

# ST. CLARE CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Guided by Gospel Values and Catholic Virtues to Educate All Students

## Principal's Message

On **Saturday, May 11th** at St. Clare of Assisi Church at **1:30 pm**, our Grade 2 students will be celebrating their **First Holy Communion**. We would like to thank **Msgr. John and Father Antonello** for their spiritual guidance and commitment to our children. We also would like to thank **Mrs. Ciccone** for her commitment in preparing our students. Finally we thank our parents for their continued support in Catholic education.

May is the month of **Mother Mary**. There is no title on earth that means more than "Mother." The late Pope John Paul II taught us in no uncertain terms that women and men are equal as persons before God. Both man and woman are human beings and both are created in the image and likeness of God. In the order of redemption, men and women belong to the Mystical Body of Christ, are heirs of eternal life and are called to discipleship. John Paul II called this the "unity of the two". Man and woman have been created as two persons in order to reach the full potential of what it means to be human and to live in a communion of love.

The uniqueness of a mother lies in the notion that she is made for the "order of love." Mary, the mother of Jesus, is the classic mother of all time. What is most important about Mary's role as Mother of God is how she gave her free consent, which places her in union with God uniquely. It can be said that women, by looking to Mary, can find in her the secret of living their lives with dignity and of achieving their own true advancement. We see in the face of all mothers, the reflection of a beauty which mirrors the highest sentiments of which the human heart is capable: the self-offering of love; the strength that is capable of bearing the greatest sorrows; limitless fidelity and tireless devotion to work; the ability to combine penetrating intuition with words of support and encouragement. The love of a mother is always unconditional for her children through their joys and their struggles. Mothers share it all, the good and the bad.

Next to God's love is mother's love. On May 12, let us all take the time to thank all mothers for their giving hearts and for the difficult job they do. Mothers are so very important in our lives, and I am sure we would all agree that they are worthy of the highest honour.

## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mr. de Sousa  
Principal

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Mrs. Boem

## CSC Chairs

Mrs. Carvalho - Chair

## Multi-Year Strategic Plan

### 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.

### Vision

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

### Core Values

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

### Strategic Commitments

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



LIVING IN COMMUNITY

# 50th Anniversary Celebrations

## Tuesday, May 7, 2019

**4:30 p.m. - Mass**

St. David's Church, Maple

Celebrant: Cardinal Thomas Collins

**6 p.m. - Gala Dinner**

Terrace Banquet Centre, Concord

Tickets: \$85

**More information: [www.ycdsb.ca/50](http://www.ycdsb.ca/50)**

**50 Years of Faith, Learning and  
Excellence in Catholic Education**

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

Congratulations to all our students who participated at the school level Oral Communications competition. The competition was held on Thursday, April 11th in the gym and our students were excellent. Juniors were in the morning and Intermediates in the afternoon. Judges found it difficult to select one winner for each division. Congratulations to **Mia C.** our Junior Division winner and **Julia C.** our Intermediate Division winner. They will represent St. Clare at the Area 3 Oral Communications Competition. Good Luck!



Junior Speakers with Judges



Intermediate Speakers with Judges and Trustee Maria Marchese

**EQAO:**

Our Grade 3 and 6 students will be participating in the Education Quality and Accountability Office's Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics from **Tuesday, May 21, to Monday, June 3, 2019**. In six one-hour sessions, students will complete a variety of assessment activities designed to allow them to demonstrate their skills and knowledge relating to reading, writing and mathematics as described in the Ontario Curriculum. Although the test is still a few months away, it is never too early to begin preparing for it. Parents are encouraged to support their children in preparation for the test. EQAO has developed a "Parent Guide to EQAO Tests" and "Questions and Answers for Parents" (available in 20 languages) to give you more information about the assessments and understanding what to expect. To access these resources, go to the EQAO website ([www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com)), click on "Parent Resources" and then select the appropriate choice for your child's grade. Just a reminder that it is very important that students are present when the tests are being administered and that there are no disruptions to their school day. Please ensure that doctor and dental appointments are scheduled after school hours during this time period. **Specific dates for our school assessment will be communicated on a later date from teachers.**

**RULES FOR BLACK TOP RECESS:**

With the recent change in weather, it is nice to see our students outdoors enjoying themselves. While we have been outdoors, we have remained on the pavement due to an icy or wet field. We want to communicate to parents the procedures of play when we are on the pavement.

There is no ball playing when we are on the pavement.

Ball playing is only allowed when the field is open.

No running is allowed when we are on the pavement.

Running is only allowed when the field is open.

All balls must be soft when the field is open.

Soccer balls are permitted only when the field is open.

The above rules are in place to protect your child during recess.



# BINGO NIGHT

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2019

7:00 PM TO 8:30 PM

DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM

**ST. CLARE CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

ONE CARD FOR \$2.00

THREE CARDS FOR \$5.00

HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE THERE!



**CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK:**

This year's Catholic Education Week theme is "Living as Joyful Disciples." We will have various activities throughout the week to celebrate Catholic Education Week. Catholic Education Week begins on Sunday, May 5th and goes through to Friday, May 10.

During the week we will be celebrating gospel values and the importance of Catholic Education. In this week-long celebration we will identify our unique and distinctive contributions of learning in a Catholic system. We thank **Msr. John and Fr. Antonello** for all their guidance.

**KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION:**

We ask that parents who are registering a child for **September 2019** do so as soon as possible. We are presently organizing classes for next year so if your child is not registered, please drop by St. Clare Catholic School to complete a registration package. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

**YEARBOOK SALES:**

Our 2018-2019 Yearbook is in the works. If you are interested in ordering a yearbook, please see the full page advertisement in this newsletter from Jostens. Yearbooks will start at \$35.00 each and May 25, 2019 is the last day to personalize your yearbook. [www.jostensyearbooks.com](http://www.jostensyearbooks.com)

**BINGO NIGHT AT ST. CLARE:**

On Wednesday, May 22, St. Clare will host a Bingo Night at 7:00 pm. We encourage all families to attend this community event. Cards will be sold for \$2.00 for 1 or \$5.00 for 3 and prizes will be handed out to winners. There will be beverages and snacks sold as well. If you are free, please join us for this fun-filled evening.

**YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD CELEBRATES 50 YEARS!**

This year marks a historic milestone for the York Catholic District School Board (YCDSB) as we celebrate our 50th Anniversary. For five decades, our Board has provided Catholic Education to generations of children and has become an integral part of communities in York Region. We have grown from our humble beginnings to now encompassing 101 schools serving over 53,000 students and employing over 8,000 people. This development is a testament to decades of commitment from our students, their parents/guardians and the staff of our Board to Catholic Education.

Over the course of 2019, our Board will mark this incredible milestone through several events and initiatives. We will formally mark our **50th Anniversary on Tuesday, May 7** with a special **Mass** celebrated by His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto and Honorary Chair of the YCDSB, which will be followed by a **Gala Dinner**. In addition to the events on May 7, a number of other special projects have been commissioned to coincide with this important milestone.

<https://www.ycdsb.ca/50/>

**YEAR END BBQ:**

Please save the date on Thursday, June 13th for our annual Year End BBQ. We will have several Food Trucks, Face Painting and Music. The celebration will begin at 5:00 pm in our school yard and should be completed by 8:00 pm. Please join us as we come together as a community to celebrate another successful school year!

**THE MAGIC OF COBY:**

On Wednesday, May 8th in the morning, Coby the magician will be at St. Clare for his Anti Bullying presentation. The reviews on his presentation are outstanding so the students are in for a great time. Once students are hooked with the magic, then Coby will engage in a conversation about bullying.

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## MONOGRAMS



## CRESTS



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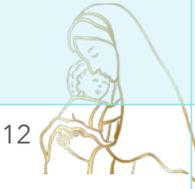
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# MAY 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Ricci's Pasta & Sandwiches Hot Lunch	2 Dental Screening Pizzaville Hot Lunch	3 Edge Imaging Team and Club Photos 9:00 am  Astoria Hot Lunch	4
5 Education Week 	6 Grade 8 You're the Chef Ricci's Pizza	7 YCDSB 50th Anniversary Celebration	8 The Magic of Coby Presentation Ricci's Pasta & Sandwiches Hot Lunch	9 Pizzaville Hot Lunch	10 Astoria Hot Lunch	11 First Holy Communion St. Clare Church 1:30 pm
12 	13 Scholastic Book Fair Ricci's Pizza	14 Mary Celebration Volunteer Luncheon	15 Ricci's Pasta & Sandwiches Hot Lunch	16 Pizzaville Hot Lunch	17 Astoria Hot Lunch	18
19	20 Victoria Day Holiday No School	21 Gr. 7 Hep B HPV Immunizations	22 Ricci's Pasta & Sandwiches Hot Lunch	23 Pizzaville Hot Lunch	24 Astoria Hot lunch	25
26	27 Grade 8 You're the Chef Planting Day Ricci's Pizza	28	29 Ricci's Pasta & Sandwiches Hot Lunch	30 Grade 7 & 8 VIP Program Officer Toni Pizzaville Hot Lunch	31 Civvies Day \$2.00 Donation for ShareLife  Astoria Hot lunch	