

St. Edward Catholic School News

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MARCH BREAK

We wish you a super March Break holiday with family and friends beginning March 11th. We look forward to seeing you back on Monday, March 18th.

For information on exciting Markham March Break activities, Google: City of Markham March Break activities.

Our Lenten Prayer

Father of light,
in You is found no shadow of change
but only the fullness of life and limitless truth.

Open our hearts to the voice of Your Word
and free us from the original darkness
that shadows our vision.

Restore our sight that we may look upon Your Son
who calls us to repentance and a change of heart,
for he lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever,

Amen

~from Catholic Online

Lent is a time of grace, a time to convert and live out our baptism fully.'

-Pope Francis



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

FAITH ACTIVITIES AT ST. EDWARD

Lenten Season

Lent is one of the most celebrated of all the church's seasons. It is observed at home as well as at church and school. While the traditional practice of "doing something", or "giving something up" for Lent is praiseworthy, there is much more to this wonderful season than just additional acts of penance. Lent is the time for prayer and reflection, making our lives simpler, sharing what we have with those who are in need and being true community builders.

Ash Wednesday: Ash Wednesday service in our gymnasium on Wednesday, March 6th at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome.

Shrove or Fat Tuesday: We begin preparing for our Lenten fast the day before Ash Wednesday, on Shrove Tuesday. We begin our fast with a feast. At St. Edward, all students will be treated to pancakes, on March 5th, compliments of our Catholic School Council.

Holy First Communion

The grade Two Communion retreat took place at St. Patrick's Parish, on Wednesday, February 13th. Students participated in a number of workshops. Thank you to Ms. Amantea from St. Patrick's church and all volunteers. Also, many thanks to Mme Gouin, Mme Di Rezze, Mr. MacInnes and Mme Walker for preparing our grade two students for this milestone in their journey as Catholic believers. They will celebrate their Holy First Communion on May 11th.

Confirmation

Grade Seven Students have completed their confirmation preparation over the last several weeks. We thank Fr. Gerald for his weekly visits sharing the gift of his faith and helping students prepare for the special sacrament which will take place on June 6th, 2019.

In March we celebrate the Virtue of *Perseverance!*

- ◆ I will stick to my goals.
- ◆ I will always believe in myself and have faith in what I can accomplish.
- ◆ I will prepare for Easter by acts of goodness and worship.

MASS AND DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

St. Patrick Parish will distribute Ashes on Wednesday, March 6th at the following masses: 8:00 a.m., and 7:00 p.m. Please see the end of the Newsletter for St. Patrick's Lenten Season schedule of masses and celebrations.

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EQAO PRIMARY AND JUNIOR DIVISION ASSESSMENTS

A reminder that the grade 3 and grade 6 EQAO Assessment will be administered between May 21st and June 3rd. Our grade 6 students will complete the assessment tasks in reading, writing, and mathematics in English, and our grade 3 students will only be writing the Mathematics portion of EQAO in French. **Please do not book any holidays or appointments during that time!**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: FREE THROW COMPETITION

Justin F. and Rosheen A. both placed first at the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Final Championship game on Saturday, February 23rd. Congratulations to both grade eight students on a very successful event.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

This year's Junior and Intermediate Oral Communication Competitions will be held on April 24th in St. Edward's gymnasium. Parents are most welcome to attend. The top Junior and Intermediate speakers from our school will compete at the Area Final on April 30th at St. Justin Martyr CES. Thank you to Ms. Abraham for organizing this event at the school level. We wish all students good luck with their speeches!

LIBRARY NEWS

Students are enjoying coming to the library to learn to code with colours using Ozobots. The feedback from students is very positive. They are having fun while learning basic understanding of coding.

AFTER SCHOOL CODING PROGRAM

This spring students from grades 4 to 8 will be offered the opportunity to learn how to code using Scratch in the after school course: YCDSB's Creative Computing. The students are going to be focussing on concepts related to game design. Specifically, they will be looking at concepts related to racing, launching, and platform games. Scratch is a block based computer programming language which helps students think creatively, reason systematically, and work collaboratively while developing computational thinking skills. It was developed by the Lifelong Kindergarten Group at the MIT Media Lab. We are looking forward to seeing what the students create.

The course will take place in room 3 from March 26 to May 14 (8 sessions), 3:00 pm to 4:15 pm. The minimum number of students required to run the program is 10, and the maximum is 15. Students will be enrolled on a first-come-first-served basis, with priority given to higher grades. The cost is \$75, and the registration forms are due Wednesday, March 6 2019. Interested students are to see Mr. Vieira for a registration package.

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 April 11, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the school library. Meeting agendas and minutes are posted on our school website under 'Catholic School Council'.

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.

GETTING READY FOR SEPTEMBER

Please assist us in determining our staffing and accommodation needs for the school year commencing in September 2019. If you are **moving** out of the area or if your child will be attending another school, please let us know so that our enrolment numbers can be adjusted accordingly. Similarly, if you know of anyone moving into the area, please encourage them to contact the school and register as soon as possible.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Regular attendance is vitally important and can lead to improved classroom learning, better test results, important relationships and friendships, good reference for future education and healthy habits. Regular attendance is directly linked to success at school. Poor attendance patterns increase risk of failure and dropping out of school. Early intervention by home and school increases the likelihood of a student remaining in school.

The following points are proven factors in ensuring that a child will be successful in maintaining regular and punctual attendance:

- Have a regular morning routines (wake up on time, eat breakfast, leave home to get to school on time)
- Follow a consistent nighttime routine (homework time, prep for next day, bedtime)
- Set alarm clock the night before and get enough sleep and eat properly

If you have any concern in regards to your child's attendance and punctuality please contact your school's Principal, Mrs. Mills and she will direct you to the appropriate Attendance Counsellor.

BILINGUAL PERFORMANCE OF SNOW WHITE

Due to inclement weather, the Bilingual Performance of Snow White by DuffleBag Theatre has been rescheduled to May 22, 2019.



ST. EDWARD CES

MARCH 2019 CALENDAR

VIRTUE OF PERSEVERANCE



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				1 Skating-Grade 2 Scientist in Schools Mme Yu-Grade 8
4 Ukulele Club LEGO Club Gr. 4-Making a Difference Program	5 Strove Tuesday	6 Ash Wednesday Paraliturgy-10:30 Pizza LEGO Club	7 Intermediate Girls Basketball Tourna- ment (St. Julia) Ukulele Club	8 Boston Pizza Skating-Gr. 2
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18 Ukulele Club LEGO Club Gr. 4-Making a Difference Program	19 Intermediate Boys Basketball Tourna- ment (Sir Richard Scott) Firefighters Visit Grade 1	20 Pizza LEGO Club Intermediate Girls Basketball Tourna- ment (All Saints) Spring Begins	21 Ukulele Club	22 Skating-Gr. 2
25 Scientist in Schools- Gr 6.Mme Dagher Ukulele Club LEGO Club Gr. 4-Making a Difference Program	26 Talent Show Auditions Begin Grades 4-8	27 Pizza LEGO Club	28 Scientist in Schools- Gr. 1 Mme Bean Ukulele Club	29 Scientist in Schools- Gr. 1 Mme Xu and Mme Toma Civvies Day

Be the best you can be!



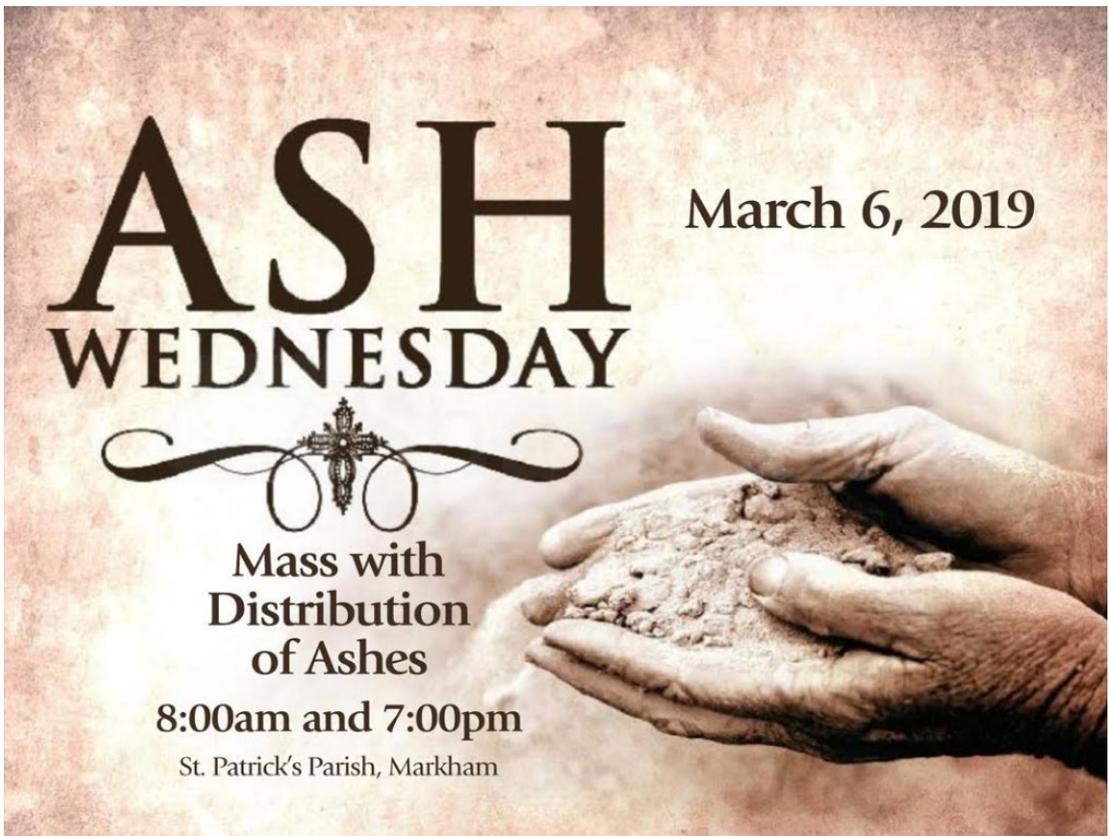
	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	6 March	7	8	9
	Ash Wednesday Masses with Distribution of Ashes: 8:00am & 7:00pm	Regular Mass 8:30am	Regular Mass 8:30am; Lenten Mass 7:00pm, followed by Stations of the Cross	Regular Mass 8:30am; 5:00pm
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday		
10	11	12	13	14
First Sunday of Lent Regular scheduled Masses	Regular Mass 8:30am	Regular Mass 8:30am	Regular Mass 8:30am, Evening Mass 7:00pm	Regular Mass 8:30am Lenten Mass 7:00pm, followed by Stations of the Cross
17	18	19	20	21
Second Sunday of Lent Regular scheduled Masses	Regular Mass 8:30am	Regular Mass 8:30am	Regular Mass 8:30am, Evening Mass 7:00pm	Regular Mass 8:30am; Lenten Mass 7:00pm, followed by Stations of the Cross
24	25	26	27	28
Third Sunday of Lent Regular scheduled Masses	Regular Mass 8:30am	Regular Mass 8:30am	Regular Mass 8:30am, Evening Mass 7:00pm	Regular Mass 8:30am; Lenten Mass 7:00pm, followed by Stations of the Cross
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Fourth Sunday of Lent Regular scheduled Masses	Regular Mass 8:30am	Regular Mass 8:30am	Regular Mass 8:30am, Evening Mass 7:00pm Day of Confessions 9:00am to 4:00pm AND 7:30pm to 9:00pm	Regular Mass 8:30am; Lenten Mass 7:00pm, followed by Stations of the Cross
7	8	9	10	11
Fifth Sunday of Lent Regular scheduled Masses	Regular Mass 8:30am	Regular Mass 8:30am	Regular Mass 8:30am, Evening Mass 7:00pm	Regular Mass 8:30am; Lenten Mass 7:00pm, followed by Stations of the Cross
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				13
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IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, April 3, 2019
DAY OF CONFESSIONS
9:00am to 4:00pm AND 7:30pm to 9:00pm

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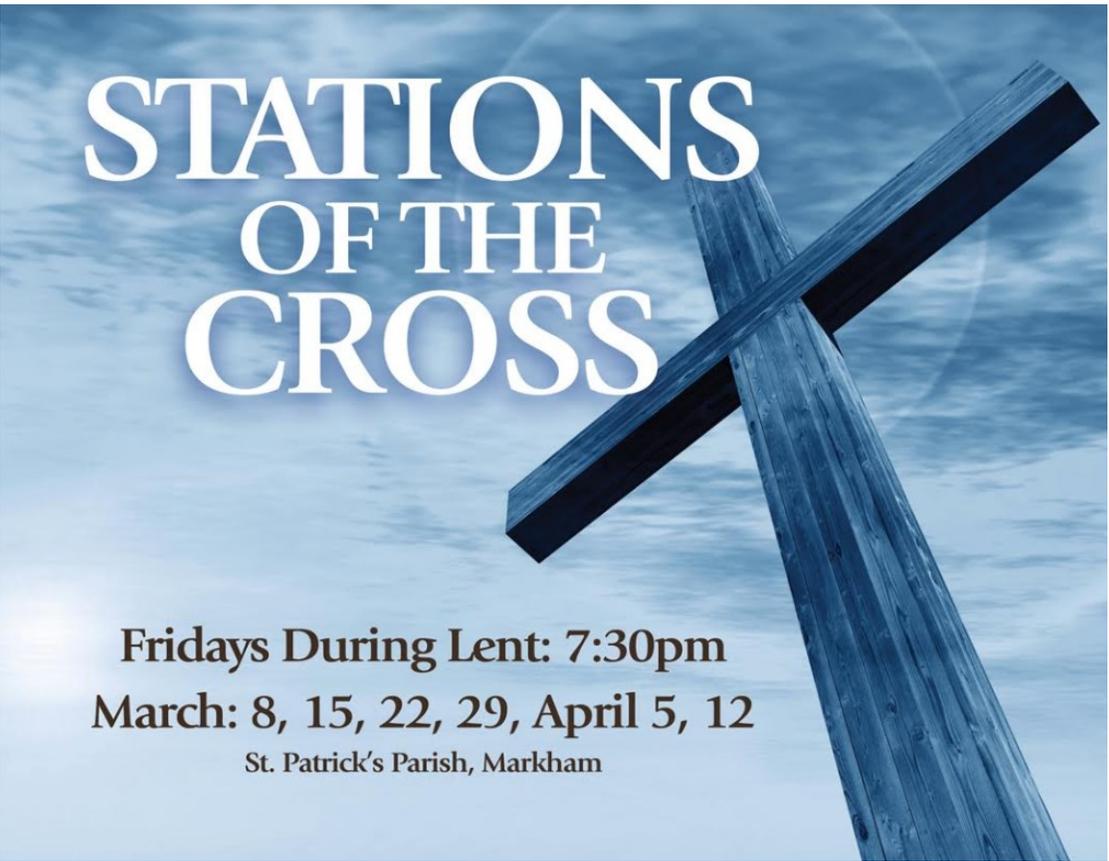
ASH
WEDNESDAY

March 6, 2019

Mass with
Distribution
of Ashes

8:00am and 7:00pm

St. Patrick's Parish, Markham



**STATIONS
OF THE
CROSS**

Fridays During Lent: 7:30pm

March: 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12

St. Patrick's Parish, Markham

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Active School Travel

March, 2019

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

"The wheels on the bus go round and round..." Walking to the school bus stop and riding the bus to school are considered important forms of active school travel. Students who live outside of the Non-Transportation Zone for their home school qualify for school bus service.

Walking to the bus stop and riding the bus provides a number of benefits including:

- Teaching children the value of time and being organized
- Keeping children active, which leads to strong physical and mental health
- Encouraging social interaction and improving and building social skills
- Keeping communities safe and reducing private automobile traffic congestion
- Reducing environmental air pollution
- Making school more accessible for all children

Ministry of Transportation School Bus Safety Tips	
When you board or leave the bus	While on the bus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wait in a safe place away from the edge of the road • Stay out of the DANGER ZONE. If you can touch the bus, you're too close. Use 10 giant steps to take you out of the DANGER ZONE, and make sure you and the bus driver can see each other. • Always cross the road in front of the bus, never behind. • Look all ways and wait for the driver to signal before you cross in front of a bus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stay seated, facing forward at all times • Don't put things in the aisle • Never distract the bus driver • Don't eat or drink while on the bus • Don't yell, push people or throw things • Keep your arms and head inside the bus 

If your child does not qualify for the school bus we encourage walking/cycling/scootering to school or parking a block away from the school and walking the rest of the way. If you can't walk/cycle/scooter every day, choosing active travel once, twice, or a few days a week can still provide benefits.

Ontario Crossing Guard Recognition Day - March 20, 2019

The Ontario Traffic Council has chosen **Wednesday, March 20th, 2019** as Crossing Guard Recognition Day. If your child passes by a crossing guard on their way to school, take a moment to THANK your local crossing guard to show your appreciation! Crossing guards play an important role in keeping children and neighborhood's safe!

Sincerely,

YCDSB Active School Travel Team



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