

Holy Spirit Catholic Elementary School

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Prayer ?

God our Creator, you heal broken hearts with your love, and call us to share this love with one another. Open our hearts, that we might learn to walk with one another -- as Indigenous peoples, peoples of settler origin and newcomers -- along your healing path.

Give us the courage to see you...in every human face, in every language and culture, in every gift of creation.

Make us stewards...of one another's dignity, of one another's safety, of one another's lands, of one another's rights to a cultural identity, as unique peoples...as gifts to the human family...as your beloved children.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

YCDSB School Safety Week Week at a Glance- September 29- October 3, 2025

Monday	Sept. 29	 Junior Cross Country Practice (11:20) Grade 4 CCAT (Pace testing) 	
Tuesday	Sep. 30	 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day J/I Stars of the Stage */* Junior Cross Country Practice (11:20) 	
Wednesday	Oct. 1	 J/I Stars of the Stage Father John visiting grade 7s Father Rony visiting grade 2s First Holy Communion Registration Form due at OLG Parish 	
Thursday	Oct 2	 Cross Country Meet- THANK YOU to all coaches National Custodian Day–Thank you Mr. Costa, Mr. Preston and Ms Favata 	
Friday	Oct 3	 Grade 4 CCAT (Pace testing) Terry Fox Run/Walk: Holy Spirit Fundraising Page 	

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Tuesday, September 30th is National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, which coincides with Orange Shirt Day. On September 30, all Canadians are invited to wear an orange shirt to honour Indigenous peoples and to show a commitment to the idea that every child matters. This day is a time for remembering -- to recall Canada's Residential Schools and their sad

effects on Indigenous families and cultures. It is a time for healing -- to celebrate the beautiful gifts of Indigenous cultures. It is a time for hope -- for us to all walk forward together as children of God's loving family.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL:

On September 25th, the Holy Spirit Catholic School Council for the 2025-2026 school year was formed. A sincere thank you to last year's council for all their hard work. We look forward to the engaging and important work with this year's council. We encourage all parents and guardians to join us for our Catholic School Council meetings as your voices are vital in influencing our work. Our next CSC meeting will take place on October 21st at 7:00 pm in our school library. Future meeting dates will be at 7:00 pm on: November 18th, January 20th, March 3rd, April 14th and May 12th.

2025-2026 Holy Spirit Catholic School Council

Name	Position	Name	Position
Anastasia Mavromatis	Co-Chair	Ron Sciulli	School Community Rep
Danielle Calleri	Co-Chair	Maggie Cutajar	Parent Rep
Stella Boz	Secretary	Rebecca Gaudioso-Lanni	Parent Rep
Robyn De Cicco	Treasurer	Krystine Renwick	Parent Rep
Paula D'Aoust	Teacher Rep	Nella Benincasa	Parent Rep
Mathew N, Hugo P and Luke V	Student Reps	Laura De Gasperis	Parent Rep
Maria Sarracini	Parish Rep	Maria Pinto	Parent Rep
Daniela Ornat	Parent Rep	Chantal Faria	Parent Rep
Melissa Facchini	Parent Rep	Rochelle Di Iulio	Parent Rep
Ashley Gatto	Parent Rep	Julie Snyder	Principal

Hot Lunch is Back! 4 **

Thanks to our Catholic School Council, Hot Lunch orders open Monday, September 29 and close Wednesday, October 8 on www.munchalunch.com.

Hot Lunch runs Oct. 14 – Dec. 19 on these days:

- Mon Delicious Greek
- Tue Pizza Nova
- Wed BarBurrito
- Thurs- NO HOT LUNCH
- Fri Subway

No late orders, changes, or cancellations. If your child is absent, their lunch will be at the front of the school for same-day pickup. Questions? Email hotlunchholyspiritces@gmail.com

SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK

As part of our safety initiative Holy Spirit, along with all other schools in the York Catholic District School Board, will be practicing a variety of safety procedures with students and staff.

The week September 29th - October 3rd, 2025 has been designated as "Safety Awareness Week" for the YCDSB. During this week, we will be rehearsing a variety of emergency school procedures to acquaint students and staff with the precautionary steps to take in the event of such things as a warning of severe weather, or an intruder. In addition, throughout the year we will hold practice drills to acquaint students with various emergency protocols. Teachers will review these procedures with students in class prior to our practice drills.

© CALL OUT FOR PRIZE DONATIONS! 👻

Our Halloween Dance-a-Thon is just around the corner, and we're looking for prize donations to make it extra fun for our students. If you're able to contribute a prize or a gift card, we'd love your support. All donations can be dropped off at the school office. Thank you for helping us make this spooktacular event a success! More details about the event and how prizes will be distributed will be sent home soon.

FRESH FROM THE FARM

Orders can be placed online here between now and October 17th. Delivery will be between November 4 and December 5, with the delivery date being confirmed at least 10 days in advance. Delivery and pick up will be at the school. Thank you for your support!

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You can donate online at: Holy Spirit Fundraising Page

<u>UPCOMING: (all important dates can be found on the HST website)</u>

- October 4- Parent Meeting- First Holy Communion at 7pm OLG parish
- October 6- Ms. McNaught's class to STREAM
- October 9- Picture Day
- October 13- Thanksgiving- No School
- October 17- Last day to order Fresh from the Farm
- October 20- Mass with Father Rony
- October 24- PA Day
- October 31 Halloween Spook A Thon

