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From The Principal's Desk:

May 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians:

*We dedicate the month of May to our blessed Mother Mary. The month of May is also a very special month for our Catholic schools, it is also the month in which one whole week is dedicated to acknowledging and appreciating the unique identity and distinctive contributions of Catholic Education in Ontario. This year's theme is **Igniting Hope**, a very appropriate theme for us as we face the daily challenges of coping with Covid19, Distance Learning and the regular demands of our personal and working lives! At times it can all feel very overwhelming—if we focus our actions on “Igniting hope” and find different ways to accomplish this on a daily basis, we will feel less anxious, less worried and more at peace and happier.*

As a Christian community, we give thanks for each and every woman, for mothers, for sisters, for wives; for women dedicated to the many human beings who await the gratuitous love of another person; for women who watch over the human persons in the family; for women who work professionally, and who at times are burdened by a great social responsibility. We dedicate praying the Hail Mary during May.

*Hail Mary, full of grace
The Lord is with thee.*

*Blessed art thou amongst women,
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.*

*Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.*

Amen

***On behalf of the staff and myself, from our families to yours:
We wish all the mothers a Happy Mother's Day!***

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



May's Virtue Is

Responsibility

We will honour our commitments to our family, school, and community.

We will be reliable so that people can depend on us.

- Being in control of your own behaviour
- Being trusted with important jobs
- Finishing your work on time

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



Inspire all to reach full potential

DISTANCE LEARNING

Phase 2 of the Province’s Distance Learning Plan continues. We continue to work together home and school to provide students with daily lessons and opportunities to interact virtually with teachers and peers in Google Meets.

We recognize the challenges that come with this new type of learning, as we all work together to get through issues such as sharing devices, Internet, technology and logging in.

Please visit the Board’s website www.ycdsb.ca for additional supports and resources under the heading: Distance Learning Resources on the home page.

Student Expectations

- ◆ Participate in daily school time
- ◆ Complete assignments with care and to the best of their abilities
- ◆ Follow all “school rules” regarding appropriate use of technology and digital discipleship
- ◆ Mind-set: What you do to improve your knowledge today will improve your learning tomorrow

Distance Learning Resources

Distance Learning Plan At-a-Glance	Parent Guide to Distance Learning	Special Education Resources for Parents
Mental Health Resources	YCDSB Online Learning Database	Technical Assistance

Instructional Guidelines for Phase 2

	PRIMARY K-3	JUNIOR 4-6	INTERMEDIATE 7-8	SECONDARY 9-12
 DISTANCE LEARNING PLAN Instructional guidelines for addressing Phase 2.				
Subject/Course Focus Education content should focus on the overall expectations of the provincial curriculum. Distance learning will give priority to Religion and literacy/numeracy outcomes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Religion • Language • Mathematics • Itinerant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Religion • Language • Mathematics • Science & Social Studies • Itinerant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Religion • Language • Mathematics • Science & Geo/History • Itinerant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-progress courses • Achieving credits, completion, graduation
Online Scheduling Consistent times will be provided for online instruction so that student work can be completed flexibly.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 hours/week of student work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 hours/week of student work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 hours/week of student work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 hours per course per week of student work
Assessment and Evaluation Final report cards will be required for all students.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formative assessment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formative assessment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formative assessment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formative & summative assessments • Ministry clarification pending
Virtual Learning Environments Teachers can choose to use either Google Classroom or D2L to facilitate distance learning.				



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Message from Cardinal Thomas Collins for Catholic Education Week 2020

<https://youtu.be/fEsbWMSPqSA>

Provincial Catholic Education Week Mass
Wednesday, May 6th at 10:00a.m.

His Eminence, Cardinal Thomas Collins celebrated a provincial mass to celebrate Catholic Education Week. As was posted on school and board websites, all students, families, staff and members of the broader Catholic community were invited to participate “virtually” in this Eucharistic celebration.

Catholic Education Week—Daily Themes

Monday, May 4: *Our Hope in Christ*

Tuesday, May 5: *The Hope Within Us*

Wednesday, May 6: *The Hope Among Us*

Thursday, May 7: *Hope For The World*

Friday, May 8: *A Future Full of Hope*



SACRAMENTS

Students who are currently in Grade 2 and Grade 7 and would have been receiving the sacrament of First Communion or Confirmation this year will receive their sacraments on the following dates.

Please mark your calendars with the NEW dates.

COMMUNION:
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2020 at 12:00p.m.

CONFIRMATION:
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2020 at 7:00p.m.

The Parish will advise parents of Rehearsal Dates at a later time.

Pray the Rosary!

When at school, all classes participated in Rosary visits from the Rosary Apostolates from St. Peter’s Parish. They taught students how to pray the rosary.



Praying the rosary is a means to ask God for a special favour like helping a loved one get better after an illness, give special blessings to family and friends. Find your special reason to pray the rosary on your



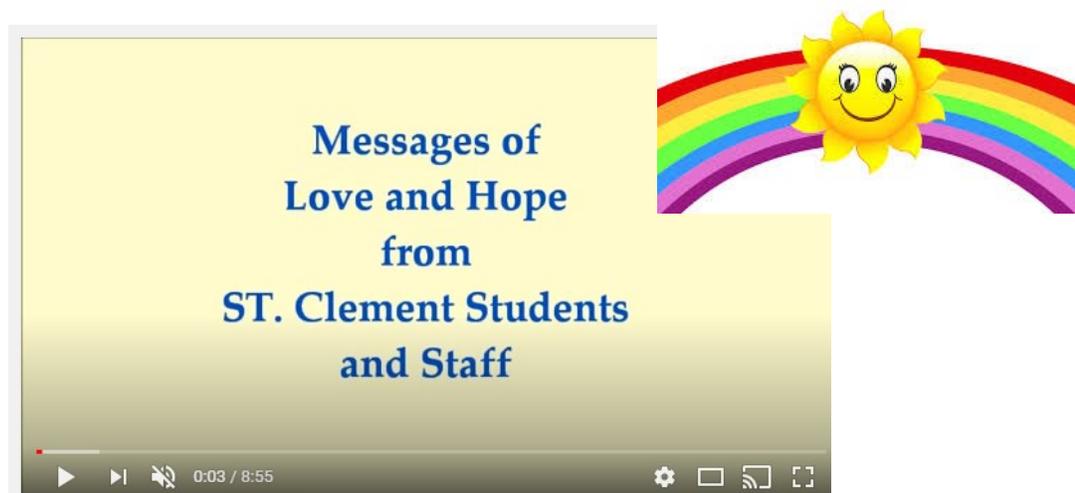
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Reaching out to help others!

Student Artwork Messages of Hope and Love for Seniors' Residence

St. Clement students were encouraged to create artistic messages of hope and love for the local Seniors' Residence Villa da Vinci. Teachers asked students with the help of their parents to upload their artwork to their virtual classrooms. Thank you to one of our parents who works with the Seniors' home for suggesting the initiative and for offering to present the art to the seniors. The safest way to share the art was by compiling an electronic version which was uploaded to a private YouTube site and also emailed to all parents. I have shared the link with you below:

https://youtu.be/U_vok_Mg6gM



SCT Participation in a Food Drive

In times of crisis and need, as Catholics we join together to help others and do all we can to support those in need of food, shelter, emotional support and more.

Please see the attached letter that was emailed to parents last week explaining how you can make a donation. Our school community has always responded with tremendous generosity and kindness, I have no doubt that the same will occur with this initiative. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support!





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May 1, 2020

Dear St. Clement Parents/Guardians,

As we prepare for Catholic Education Week, we take time to reflect on the needs of others in our community and it is during moments of crisis and challenge that as a community of faith, we join together to show kindness, care and solidarity. During this unprecedented time of the threat of the Coronavirus Disease, more families than ever before are in need of the Vaughan Food Bank's services.

Before the pandemic, the Vaughan Food Bank supported 200 families per month with a 10-day supply of food. In the first three weeks of the school and work closures, approximately 1,000 families have lined up to receive pre-packed boxes outside of the Vaughan Food Bank's doors. Unfortunately, the number of families requiring support is consistently increasing.

As a response to this critical situation, school communities across the York Catholic District School Board are participating in a one-day food drive. Collection bins, monitored by school cameras for safety purposes, will be placed by participating schools' front doors and retrieved at the end of the day. Families are encouraged to take a walk to their closest school and place one or more non-perishable food items and/or personal hygiene items in the provided bins.

Here is the Information for ST. Clement's One Day Vaughan Food Bank Drive:

When: Tuesday May 12th, 2020
Time: Approximately 10 am - 7 pm

Kindly adhere to these safety precautions:

- Please ensure that you **maintain social and physical distancing at all times** to ensure your personal well-being. Gently drop the items in the bin, without touching it.

All bins will be held in a 5-day quarantine by the Vaughan Food Bank prior to being handled by their volunteers.

Items Requested:	Items Not Required:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> any canned or dry food items eg. canned fruit, vegetables, rice, cereal, and so on soap, shampoo, and so on 	baby food and pasta - as these items have been donated in bulk by various food producers

Thank you for your support and generosity as we are in this together!

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mrs. A. C. Provato
Principal



Provide a safe & caring environment

Digital Discipleship

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A reminder to you and your children of our commitment to Digital Discipleship and the fact that at the beginning of each school year, you and your children read and signed off on the appropriate use of technology form:

JK - Gr 3 - Acceptable Use of Technology
Gr 4-8 Acceptable Use of Technology

Our expectations continue to be that students govern their behaviours while using technology accordingly and adhere to these guidelines.

Please report any concerns arising within an online platform to the Principal via email or through the board's online platform, *Report It*.

Mental Health and Well-Being

Keep well in both body and mind is extremely important in coping with all of the challenges of daily life during Covid19. The following Mental Health Resources are available on the Board's website, look for the image below on the home page. The link that is located in the image has been provided for you below.



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September Classroom Organization

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