

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC ACADEMY

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

As a Catholic learning community, we are called to live the message of the Gospel by showing compassion and supporting those in need.

On **October 17, 2025**, all schools within the York Catholic District School Board (YCDSB) will join organizations around the world in recognizing the **International Day for the Eradication of Poverty**.

Food insecurity continues to be a growing concern in York Region and has become a significant barrier to regular school attendance. Thanks to the generosity of YCDSB families, staff, and community members, \$41,115.25 was raised last year to support families in need. This collective effort made a meaningful impact by helping to remove barriers and promote consistent student attendance.

The Attendance Counselling Service Team and Holy Cross CA are once again inviting our community to participate in the *2nd Annual Loonie/Toonie Civvies Day Fundraiser* in support of our neighbours, taking place on **Friday, October 17, 2025**.

Donations will be collected in homeroom classes beginning **Tuesday, October 14th**. Students who donate will receive a **wristband** in their homeroom class on the morning of **October 17th**, permitting them to wear **civvies attire** for the day.

All donations must be received by Thursday, October 16th. Students who do not donate are expected to be in full uniform.

Please note that any clothing deemed inappropriate will be addressed by Administration, and a parent/guardian may be contacted to bring alternate attire. Students with a **homeroom spare** may come to the **main office** to make their donation.

Thank you for your continued generosity and commitment to Catholic education and social justice.

Yours in Catholic Education,

HCCA Administration