



St. Clement CES

Home of the Chargers

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for such a successful year. It truly has been a year of new friendships, new colleagues, new families and new students working together as a catholic school community. It is with pride that I look back on the multitude of accomplishments, upheld traditions and the forging of new traditions that have flourished this year.

Thank you to our Catholic School Council for all of the financial support of school initiatives, events, activities and materials. A sincere thank you for all of the hundreds of collective hours of volunteer work that they put in to accomplish all that was done to enhance and support student learning and community building. Council will be providing a summary of the year's events in days to follow.

I'd like to acknowledge my dedicated staff, to whom I cannot thank enough for making each and every day of the school year a learning experience filled with compassion, inspiration and a desire to instill in each child the love of knowledge and the courage to pursue their dreams and develop their talents. They give selflessly of their time and energy.

Prayer for the End of School

O God of all beginnings and endings, We praise and thank you for the gift of this school year.

It has been a time filled with grace and blessings with challenges and opportunities, joys and sorrows.

The days have passed quickly, O Lord. The weeks, the months, the seasons, the holidays and holy days,

The tests, vacations, breaks, and assemblies, all have come forth from your hand.

With the fulfillment of our summer hopes and dreams,

watch over us in the weeks of rest ahead,

And guide each day as you have done this past year.

Help us return to school with a new spirit and a new energy.

May we continue to grow in age, wisdom, knowledge and grace all the days of our lives.

Amen

*Yours in Catholic Education,
Mrs. A. C. Provato
Principal*

June's Virtue Is Honesty

This is a student who is sincere, trustworthy, and truthful even when it is difficult.

This student stands by what is right and just.

This student is considerate of others when they speak, write and listen.

Have a safe and happy summer!

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

Catholic School Council

Thank you to all of the volunteers on the Hot Lunch committee who helped to deliver countless lunches to nourish your children; thank you to all the other sub-committees and their members for the tremendous amount of work put into supporting outstanding events and school initiatives.

Our last Catholic School Council meeting for this year is on June 12 at 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Music Room.

Year End BBQ on Friday, June 7th

All families are invited to come out and enjoy great food, games and events at our year's end celebration. Rain or shine the BBQ will begin with a Mass at 5:30p.m. in the gym. Please see next page for full details. Hope to see everyone there!

Kindergarten Growing Celebration

Please join us on Friday, June 21st for a celebration honouring our Kindergarten students. The celebration will take place in the gym at 10:45 a.m. Please join us in this wonderful celebration.

Return All Textbooks and School Materials

Before you head out for your summer holidays, make sure that you return all school textbooks, team jerseys, school equipment, library books that your child may have at home. Send items in with your child to return to their classroom teacher.

Students who do not return textbooks, library books and other items that have been assigned to them this year will be responsible for paying the replacement cost. Thank you for your assistance in reducing the loss of school property.

LIBRARY UPDATE

Book Fair: A huge thank you to everyone for supporting our book fair. It is wonderful seeing students excited about receiving their own personal copies of books. This event always helps promote literacy.

Reminder from the Library: As we get closer to the end of the school year, we ask that all parents help their children find any lost library books at home. If books are not returned by June 11th, the school will be sending out letters asking parents for a replacement or reimbursement for the lost book. All library books have a barcode on the front of the book with our school name and our school name is stamped inside every book.

Accelerated Reading Program: Many students have been avidly reading leveled books. The final day to take a computerized Accelerated Reading Quiz will be the week of June 10th.

End of Year Circulation: The library circulation year ends Friday, June 7th, after which overdue notices will be sent home. Please try to return all library books on time.

Recent Charitable Fundraisers:

Autism Canada—\$562.60

ShareLife—\$722.80

Winning Class Ms. Da Costa's Gr. 6s

Jump Rope For Heart—\$3,248.75

Top Fundraisers: James P. - Gr. 3, Matteo T.- Gr. 2

Alissa N. - Kindergarten

Thank you to all for your extreme generosity!

June is Aboriginal History Month

The Aboriginal culture of Canada is rich and diverse; an important part of our country's history and origin. In 2009, Canada's House of Commons declared June National Aboriginal History Month, providing us with the opportunity to appreciate the heritage, contributions and cultures of First Nation, Inuit and Métis communities across Canada. Along with celebrating Canada Day on July 1st, aboriginal communities have been celebrating National Aboriginal Day on June 21st for the past 20 years.

Visit the following website for more information.

<http://www.ictinc.ca/blog/national-aboriginal-history-month-why-its-important>

Summer Office Hours and Registrations

The school office will be closed July 1 and will reopen September 3rd. New registrations will be accepted at the board office during the summer. Call (905) 713-1211

Please check the board website for a variety of summer programs available for students, which include remedial and interest courses.

SEPTEMBER CLASSROOM ORGANIZATION

The process for the formation of class lists for September will begin in June. The first step in this process is to determine class organization, Grades 1-8, consistent with Board, Ministry and Contract guidelines. Each student will be individually discussed and placed according to what staff believes is in their best interest. Our goal is to establish balanced classes; to provide effective working groups which will benefit all children in each class. Creating the best and most functional class groupings possible is a task which requires much thought and careful planning. Teachers presently involved with each child will meet to carefully consider the following criteria: learning styles, academic abilities, social grouping, special education needs, English as a Second Language, behavioural needs, balance of male/female, previous placement in combined classes, and social, emotional and physical needs of the students. Accepting parental requests for specific teachers is **not permitted** under Board guidelines, and would not be in the best interest of all children in the school, as it could restrict school staff in forming what we consider the most ideal classroom groupings. The teachers who have been working with the students this year know them well, and will make the determination of placement in collaboration with the principal, with the best interest of the students in mind at all times. **Do not make requests for specific teachers in your letter, any such letter will be returned to you.**

If you feel, however, that there are extenuating circumstances not listed above, or that additional clarification specific to your child is needed, please submit your request in writing, including rationale, addressed to Mrs. Provato by **June 10, 2019**, for consideration.

The final decision for student placement remains the responsibility of the principal.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

St. Clement Catholic School Council Presents:

2019 Family BBQ!

Friday, June 7, 2019 (Rain or Shine) 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Come Celebrate With The St. Clement Community

As We Prepare For The End Of Another School Year!

5:30 pm	Mass in the School Gymnasium
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Food Service
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Sportball: JK to Grade 1 on the Field
7:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Sportball: Grade 2 to Grade 5 on the Field
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm	Sportball: Open on the Basketball Court
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Karaoke
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Pony Rides
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm	Face Painting & Tattoos
7:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Ice Cream Truck (Purchase Separately: Cash only)
7:30 pm	Special Appearance by the Vaughn Fire Services
8:00 pm	Raffle Sales Close, Draw at 8:30 pm

Raffle Ballots: 1 for \$2, 3 for \$5, 10 for \$10

(Available for purchase at the BBQ)

TOP PRIZE TEAM SIGNED TORONTO MARLIES STICK!

Raffle Items Donated by:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MLSE – Toronto Marlies	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cardinal Golf Course
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> M.E. Learning Academy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Northview Pet Hospital
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fortinos (Hwy 27)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pizza Nova (Islington & Rutherford)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swiss Chalet (Hwy 27)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Riderz Adventure Park Vaughan
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CNE The Ex	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Home Hardware Woodbridge Mall
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> McMichael Art Gallery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tiny Town Vaughan
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Canada's Wonderland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Canadian Tire (Hwy 7)

For their additional support of our School Community we thank:

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| ♦ TRU North Orthodontics | ♦ Rea's Sausage |
| ♦ Nino D'Aversa (Kipling) | ♦ Mike's No Frills (Hwy 7) |
| ♦ McDonalds (Hwy 27) | ♦ 4 Men United Men's Wear |
| ♦ St. Peters Catholic Church | ♦ Rainbow Lunches |
| ♦ Food Basics (Islington) | ♦ Starbucks (Innovation Drive) |

Seating is limited, so please feel free to bring your own lawn chair!
Limited food will be available for purchase on the evening of.

Thank you for your continued support.

St. Clement Catholic School Council
Mrs. A.C. Provato, Principal

A reminder: School Grounds are a Smoke-Free and Scent-Free Environment.

Sportball

SPORTS AND FITNESS FOR ALL



**COME JOIN SPORTBALL FOR
FUN-FILLED SPORTS ACTIVITIES**

JK to GRADE 1 - 6.30 PM - 7.30 PM

GRADE 2 to GRADE 5 - 7.30 PM - 8.30 PM

BASKETBALL 6.30 PM - 8PM



Anaphylaxis—Life Threatening Allergies:

At St. Clement, we work in collaboration with the YCDSB, school, home and community in teaching our children and staff all about anaphylaxis and keeping our allergic children safe. St. Clement is a peanut/tree nut safe environment.

Remember:

- not to send any peanut or nut products;
- do not send WOW butter or similar products
- not to send specific products to identified classrooms;
- to take the time to read all labels which may state “May contain traces of...” or “Manufactured in a facility that produces nut/peanut products...”
- to remind caregivers/babysitters of our allergy policies;
- to enforce the “no food sharing” policy with your children.

All Epi-pens and medications will be sent home with students on the last day of school. Families will be given new forms to complete and return in September with updated medical information along with any updated Epi-pens and new medications.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



FRAGRANCE SCENT-SAFE BUILDING

The York Catholic District School Board is committed to a healthy and safe learning and working environment for all students and staff.

St. Clement CES has been designated as a Fragrance/Scent Safe School.

Exposure to fragrances and scented products can trigger serious health reactions in individuals with asthma, allergies, migraines, or chemical sensitivities.

Fragrances and scents are found in a wide range of products including but not limited to sunscreen lotions, perfume, after-shave, deodorant, soap, shampoo and conditioners, lotions/creams, air fresheners, fabric softeners, laundry detergents, facial tissues, and candles.

We ask that you refrain from wearing fragrances or scented products when working or visiting the school, even if your visit will be short.

If you are wearing a fragrance or scented product, please

Driveway Drop Off and Pick Up Safety

With the warmer weather upon us, more students are walking, riding their bikes and scooters to school. Drivers are reminded to use extreme caution when parking on Bainbridge Ave., in the school parking lot and in the joint school/church parking lot when dropping off and picking up children.

Drive slowly
Look all ways
Pedestrians always have the right of way
Be courteous and considerate to those needing more time
Obey all signs



JK Registration For 2019/2020 continues...

To register your child(ren) for September 2019, you must provide the following original documents/forms for each child:

1. Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate (child or parent)
2. Proof of Age (i.e. child's birth certificate)
3. Proof of Legal Status in Canada
4. Proof of Residency
5. Proof of English Separate School Support (i.e. property tax bill that shows school support designation, or you can complete a school support form which is included in the registration package).

JK Registration: Children must be born in 2015; four years old by Dec. 31, 2019.

Moving?

If you are moving and/or transferring to another school for next September, it is important that you inform us as soon as possible so that we can determine our staffing needs for the 2019/2020 school year.

Appropriate Dress for Warmer Weather

As the warmer weather begins to take hold and the temperature rises, thoughts turn to lighter clothing. The following guidelines are in place at SCT and we look forward to parental support in reviewing these with your children on a daily basis. Students must continue to wear the Standardized Dress Code and approved items.

The guidelines are as follows:

Tops for Girls and Boys

- short or long sleeve top with collar—white or navy blue
- sweaters, hoodies or cardigans —a reminder that if it has a Logo it is to be no larger than a Loonie and there is to be no writing, slogans, pictures or patterns.

Bottoms for Boys:

- Navy blue pants, capris, track pants (plain with no stripes or logos), Bermuda shorts, sweat pant shorts

Bottoms for Girls:

- Include all of the same items listed above for Boys, plus...
- Jumpers, skort, skirt, polo dress - lengths are to be just above the knee

Non-Acceptable Items:

- sleeveless T-shirts, tank tops,
- yoga pants, leggings/jeggings, mesh leggings
- short shorts
- tops which expose mid-sections

Even though there are no restrictions on foot wear, for safety reasons, it is recommended that children not wear flip flops, as they are unsafe for running and outdoor play. Running shoes, or shoes with straps that fit securely are safer for playing and running outdoors.

Sun and Heat Protection

Head protection (hats, sun visors, sunglasses) are advisable for outdoor play but are not for use indoors.

Sunscreen is advisable on sunny days, especially during the noon recess period. Students must apply their own sunscreen.

Sunscreen must be scent-free.



Remember to protect eyes from the harmful UV rays as well by wearing sunglasses.

Hydration is very important during the hot weather. Students should bring a water bottle that they can refill at school as well. [A water bottle filling station has been installed, however we are awaiting the results of water quality testing before we can begin using it.](#) Thank you to CSC for raising funds through Bingo Night to pay for the new fountain. Thank you to all who attended Bingo Night!

Lost-and-Found

We strongly encourage parents to come by our Lost-and-Found box to retrieve any jackets, running shoes, sweaters, pants, shorts, t-shirts, lunch bags, gloves, scarves, hats, boots, and other treasures before we send the clothing off to a charity.

Items from the Lost and Found will be spread out in the hallway outside of the gym during the week of June 17-21. If you'd like to see if any of the items belong to your child(ren) you can sign-in at the office, get a visitor's badge and then look through the collection of items.

More Important Dates...

June 7 - Civvies Day

- BBQ

June 7, 14, 21—Gr. 3s Swim to Survive in p.m.

June 11—Gr 1 & 2s Trip to Harbourfront

June 12—CSC Final Meeting at 7:30p.m.

June 14—Art Show @ 6:30, Grs 4-8

June 18—Track & Field @ York University

June 16th—Happy Father's Day

June 20—Volunteer Appreciation @ 9:15a.m.

June 21—Gr. 6 Trip to Seneca King Campus

June 21—Kindergarten Growing Celebration @10:45a.m.

June 24—Grade 8 Graduation—whole school mass at 9:00a.m. at Parish, Graduation Awards, Dinner & Dance at DaVinci Banquet Hall 5:30p.m.

June 26—Pep Rally @ 2:30p.m.

June 27—Last Day of School—Report Cards are sent home

Grade 8 Graduation

On **Monday, June 24** we will be celebrating our year-end mass at St. Peter's Parish at 9:00a.m. which is dedicated to our Grade 8 Graduates. The entire school will be walking to the parish. Everyone is welcome to join us for this celebration.

In the evening of June 24th, Grade 8 students will receive their Grade 8 diplomas at DaVinci Banquet Hall. Awards will begin promptly at 5:30 p.m. to be followed by dinner with graduates and their families, and finally concluded by a dance. Congratulations to the graduating class of 2019. May God bless and guide them on in all their future endeavours.

Year End Pep Rally and Grade 8 Clap-out

We will have a year end assembly at 2:30 p.m. on **June 26** to end the school year. At approximately 3:15 p.m. grade 8 students will follow a procession throughout the halls of the school to receive a "Clap Out". All students and staff will be lined up outside their classes and they will clap as the Gr. 8 students and teachers walk through the halls of the school for the last time as SCT students. Parents are encouraged to join us for this tearful and memorable event

Report Cards

The last day of school for students is **Thursday, June 27th**. It is a regular school day—dismissal at 3:40 p.m. Report cards will be sent home that day. If students leave for vacation prior to June 27th, please notify the teacher and office. Report cards will not be issued prior to the last day of school, absent students will receive their report card in the mail, or it can be picked up in the main office during the first week of July. Page 3 of your child's report card should be signed and returned to the school in September.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL IS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd, 2019. Students will find out their next grade teacher via email Labour Day weekend.

Staffing for 2019-2020

Our staffing compliment for next year has not been finalized as teachers/staff can transfer in and out of schools until August 31, 2019. A complete staffing list will be available with the first newsletter in September.

Summer Active Travel Tips and Hints!

Summer is a great opportunity for your family to take a walk or cycle in your neighbourhood. It helps you and your family to get to know your neighbours, explore what's in your neighbourhood, as well as teach your children the rules of the road and how to practice safe road skills.

This summer take some time to go over safe road skills with your children and remember to also practice them with your children. Here are a few skills to go over:

Walking

1. Stay on the sidewalk. If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic, on the shoulder far from the road.
2. Watch for cars backing out of driveways.
3. **Stop, Look and Listen** before crossing the road.
4. Look both ways when crossing the street and use crosswalks where possible.
5. Stand back on the sidewalk until you are ready to cross.
6. Don't use electronic devices while walking (phones, iPads, games, headphones).
7. Obey crossing guards and signs posted.
8. **Be visible, be alert, be aware** of your surroundings.

Cycling

1. Wear a properly fitted helmet. Every cyclist under 18 years of age must wear a bike helmet.
2. **Air Brakes Chain** – Check your bike tires, brakes and chain before you start riding.
3. Ensure your bike has a working bell, white light or reflector at the front, and a red light or reflector at the back.
4. Cross at crosswalks, if there is one. Walk beside your bike when crossing the road.
5. Watch for cars backing out of driveways and turning at intersections.

When possible, walk or cycle as a family to the park, local swimming pool or store. Remember to stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water and practice sun safety – wear a bucket hat, cover up, wear sunglasses, use sunscreen and stay in the shade when possible.

Below is an activity you can try over the summer to prepare for the 2019-2020 school year.

Have a safe, active and happy summer!

Sincerely,

YCDSB Active School Travel Team





Fill in the Blanks

1. Before you cross the street always remember to Stop, _____, and Listen and think and Look again.
2. Look to your left, _____ and left again before you cross the street.
3. Make _____ contact with drivers before crossing the street.
4. _____ appropriately for the weather -- rain, snow or shine.
5. Walk on the _____ or pathways.
6. Be _____ of your surroundings.
7. Put _____ devices, cell phones or games away while walking.
8. Plan your walking route during the summer, that way you know how to _____ to school when school starts.