRUSHY AREA BY:

- Wearing light-coloured, long pants, long-sleeved tops and closed footwear
- Using an insect repellent containing DEET or icaridin
- Walking in the middle of the trail
- Showering when you get home to remove unattached ticks
- Checking yourself, your family and your pets for ticks
- Removing attached ticks as quickly as possible

IF YOU FIND A TICK ON YOU OR A FAMILY MEMBER REMOVE IT QUICKLY!

1. Grasp the tick with tweezers as close as possible to your skin and pull it straight out
2. Do not put anything on the tick or try to burn it off
3. Disinfect the area with rubbing alcohol
4. Visit etick.ca for FREE tick identification



For more information on how you can protect yourself and your family from Lyme disease, visit york.ca/lymedisease or call Health Connection at 1-800-361-5653

TERM 3 REPORT CARDS

Term 3 Report cards will be available electronically on Friday, June 28th after 4:00 pm.

To access reports please visit our school's website: [Holy Spirit CES School Website](#)

- From the Parents page, you will find a link to "Maplewood Parent Portal ConnectEd" on the right-hand side.

- Click on the 'Connect Parent Portal' logo 

- Use your login and password to access your child(ren)'s report card

- Please note that your username is the email address that our school office has on file for you

- For detailed instructions on registering, using the portal, and to seek support, please visit the YCDSB Parent Portal at:

<https://sites.google.com/ycdsb.ca/ycdsbparentportal>

A few additional notes:

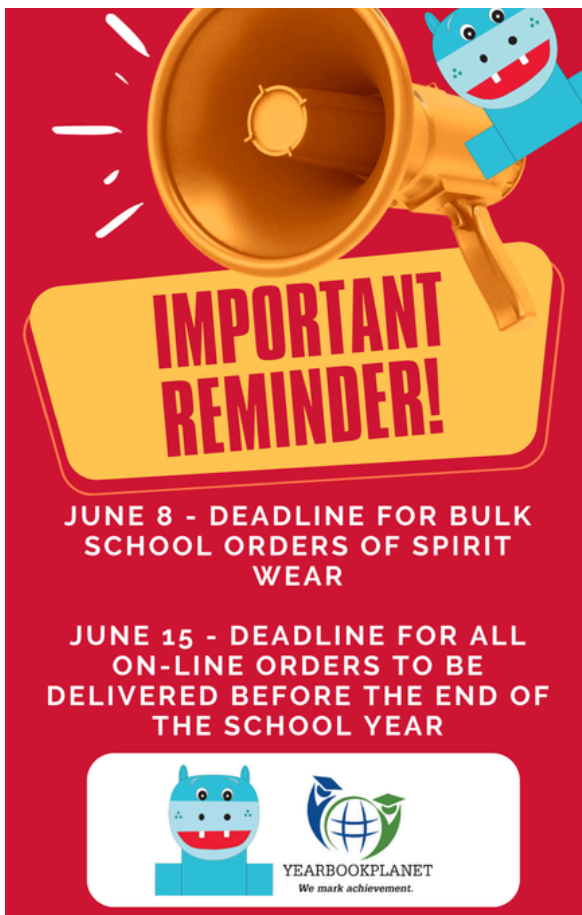
- It is recommended that parents/guardians save their child's report card in PDF form for future reference/access.
- If you have specific questions about your child(ren)'s report card please contact their teacher.



SPIRIT WEAR IS AVAILABLE

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

Order must be placed by **June 15th**
to ensure delivery before the end of
the year.



DATES TO REMEMBER:

Wednesday, June 19th

Families of Schools Gr. 8 Graduation Mass
at OLG Parish (10:00 am)

Thursday, June 20th

Track & Field Meet at St. Max

Friday, June 21st

Kindergarten Celebration Liturgy
(10:00 am)

Junior/Intermediate Dance Presentation
(12:30 pm)

Monday, June 24th

Grade 8 Graduation at St. Max (6:00 pm)

Wednesday, June 26th

Earth Rangers Presentation K to 6 (10:00 am)

Grade 7 Trip To Bruce's Mill

Volunteer Appreciation Lunch (10:00 am)

