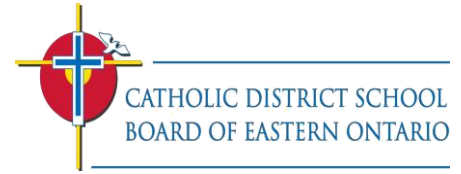


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Dear Holy Cross Families,

Thanks to the positive feedback and success of the past two years of the Fresh from the Farm initiative, we are offering it again this year as a fundraising option. Fresh from the Farm is a collaborative initiative between the Ontario Ministry of Education, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, the Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Growers' Association and Dietitians of Canada. This program offers items that most families would purchase regularly; it promotes healthy eating habits; and it supports Ontario fruit and vegetable growers. Funds raised will support the purchase of equipment and technology in our school, as well as supporting school activities and outings.

There will be two bundles of items available for sale:

- \$14 Bundle A - 5 lb white potatoes, 3lb each of carrots, onions and sweet potatoes
- \$15 Bundle B - 8lb box of Empire apples

Key dates will be the following:

- October 1-10: Order forms will be sent home, and students may collect orders.
- **October 10, midnight:** Deadline for submitting orders and payments. Unfortunately, late orders past this date cannot be accommodated. All orders and payments should be submitted using the Cash Online system at <https://cdsbeo.schoolcashonline.com/Home/SignIn>. Should you not have access to a computer or online banking, and wish to participate, please contact the school for assistance with placing your orders.
- November 5-December 6: Deliveries to schools will take place; there are no Friday deliveries and there is only one delivery scheduled per school. We will be notified ten days in advance of the delivery day, and will communicate it right away. Orders must be picked up from the school, as they will be too bulky to send home with students.

Please note: If you wish your child(ren) to participate, it will be necessary to have someone available to pick up their order on the scheduled pickup date. We will be open into the evening to help facilitate this. Due to the perishable nature of the items, we are unable to store them at the school.

We will be looking for volunteers to help sort the orders and prepare them for pickup once they are delivered, as well as assist with the pickup process. This is a great opportunity for high school students to obtain volunteer hours, as well as for parents to lend a hand and meet other school parents. Muscles of any sort will be welcomed! If you would be willing to assist in any way, please email Alicia Fogarty at thealiciafogarty@gmail.com.

More information about the program can be found at <http://www.freshfromfarm.ca/About.aspx> and additional questions can be directed to Alicia.

We thank you for your continued support.

Holy Cross School Council