

ST. CLARE CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Guided by Gospel Values and Catholic Virtues to Educate All Students

Principal's Message

“LEST WE FORGET...”

These past two months have been especially busy for everyone in our school community. Our students have participated in numerous activities ranging from field trips, to our safety week, to liturgical celebrations and our Halloween dance. At the same time, our students have had to work hard at their academics in responding to more challenging expectations and adapting to different learning/teaching strategies with their new teachers in their new grades. We are very happy with their participation, positive attitude and overall progress.

We welcome **Dr. Opiyo Oloya**, our new superintendent, to Area 3. **Dr. Oloya** has already paid a visit to St. Clare and was impressed with staff and students. We are blessed to have such a wonderful Catholic leader representing St. Clare at the Board level. We wish him the best!

Students, staff and parents are our priority at St. Clare and we look forward to strengthening the partnership between home, school and church to continue to provide our children with the necessary skills to face the 21st Century with unconditional faith, unshaken confidence and unrestricted knowledge.

November is here again with its cool weather and shorter days. Special events this month include **All Saints Day, All Souls Day and Remembrance Day**. On Remembrance Day, let us all make a special effort to remember in our prayers all those brave soldiers who gave up their lives so that we could live in peace. We continue to pray for those who live in war torn countries today, and let us forever be grateful for the peace found here in Canada. Please take a moment to read about the many activities happening at St. Clare, and to discuss them with your child(ren).

We look forward to receiving your comments once again and to meeting with you at parent-teacher interviews on November 22nd and November 23rd, 2018.

Yours in Catholic Education,
Mr. de Sousa
Principal



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Mission

Guided by Gospel Values and Catholic Virtues, in partnership with home and Church, we educate and inspire all students to reach their full potential in a safe and caring environment.

Core Values

Catholicity, Excellence, Equity, Fiscal Responsibility, Inclusion, Integrity, Respect.

Vision

Our students will become creative and critical thinkers who integrate Catholic values into their daily lives, as socially responsible global citizens.

Strategic Commitments

Integration of Our Catholic Faith, Continuous Improvement of Student Achievement, Effective Use of Our Resources, Engaging Our Communities.

PROGRESS REPORT CARDS AND INTERVIEWS:

First term Progress Report Cards for students in Grades 1 - 8 will go home on Tuesday, November 21st. Please take the time to discuss the progress report card with your child prior to meeting with their teacher(s). Interviews for parents of all students in Grades 1 to Grade 8 will be scheduled for:

Thursday, November 22nd, from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. & 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and
Friday, November 23rd, from 9 a.m. - 12 noon.

Interview sheets will be sent home and interviews will be scheduled. This schedule will go home with your child(ren) together with their Progress Report Cards. The Progress Report Card is a wonderful communication tool to keep parents informed of their child(ren)'s progress, and for both the teacher and the parents to plan next steps to ensure student success in school.

REMEMBRANCE DAY:

On Friday, November 9th, after announcements, we will have Lt. Col. C. Jansen from the Royal Canadian Military address our students regarding Remembrance Day. This year we're making a special point to remember the men and women who served our country at a challenging time. These Canadians fought during the final 100 days of the First World War. This happened in 1918, 100 years ago. Following his presentation to the Primary students, there will be a prayer remembering those who scarified for our lives at 10:45 am. A final presentation to the Junior and Intermediate students will close off his presentation. We thank Lt. Col. C. Jansen for his time and expertise.

INCLEMENT WEATHER EMERGENCY PROCEDURES:

Every effort will be made to have our school open and operational every instructional day. In the event of inclement weather and bus cancellation, the school will remain open, unless it is otherwise reported on the radio/television stations listed below. However, we ask parents to exercise good judgment in deciding whether to send your child(ren) to school when buses are cancelled. Please listen to one of the following radio/television stations in the morning for information about bus cancellations and/or school closures. Be sure to listen for the York Catholic District School Board.

Radio/Television stations announcing cancellations:

RADIO: 590 AM 640 AM 680 AM 860 AM 1010 AM 1050 AM 1540 AM 1580 AM 88.5 FM 89.9 FM 92.5 FM
93.1 FM 94.9 FM 95.9 FM 97.3 FM 98.1 FM 99.1 FM 99.9 FM 101.1 FM 102.1 FM 104.5 FM 107.1 FM

TELEVISION: CITY TV, THE A-CHANNEL, CFTO TV, CP24, GLOBAL NEWS

WEBSITE: www.schoolbuscity.com

IN FLANDERS FIELDS

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place: and in the sky
The larks still bravely singing fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the dead: Short days ago,
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved: and now we lie
In Flanders fields!
Take up our quarrel with the foe
To you, from failing hands, we throw
The torch: be yours to hold it high
If ye break faith with us who die,
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.



Active School Travel

November 2018

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Active Transportation and Mental Health

Did you know that **Active Transportation** can strengthen child and youth mental health, which helps children and youth perform better academically, form social relationships, promote positive emotional feelings that increase self-worth and overall make healthier lifestyle choices?

Children's Mental Health Ontario reports that as many as **1 in 5 children and youth** in Ontario will experience some form of mental health problem and that 70% of mental health problems start during childhood or the teenage years..

Why Is Strong Mental Health Important for Children?

Strong mental health allows kids and youth to:

- Think more clearly,
- Develop socially and emotionally, and
- Learn new skills more effectively.

It also helps to:

- Build confidence,
- Increase self-esteem, and
- Provide a **positive** mental outlook on life overall.

All of these benefits have significant positive impacts on children as they grow and enter different phases of life. A child with strong mental health is a child more likely to succeed and deal with challenges in all aspects of life, including transitions into high school, college/university and work or starting their own family one day.

Use Active School Travel To Stay Mentally Fit!

Active School Travel (AST) is an easy way for parents/guardians to strengthen the mental health of children and youth. Simply walking and/or wheeling to and from school leads to increased social connectedness, which can boost confidence and self-esteem and encourage positive behaviour and skills. In adults, it also helps manage stress and promotes wellness.

Active School Travel is simple and can easily be added into your daily routine!

- Walk and/or wheel to school or to the bus stop
- Park and walk a block to school
- If Active School Travel every day is a challenge, choose one or two days a week to try and make a change.

Be proactive, and help to strengthen your child's (and your own) mental health!

Sincerely,

YCDSB Active School Travel Team





NOVEMBER 2018

Lest We Forget.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 Daylight Saving Time Ends	5	6	7	8	9 Remembrance Day Assembly Major Jansen  Lest We Forget.	10
11 Remembrance Day  Lest We Forget.	12 Catholic School Council 7:00 pm Library	13	14	15 Rosary Ladies	16	17
18	19 BULLY	20 AWARENES	21 Progress Reports go Home WEEK	22 Parent/Teacher Interviews 4:00 to 8:00 pm	23 P.A. Day Parent/Teacher Interviews AM	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	