

# HOLY SPIRIT FLAMES

# January

## 2024 NEWSLETTER

Dear Families:

Happy New Year! We hope you had a restful break celebrating the birth of our Lord. We wish to use this opportunity to **Thank You** for your generosity with our Angel Tree Campaign where we supported 10 families with gift cards and gifts! All the families were truly appreciative for our generosity. In this newsletter you will find some information to note for the month of January. - Mr. Petrella & Ms. Luis

### Kindergarten Registration is Open:

for JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN (FOR CHILDREN BORN IN 2020)  
and KINDERGARTEN (FOR CHILDREN BORN IN 2019)



All registrations are completed online. Visit our school webpage and click on the image in the slider which will direct you to the online registration form. Please be prepared to upload the following documents online: Birth Registration, Proof of Home Address and Baptismal Certificate. If your child's baptismal certificate cannot be provided, then the parent or guardian's baptismal certificate must be provided. **If your child is currently attending school they do not need to register, they are automatically registered for next year.**

Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Lirusso in our office with any questions.

### COLD WEATHER AND OUTDOOR BREAKS

A friendly reminder to layer your children and have them dress appropriately for the weather. Winter coats, toques, scarves, mitts & boots are a must! We are outside for 40 min at lunch and 15 minutes at recess. Some classes will also have outdoor lessons. We wish for the children to stay warm. Labelling your children's items helps us find the owner if lost.

**Memo APH008:** When schools are open, special consideration must be given to the safety and well-being of students when they are outside at recess, lunch, or for other outdoor activities. The following temperatures (including windchill) and actions should be followed during winter months: • When the temperature is between  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$  and  $-26^{\circ}\text{C}$ : students may remain outside for no longer than 15 minutes at a time • When temperatures are colder than  $-27^{\circ}\text{C}$ : students must remain inside. Temperatures and conditions vary across the Region. Principals may discuss shortening outdoor breaks and or keeping students inside with neighboring Catholic schools to ensure consistent application of these guidelines.

**DRESSING FOR COLD WEATHER**

adding layers will help keep you warm as the temperature drops

**CHILLY**

- 1-2 layers
- long layer
- outer layer to keep out wind, rain
- warm shoes water proof

**COLD**

- 2-3 layers
- gloves
- warm hat
- outer layer to keep out wind, wet snow
- boots water proof
- 1-2 layers

**EXTREME COLD**

- 3+ layers 1 insulating
- gloves
- warm hat
- face mask
- outer layer to keep out wind
- boots water proof
- 2+ layers

NOAA  
weather.gov/safety

**PA DAY Friday January 19, 2024**

- There will be no school Friday as staff are using the day to commence the writing of report cards.
- The Extended Day Program will be running.



**Inclement Weather Days:**



Before 5:30 a.m., the General Manager of STSWR will assess weather conditions in Waterloo Region and confer with local bus operators when necessary. If a recommendation to cancel transportation (including potential school closure) is to be made, the Director of Education (or designate) will be contacted by the General Manager of STSWR for discussion and decision-making.

Stakeholders should monitor the WCDSB website, social media feed, and radio stations for information on cancellations. STSWR is responsible for communicating all decisions with respect to inclement weather to the media, school bus operators, and taxi companies.



**2024**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
7 	8 		10 Spirit Wear Wednesday	11	12 Monthly Assembly	13
14	15	16	17 Spirit Wear Wednesday  Caribou Math Contest	18 Grade 8 Photo Day 	19 <b>PA DAY No school today!</b>	20
21 Mental Health and Anti-Stigma Awareness Week	22	23	24 Spirit Wear Wednesday	25 Let's Talk Day Wear Blue  Grade 2 Sacrament Meeting at St. Ambrose 6:30	26	27
28	29	30	31 Spirit Wear Wednesday  			