



# HOLY SPIRIT

## WITNESS TO HOPE



### 2024 NEWSLETTER



There is a change this year to the first day of school. This year the first day falls on **Wednesday, September 4th, 2024.** Tuesday September 3rd is a PD Day.

Student class placement will be available on D2L the week before school starts.

On September 4th, all teachers will meet outside on the back playground and will be carrying a sign with their name. On this first day of school your child will bring home the student verification document that needs to be completed in hard copy. Please return this ASAP.

Check cash online to complete your mandatory school start -up forms.

We look forward to meeting you all!



#### A FATHER'S DAY PRAYER

Lord, we give thanks for fathers for their love and affection. For their support and guidance. For their humour and playfulness. Bless all fathers and help them to continue to model God's unconditional love.

Lord, bless all men who are father figures for children. By caring and nurturing children they give them a glimpse of the goodness and tenderness of God.

We ask our prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen



**Term Two Report Cards** will be sent home on **Tuesday June 25th.**

We know that students do get excited for school and like to go back to school shopping. So that you will know what supplies we are asking families to provide, there will be a list included in the report card envelope. Please do hold onto this list and you can look for specials in the month of August. If there are any families who may not be able to purchase supplies, please contact Mr. Petrella and we will be happy to support.



#### SCHOOL AGENDAS

Through your generosity with our fundraising campaigns over the past two years, we are able to subsidize the agendas this year through School Generated Funds. The Agendas are an excellent tool for communication between home and school. They are also filled with much information about the school, learning and more!

## FOOD TRUCK NIGHTS



May 29th, June 12th, June 26th, July 10th & July 24th  
4:30PM-7:30PM @ CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY CHURCH 10 Gatehouse Dr.

\* Please note the parking lot at Cornerstone Community Church is not available at dismissal on these days.



#### June is here .... Sun Safety Tips!

A friendly reminder of items students should have to help beat the heat this month at school:

- Put Sunblock on in the am before school
- Sunblock to reapply at lunch
- Refillable water bottles
- Light clothing
- Icepacks in lunches to keep food and drinks cool

#### KINDERGARTEN CELEBRATION DAY

**Wednesday June 26th**

Classroom Teachers will send home more information!



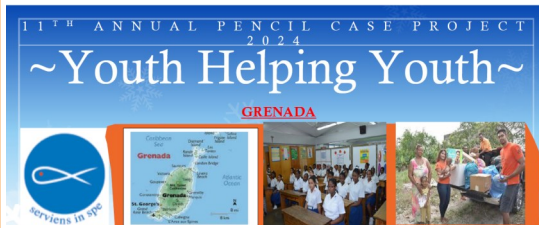


**Holy Spirit Learning Commons News**  
 WCDSB Digital Library eBook this summer! Enjoy anytime, anywhere:  
**Sora APP** Easy to use!



**Summer at Idea Exchange Cambridge.**

Join all the book fans and register for Summer Reading Clubs at the Cambridge Public Library. Activities and Events will run from June to August. Don't miss this super opportunity! For more information visit the Idea Exchange calendar for a look ahead. [Idea Exchange](#)



**St. Vincent de Paul - Pencil Case Project 2024**

We will be supporting this worthy cause in an effort to reduce waste and help those in need.

**Regular Collected Items:** Used Pencil Cases + Contents/ Back Packs / Sports bags/ Rulers / Erasers / Sharpeners / Math Sets / Calculators / Scissors / Crayons / Pencils / Pens / Markers / Pencil Crayons/ Lunch Boxes / Water Bottles/ Gently Used Toys / Games / Crafts / Sports Equipment (i.e. Balls / Gloves) / Blank Notebooks / Blank Paper / Duo Tangs / Folders

Bins will be provided and set up in our front foyer for collection. A more detailed list of other items being collected will be forthcoming.

Schools offer a variety of opportunities for parents to learn more about how to support their children: for example, events related to mathematics may be held at the school (e.g., family math nights); teachers may provide newsletters or communicate with parents through apps or social media; and school or board websites may provide helpful tips about how parents can engage in their child's mathematics learning outside of school and may even provide links where they can learn more or enjoy math activities together.

The following brief survey will assist our school district in gathering data about how parents/families feel in terms of being informed about what their children are learning in math, how parents/families feel about supporting their children's learning in math, and about parental access to math learning resources at home.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and participation.

<https://bit.ly/SupportingMathAtHomeSurvey2024>

This survey will remain open until June 14, 2024.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the collection of this information please contact K-12 Mathematics Coordinator, Board Math Lead, Petra LeDuc at [petra.leduc@wcdsb.ca](mailto:petra.leduc@wcdsb.ca) , 519-578-3660 extension 2415.



Amanda, Jennifer, Bella, Julia, Raphael, Chloe, Maxwell, Vlad, Ryder, Vayda, Ryan-Miguel, Mia, Samantha, Amelia, Robyne, Zeina, Emilia, Mario, Nathaniel, Olivia, Roman, Travis, Danica, Nicole, Suhish, Erica, Kingsley, Kaizen, Kaelyn, Kyleigh, Olivia, Ricardo, Aidan, Jenna, Brayden, Tristan, Justina, Syllas, Josh, Reid, Chloe, Ufedo, Mathew, Alyssa, Sophia, Clara, Julia, Hayden, Levi, Katana, Jaxon, Isabella, Morgan, Caitlyn, Maria, Neveah, Dante, Charlie

**Ceremony will be held on  
 Tuesday June 25th**

**Barbecue Lunch - June 26th**

catered by Remember Me.

Items available:

Hamburger, Hotdog or Veggie Dog  
 Sides: chips and water



This lunch will be provided free to students through your generosity with our School Generated Funds!

There are a number of items in our **LOST AND FOUND** area to be claimed before the end of JUNE.

The Lost and Found area can be found just inside our side door. Any items not claimed by June 26th will be forwarded to charity for distribution to those who can make use of them. The students will have an opportunity to claim any item that is theirs.

Classes will be invited to come and view what is in the "Lost & Found" throughout the month of June.

Please discuss with your child what items have not made their way home.



**ARE YOU MOVING?**

To assist us with enrolment projections for September 2024 please inform the school if you are planning any changes that may result in your children not attending Holy Spirit Catholic Elementary School in September 2024.





**STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES OF WATERLOO REGION (STSWR), INC**  
4275 King Street East Kitchener, On N2P 2E9 Tel: 519-650-4934 Fax: 519-650-2979

Transportation details for the 2024-2025 school year will be available on Monday August 19, 2024.

Parents can login and view their child's transportation details by going to [www.stswr.ca](http://www.stswr.ca) and following these easy steps:

- Click on "Student Login"
- Enter your child's Ontario Education Number (OEN)  
The OEN can be found on your child's report card  
Numbers only, no space, no dash
- Enter your child's birth date  
dd/mm/yyyy
- Enter your child's street number  
house number only
- Select the school your child is attending from the drop down menu



**Please note that any address changes must be done at your child's school. If you are moving in the summer or changing caregiver arrangements for the fall, you should communicate the change of address to your child's school before the end of the 2023-2024 school year.**

Visit our website at [www.stswr.ca](http://www.stswr.ca) to find bus delays and cancellations, subscribe to receive e-mail or text notifications for late buses and closures and follow us on Twitter @STSWR.



### Extended Day Programs are Confirmed!

The Waterloo Catholic District School Board is pleased to offer a fee based Extended Day Program for children from JK to grade 6.

The program provides children with opportunities to expand their knowledge through a variety of activities. The Extended Day Programs are delivered by teams of Registered Early Childhood Educators. They are dedicated to providing faith based, quality, educational programming. The Extended Day Programs offer parents a convenient school location, equity of access in a safe

and healthy environment for young children.

Part time or full time enrollment is available with a set recurring schedule and registration is on-going. For further information or to register please visit the board's website at [www.wcdsb.ca](http://www.wcdsb.ca) and follow the Extended Day registration link. **Register Early** to avoid being put on the waiting list.

## Catholic Parent Involvement Committee - Parent Information Hub

Access our Catholic Parent Involvement Committee - Parent Information Hub to listen to various community organizations speak directly to questions such as:

- ◆ How do I support my anxious child?
  - ◆ How do I help my child build social skills?
  - ◆ Where do I learn more about LGBT2S+ identities?
  - ◆ How do I keep my child safe on the internet?
  - ◆ Interested in additional services to support your child?
- Follow the links to access more information on services offered by each organization.

<https://www.wcdsb.ca/cpic-parent-hub/>



National  
Indigenous  
History **Month**

#NIHM2024

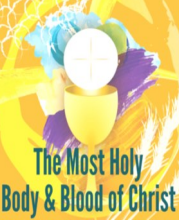


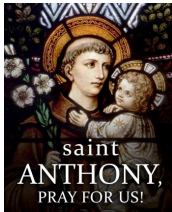




**June is National Indigenous History Month**  
To learn more about our history & Indigenous culture we will have three activities planned. All grades will experience a Mapping Activity. Primary will have an opportunity to participate in a Moccasin Activity. Junior/Intermediates will learn about Canada's National Sport of Lacrosse. Homeroom teachers will send out information as it becomes available.



# June

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2  <p>The Most Holy Body &amp; Blood of Christ</p>	3 Grade 3 EQAO	4 Grade 3 EQAO Cross Country 	5 Grade 3 EQAO	6 Grade 3 EQAO First Rider Program STSWR Preregister for <a href="#">this evening here</a>	7 Grade 3 EQAO Sacred Heart of Jesus 	8 Immaculate Heart of Mary 
9	10	11	12 Lacrosse 	13 Lacrosse Indigenous Map Activity  <p>saint ANTHONY, PRAY FOR US!</p>	14  <p>Soccer Jersey Day</p> Indigenous Map Activity	15
16  <p>HAPPY Father's DAY</p>	17 Ultimate Frisbee Tournament Moccasin identifier Activity Year End School Liturgy	18 !	19	20 Junior Boys Junior Girls 3 Pitch  <p>enjoy every moment!</p>	21 National Indigenous Peoples DAY 	22
23	24	25  <p>REPORT CARD DAY</p>  <p>Graduation 2024</p>	26  <p>Barbecue Lunch</p> Beach Day Kindergarten Rocks Celebration!	27 Happy last day school Wear Red & White for Canada Day!  <p>Talent SHOW</p>	28  <p>HAPPY first day of SUMMER</p> School's out for summer!	29