

St. Edward Catholic School News

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Please note:

Friday, February 1st is a PA Day.

Monday, February 18th is Family Day.

NO SCHOOL ON THOSE DAYS!

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As a school community, we began the new year with a beautiful liturgical celebration led by Father Gerald. A schedule of upcoming masses can be found in the newsletter on page two under Integration of Our Catholic Faith. You are most welcome to join us if you are able.

The month of February is dedicated to celebrating diversity, and Black History. At St. Edward we celebrated in January with a Drumming workshop where every student in the school had an opportunity to learn about African culture through songs, chants and drumming. It was very well received by both students and staff. Teachers will continue to highlight and share stories recognizing Black History throughout the month of February.

Students are encouraged to wear red or pink on **Valentine's day**, as a sign of love, and friendship and a reminder that God loves us all. Valentine's Day cards may be shared on Valentine's Day. Through the month of February students will be asked to express in a sentence why they like their school on heart-shaped paper. The hearts will be assembled on a larger Heart banner which will be hung in the school. A big thank you to our Catholic School Council for organizing this spirit initiative!

Report Cards will be sent home in February and we ask that you review the report card with your child and then together set goals for term 2. Please return the report card envelope and the parent response page. This term parent/ teacher conferences are scheduled upon request.

Warmest Regards,
Mrs. C. Mills

A Prayer of Love

Love is patient and kind.

Love bears all things,

Believes all things.

Hopes all things,

Endures all things.

Love never ends

1 Corinthians 13: 4,7-8

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

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

Be the best you can be!

Faith Activities

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS



Parents and families are most welcome to join our students and staff as we celebrate our faith throughout the year. Please see below the schedules of celebrations which take place in our gym.

Date	Liturgical Celebration	Grade (s) Responsible	Time
Wednesday, March 6	Ash Wednesday	Grade 8	10:30 a.m.
Friday, April 5	Lenten	Grades 1 and 4	10:30 a.m.
Friday, May 10	Catholic Education Week	Grade 3	10:30 a.m.
Friday, June 21	End of Year	Grade 2	10:30 a.m.

2018 CHRISTMAS OUTREACH

St. Edward CES collected **\$2,233.97** in our Christmas Gift Card Program to help those in need in our community and exemplifying the spirit of Christmas in action.

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is so very grateful to the school staff, students and parents for their generosity!

CELEBRATING THE VIRTUE OF WISDOM IN FEBRUARY

- ◆ I will use my conscience as my guide.
- ◆ I will love God and I will love others as myself.
- ◆ I will use my creativity and gifts for the good of all.

FAITH ACTIVITIES AT ST. EDWARD

Preparation for the sacraments is a joint mission between the home, church and school. Throughout the year, parents will receive information from St. Patrick's church regarding preparations for the Blessed Sacraments.

Our grade 2 students will be participating in a Holy First Communion Retreat on February 13th and Grade 7 students have commenced Confirmation classes led by Fr. Gerald.

If you have any questions regarding sacramental preparation, it is important that you contact the Parish at (905) 294-5955.

SCHOOL STAFF UPDATE

Please join us in welcoming Mme Walker, Grade 2 French Immersion teacher, who is replacing Mme Barnes who is on Maternity Leave.

Be the best you can be!

TERM TWO BEGINS

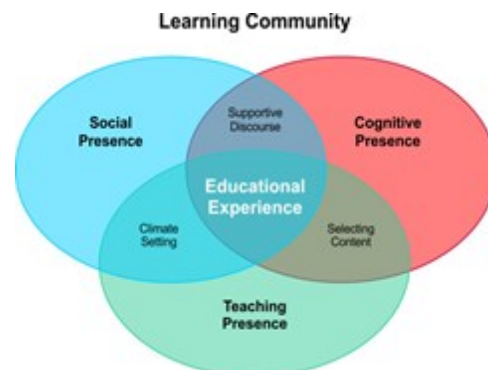
As Second Term/Second Semester begins I would like to take this opportunity to reaffirm the importance of our home and school partnership. The York Catholic District School Board believes that safe, caring and inclusive schools and school communities are fundamental for creating and maintaining healthy learning and working environments. While all stakeholders share the responsibility to support such environments, when we, as partners, support the implementation of Board and School policies and procedures, we act as role models for our students, our school becomes a place where respect for student safety and well-being is the number one priority, and we affirm our commitment to the Board's Mission and Vision by our words and actions.

To this end, Parents/Guardians play an important role in the education of their children, and can support the efforts of school staff in maintaining a healthy, safe and respectful learning environment for all students. As Parents/Guardians you fulfill your role when you:

- ⇒ Show an active interest in your child's school work and progress
- ⇒ Communicate regularly with the school
- ⇒ Abide by Board and School policies and procedures
- ⇒ Help your child be neat, appropriately dressed, and prepared for school
- ⇒ Ensure that your child attends school regularly and on time
- ⇒ Promptly report to the school your child's absence or late arrival
- ⇒ Support the Board's Code of Conduct and school rules
- ⇒ Encourage and assist your child in following the rules of behaviour
- ⇒ Support school staff in dealing with disciplinary issues involving your child

As this new term/semester begins, please take some time to review the introductory pages of the student agenda to re-familiarize yourself with important policies and procedures.

As partners in Catholic education, thank you for your ongoing support and assistance.



CARNAVAL WEEK-FEBRUARY 19-22

We have a fun-filled week planned for our school community. More information will be sent home the first week of February.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

We had another successful Book Fair last month. We raised just over \$2000 to purchase new books and resources for our school. Thank you once again for your generous support!

W5H

Our W5H Team has been selected for the 2018-2019 school year! W5H is a trivia club where intermediate students compete against each other at a tournament. The team will represent St. Edward on April 25th for the tournament held at St. Justin Martyr. Thank you to Mme Dimney and Mlle Yu for their time and commitment to coach the team. We wish the team the best of luck. Go Royals Go!

JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL

Our Junior Volleyball teams have been practising diligently for their tournaments. Our boys' volleyball team competed on Thursday, January 31st at All Saints CES and our girls' volleyball team will be competing on Monday February 4th at St. Edward CES. Congratulations to our boys for some amazing plays! A big thank you to our coaches; Ms. Manna, Mme Toma, Mme Yu and Mme Ferlisi. Go Royals Go!

INTERMEDIATE BASKETBALL

The Intermediate boys and girls basketball teams have been selected and are looking forward to a great season under the coaching of Mme Ferlisi, Mme Tsiogas, Mme Gunnip and Mme Liu. Tournaments will take place on March 19th for the Intermediate boys' team at Sir Richard Scott CES and on March 20th for the Intermediate girls' team at All Saints CES. Go Royals Go!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: FREE THROW COMPETITION

Tryouts and practices are underway for students interested in competing in the Free Throw Competition held at St. Brother Andre CHS on February 6th and 7th and the competition game on February 23rd. Best wishes to all our students and to our coaches, Ms. Setnyk and Mme Ferlisis. Go Royals Go!

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

All Council meetings are open to school community members and Council would love to hear from you! Our next Council meeting is on February 21, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the school library. Meeting agendas and minutes are posted on our school website under 'Catholic School Council'. Thank you to the CSC Spirit Committee for coordinating the Spirit Wear sale that takes place the first two weeks of February. A flyer will be sent home on February 4th and families can place orders until February 15th.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PANCAKE TUESDAY BREAKFAST

Shrove Tuesday, also known as Pancake Tuesday, the day before we celebrate Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten season. This year it falls on March 5th. Catholic School Council has traditionally organized parent volunteers to serve pancakes to students and staff. More information will follow in the next few weeks about the morning and how to volunteer.

PINK SHIRT DAY

On Wednesday, **February 27th**, our school will be joining thousands of other schools and institutions in celebrating Pink Shirt Day. Staff and students are encouraged to wear pink to symbolize that we as a school will not tolerate bullying anywhere.

UKELELE AND LEGO LUNCH PROGRAMS

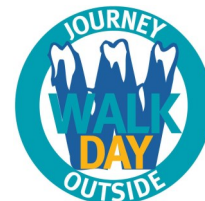
We are offering two lunch time programs. The UkeleleKids program is offered on Mondays and Thursdays for students in Grades 1-3 and the LEGO Explorers/Builders/Designers Club for students in Grades 1-6. It begins on February 25 and will be offered on Mondays and Wednesdays.

WINTER WALK DAY

Wednesday, February 6th 2019 is #Winter Walk Day across Canada. It's the perfect opportunity for parents and kids to get outside together and stretch those legs! Walk to school or at school for daily physical activity, a healthier environment, safer streets, making friends and ... having fun! Walking is the simplest form of exercise and helps kids get those 60 minutes of daily physical activity they need. It's also a great cure for those winter blues and helps students concentrate better in class.

Winter Walking Tips:

- Keep hands and head covered to prevent heat loss
- On really cold days wear a scarf over face and mouth
- Wear warm, waterproof boots
- Wear a warm coat that deflects the wind
- Woolen clothing helps to retain the heat



Tuck an extra pair of socks and mitts into knapsacks.

Engaging our Communities

INCLEMENT WEATHER ROUTINE

Inclement Weather

- ❖ Please keep in mind that students go outdoor for recesses, two 15 minute and one 40 minute break, unless there is a severe weather warning.
- ❖ In extremely cold conditions: **(-15 C and colder, but below -20 C) the 40 minutes outdoor lunch recess is reduced to 20 minutes outdoors and 20 minutes indoors.**
- ❖ **At -20 C and colder, students will be kept indoors for recess.** Yard supervision begins at 8:15 a.m., with staff members available to oversee your children's arrival.
- ❖ Please note that students must not arrive prior to this time, as there is no supervision provided.

Be the best you can be!

SCHOOL BUS CANCELLATION NOTICE

To ensure the safety of students, school bus service may be cancelled due to inclement weather, extreme temperatures and/or poor road conditions. In these cases, parents and students should develop alternate care/transportation arrangements.

Cancellation decisions will only be made after thorough consultation with the Safety Officers of school bus companies servicing York Region and are based on several factors including precipitation, air temperature, road conditions and weather forecast.

Please note the following;

A decision to cancel school bus service will be **region-wide** meaning all school buses, vans and taxis will not operate. Hot lunch programs will be cancelled as well.

School bus routes may be cancelled when severe weather may not be affecting all municipalities in York Region. Both the YRDSB and YCDSB operate many regional educational programs. Students attending these programs are transported over large attendance areas encompassing several municipal boundaries. This limits the ability to cancel bus service using a municipality or zone methodology.

When bus service is cancelled all school tests and/or examinations will be cancelled and rescheduled.

Student trips involving the use of school buses will also be cancelled.

Unless otherwise stated, schools will remain open and parents can make arrangements to transport their children to and from school even if school bus service is cancelled. **If buses are cancelled in the morning, they will not operate in the afternoon. Therefore students transported to school by parents will require the same transportation home.**

Parents, students and school staff are asked to access the following radio and television stations after 6:00 a.m. to receive bus cancellation information:

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	100.7 FM	105.9	107.1 FM

TELEVISION

CITY TV CTV Barrie CTV Toronto CP24 GLOBAL NEWS

A bus cancellation message will also be available at www.schoolbuscity.com and by calling 1877-330-3001, or by following @YRDSB and @YCDSB on twitter.



ST. EDWARD CES

FEBRUARY 2019 CALENDAR

VIRTUE OF WISDOM



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				1 PA Day No School for Students
4 Jr. Girls Volleyball Tournament at St. Edward Ukulele Club	5 Chinese New Year	6 Pizza	7 Ukulele Club	8 Boston Pizza Skating-Gr. 2
11 Ukulele	12	13 Pizza First Communion Retreat-Gr. 2	14 Valentine's Day (wear Pink and White) Ukulele Club	15 Boston Pizza Skating-Gr. 2
18 Family Day No school	19 🧑 Scarf and Tuque Day Report Cards Go Home <i>Carnaval Week!</i>	20 🧑 Wacky Wednesday Pizza	21 🧑 Jersey Day Ukulele Club Beauty and the Beast: Flato Theatre Gr. 6-8 CSC meeting-6:30	22 🧑 Let's Celebrate Canada! (red and white) Boston Pizza Skating-Gr. 2
25 🧑 Bilingual Snow White Play- 12:45 Ukulele Club LEGO Club	26 Scientist in Schools- Gr. 5	27 Pizza Pink Shirt Day LEGO Club	28 Civvies Day Ukulele Club	March 1 Skating-Gr.2 Boston Pizza

Be the best you can be!