

ST. CLARE CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Guided by Gospel Values and Catholic Virtues to Educate All Students



Principal's Message

Happy New Year and welcome back! It is great to be back. We hope each and every one of you had a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas. As the principal of St. Clare Catholic School and on behalf of the staff, we have the great pleasure of welcoming you and your children back to school for 2019.

At St. Clare, we will continue to encourage Catholic values to help our students grow as loving and faithful followers of Jesus Christ where respect is consistently demonstrated toward people of all ages, background, race, gender, and beliefs. In partnership with St. Clare of Assisi Parish, we will foster the children's spiritual growth, especially through the sacraments of the Eucharist, Reconciliation, and Confirmation.

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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.



Kindergarten Registration

Registration for the 2019-2020 school year begins January 7, 2019

To register, please bring the following original documents:

- A Baptismal certificate from a Roman Catholic Church or a Catholic Church in Communion with the Holy See of Rome
- Proof of age
- Proof of legal status in Canada
- Proof of residency
- Proof of Separate School Support (i.e. MPAC Assessment Notice), or you can complete a school support form that is included in the registration package.

JK: Children must be 4 years old by Dec. 31, 2019 (born in 2015)

SK: Children must be 5 years old by Dec. 31, 2019 (born in 2014)

If your child is already attending a YCDSB school for JK registration is not required.



For information, contact the Admissions Department:



www.ycdsb.ca/admissions



@ycdsb



905-713-2711 or 416-221-5050



January 2019

Active School Travel

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Welcome back! For January, we have some tips for how to get outside and still have fun in the cold, including while you're walking/wheeling to school or the bus stop.

- Being dressed for the weather is the first step to enjoying the outdoors:
 - Wear a base layer (long johns, thermal long underwear – made of wool not synthetic or cotton)
 - Wear an insulating layer (wool socks, shirt and pants but not jeans or cotton)
 - Wear an outer shell (windproof jacket with a hood and bib snow pants with elastic or velcro fastening at the cuff)
 - Wear insulated waterproof snow boots
 - Have a hat that covers the ears (and a spare!)
 - Add a neck warmer
 - Finish with waterproof mittens
- Keep moving!
- Eat high-fat snacks like cheese and nuts to keep your body going.
- Drink water! Even though it's cold, the air is dry and your body can become dehydrated.

The YCDSB AST Team and York Region Public Health have put together a **Kindness Calendar** for January. After the excitement of the Christmas season, it's important to carry on the spirit of giving to yourself and to others.

How it works:

- Print the attached Active School Travel Kindness Calendar.
- Each day, check off the small acts of kindness that you complete in the calendar.
- There are two questions to answer on the calendar. Submit a photo of your calendar with your answers to: activeschooltravel@ycdsb.ca by February 8, 2019 to be entered in a prize draw! The winner will be chosen by random draw, no minimum days required for entry.
- We will Tweet the daily acts of kindness each school day from **@ycdsb_AST**. Tweet us photos of you being active and kind this month and tag **@ycdsb_AST**!

February 6, 2019 is Winter Walk Day!

Schools can visit <http://ontarioactiveschooltravel.ca/winter-walk-day/> to plan a day for your school community. Let us know if you are interested in participating so we can support you! There are activities available to you for that day, as well as for the whole month.

Sincerely,

YCDSB Active School Travel Team



Winter Walk Day – February 6, 2019

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

590AM 640AM 680AM 860AM 1010AM 1050AM 1540AM 1580AM
88.5FM 89.9FM 92.5FM 93.1FM 94.9FM 95.9FM 97.3FM 98.1FM 99.1FM 99.9FM
101.1FM 102.1FM 104.5FM 100.7FM 107.1FM

TELEVISION

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

WEBSITE: www.schoolbuscity.com

HELPING OUR STUDENTS FIND THEIR PATH:

Like adults, children require guidance, support and assurances when struggling day to day to make sense of life. Children are often asked to grow up too fast too soon. Our expectations of what they should know has increased over the years. While providing our young people a road map to help them navigate their path, let's not forget they are still children and require time to be kids. I will let you in on a secret that a wise woman once told me years ago: "If you want your children to be successful, you need to invest your "time" in them." We are blessed to be a part of a Catholic School Community rich with resources and means. While this is wonderful, sometimes all our children need is our time. Please make time to spend with your child. Before you know it, they will be all grown up and will not need you anymore. May 2019 be filled with health, happiness and prosperity. God bless!

MAIN DRIVEWAY BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER SCHOOL:

At St. Clare we pride ourselves on the quality of education we deliver at all levels. Nevertheless, the level of education pales in comparison to the safety of our students. I am constantly receiving calls about parents who enter the driveway before, during and after school. This is a safety concern and has been communicated a number of times. Children are crossing the main driveway only to encounter a car driving by while they are trying to get into the building. **WE ASK THAT YOU DO NOT USE THE MAIN DRIVEWAY TO DROP OFF OR PICK-UP YOUR CHILD.** There are **Do Not Enter** signs on the sides of both driveways. Please do not use the driveways from **8:00 am to 4:00 pm and compromise the safety of our children.**

JANUARY 2019

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

		1 Happy New Year!	2	3	4	5
6	7 Back to School	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Rosary Apostolates	18 P.A. Day No School	19
20	21 Liturgy 10:45 am Gym	22	23	24 Grade 8 Grad Photos	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		