



Holy Spirit Catholic Elementary School

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⚡ HST FRIDAY FLASH ⚡

Prayer 🙏

Teach us, O God, your lessons, as in our daily life
We struggle to be human, and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some;
To love them as we find them, or as they may become.
Let your compassion change us, so that we may be moved;
In living situations to live the truth in love
To practice your compassion, until we know by heart
The table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art.
God for today's encounters with all who are in need,
Who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread,
We need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on;
Renew us with your Spirit, God free us, make us one. Amen

Week at a Glance- October 20- October 24, 2025

Monday	Oct. 20	- Delicious Greek 🥗 7:45 am Int. Boys' & Girls' Volleyball Practice 🏐 - Thanksgiving Mass with Father Rony 10 am (parents welcome) 🏛️
Tuesday	Oct. 21	- Pizza Lunch 🍕 - Early Childhood Educator's Appreciation Day (thank you Ms. Falcitelli and Ms. Piques) 🙏 7:45 am Int. Boys' & Girls' Volleyball Practice 🏐 - Cross Country Board Championship 🏃 - CSC meeting in the library at 7 pm. All are welcome.
Wednesday	Oct. 22	- J/I Stars of the Stage 🎭 - Barburrito 🌮 11:40 am Int. Girls Volleyball Practice 🏐 3:00 pm Int. Girls Volleyball Practice 🏐
Thursday	Oct. 23	- St. Max to visit Grade 8s - J/I Stars of the Stage 🎭 11:40 am Int. Boys Volleyball Practice 🏐 3:15 pm Int. Boys exhibition game at St. Jerome CES 🏐 - Last day for Food Drive 🥫
Friday	Oct. 24	PA Day NO SCHOOL for students

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INDOOR INCLEMENT WEATHER

At our most recent Catholic School Council meeting, it was determined that:

- When the temperature (including wind chill) is -18°C , the principal will decide whether students go outside for all or part of recess.
- When the temperature (including wind chill) is -19°C or colder, students will remain indoors.

The Weather Network will be checked just before each recess to ensure decisions are based on the most up-to-date temperature and wind chill readings.

SCHOOL FUNDRAISER PRIZES

Once again, we want to thank all those who have given so generously to our Halloween fundraiser! Next week, we'll be holding an assembly, for our students, to showcase some of the amazing prizes that can be won. Our top three overall prizes for the highest fundraisers are:

-  Meta Quest 3S 128GB VR Headset
-  Toronto Raptors Tickets
-  Apple AirPods

As well, new this year, **every student** at Holy Spirit will receive a ticket from their classroom teacher to be entered into a Halloween Day prize draw! Some of the exciting prizes include:

-  A Halloween Fun Bucket
-  A framed photo of Alexander Ovechkin's record-breaking goal
-  4 Platinum seats to a Toronto Marlies game
-  An Instax Camera
-  BarBurrito coupons
-  Subway Coupons
-  Air Hockey
-  Car LEGO Set
-  Wicked LEGO Set
-  Board Game Bundle x2
-  Stuffies x2
-  Two passes to the Art Gallery of Ontario
-  NHL hats and shirts
-  Movie tickets
-  \$50 gift cards
-  A Lululemon belt bag

There are also school wide prizes to be won:

SCHOOL WIDE PRIZE	DONATIONS REQUIRED
Pajama Day 	\$5000
No Homework Day 	\$10 000
Movie Day 	\$15 000
Slime Mrs. Snyder 	\$20 000

HALLOWEEN COSTUMES

With all the excitement of October, we know many students are already planning their Halloween costumes. On Friday, October 31st, students are welcome to come to school dressed in their Halloween costumes.

Kindly be reminded that costume props, and/or replica weapons may not be brought to school. Costumes

should be respectful of the diversity in our communities and therefore should not reflect symbols or objects representative of another person's culture and/or race that may trivialize, devalue, or appropriate any culture or race. Costumes that mock social identities through stereotyping are also unacceptable. Cultures are not costumes. A reminder that masks cannot be worn as they present a safety risk and some masks can be quite scary for our younger students. If students are unsure about their costume idea, they should speak with their classroom teacher or Principal. We are looking forward to a fun and respectful Halloween for all.

Please No Food Treats/Goodies

As indicated in communications earlier there are students at Holy Spirit with life threatening allergies therefore food items/treats of any kind cannot be accepted and will not be distributed by staff. We want to ensure that our school puts safety first. Although we know your intentions are in the right place, if you do wish to send something with your child, please ensure that all classmates are included and consider alternatives to food items such as pencils, pens, erasers, stickers etc.

UPCOMING: (all important dates can be found on the [HST website](#))

- October 31 Halloween Spook A Thon
- November 5- Photo Re-Take Day
- November 7- Dairy Farmers Presentation (FDK-Grade 1)
- November 13- YouthSpeak: Anti-Racism presentations
- November 18- Progress Reports Available on Parent Portal at 4:00 pm
- November 20- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- November 21- PA Day Parent/Teacher Conferences
- November 17-21- Anti-Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week

