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From The Principal's Desk:

Dear Parents/Guardians:

As we continue to adjust to this new "normal" and self-isolation, we continue to ease into the routine of distance learning. Should you have any technical difficulties, please continue to use the following link: help.ycdsb.ca/vle/.

As you know from last week's email, we celebrated Catholic Education Week "Igniting Hope". Our teachers had prayers and activities around this special week which was dedicated to acknowledging and appreciating the unique identity and distinctive contributions of Catholic Education in Ontario.

Just a follow up reminder that on **Tuesday, May 12th from 10 am to 7 pm**, the Vaughan Food Bank will have bins set up in front of the school to collect food for those in increasing need during these times. If you have the opportunity, any donation of non-perishable items is gratefully appreciated. Speaking of donations, a big thank you to the CSC who donated the remainder of the healthy snacks (juice and applesauce) to the Vaughan food bank last week. Thank you CSC for your generosity! Members of the CSC also graciously transported the popcorn to the Food Bank on behalf of the school.

On May 10th, we had the opportunity to thank all mothers for their giving hearts and for the difficult job they do. Mothers are so very important in our lives and we give thanks for each and every woman, mothers, sisters, wives; for grandmothers, aunts, for women dedicated to the many human beings who await the love of another person; for women who watch over the human persons in the family. I hope that your Mother's Day was well celebrated!

During these times, please continue to remember in your prayers those who have been or are affected by this pandemic, including those in need as well as essential workers on the front line who give of their time, skills and talents.

In this month devoted to Mary, we pray the Hail Mary:

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, please know that you and your families are in our thoughts and prayers. Please take care.

Yours in Catholic Education,
Ms. C. Sandig, Principal

May's Virtue Responsibility

- ◆ We will honour our commitments to our family, school, and community.
- ◆ We will be reliable so that people can depend on us.



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

Partners in Faith



With Immaculate Conception Parish

Father Eugene along with Father Ugo and Father Anish invite you to stay connected with Immaculate Conception Parish and participate virtually at Mass and receive important updates and information from the parish by visiting the parish website:

www.iconception.org

FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM [Icparishwoodbridge](#)

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Immaculate Conception Parish, Woodbridge Ontario

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Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation are postponed indefinitely due to COVID-19. We will continue to await further updates from Fr. Eugene.

[SGA YEARBOOK 2019-2020:](#)

The yearbook for 2019-2020 continues to be in progress and will be ready for the Fall. We have many photos of school events and classes. However, to mark this year, a virtual (or distance) learning section will also be featured. If you would like to, please share these pictures for the yearbook to the following:

www.HJeShare.com or use the HJeShare app
School Code: stgabriel

We are still accepting yearbook cover entries which can be sent to the above address. More information will be sent out via a flyer.

SCHOOL ORGANIZATION FOR NEXT YEAR:

We are in the process of beginning to plan for September 2020. If you are moving or your child(ren) will be attending another school, please notify the office as soon as possible vi Homeroom teachers in consultation with receiving teachers, appropriate support staff and administration devote much discussion time to the generating of class lists that strive to best meet the needs of each of our students. Class placement is a very intensive and complex process that takes several weeks to complete. Decisions are made following careful consideration of a number of criteria such as: learning styles, academic abilities, social factors, learning partners, language needs, special education needs, balance of males and females, behavioural needs, previous placement in combined grades and compliance with Board and Ministry guidelines. Final decisions regarding student placements remain the responsibility of the principal and school staff. Class placements will be shared with families when school resumes in the Fall. Parents are respectfully asked to support and accept decisions made by the school and are encouraged to be positive with their children about their class placements. We know you appreciate that creating the best and most functional class groupings possible is no easy task. Accepting parental requests for specific teachers is not in the best interest of all children in the school as it restricts school staff in forming what we consider the most ideal classroom groupings. On this note, we will not be accepting parent requests for class placements. Thank you for considering this information. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to school administration.

The York Region Alliance of African Canadian Communities: Survey

The York Region Alliance of African Canadian Communities (YRAACC), and other Black organizations in York Region, are looking to establish a profile of their community and determine individual and collective needs during COVID-19. As such, they have developed a survey and asked YCDSB to share it with our African Canadian families.

This survey will assist YRAACC in sharing relevant information that may be lacking, advocating with government and public institutions, facilitating intervention by the appropriate authorities, and where possible, directly assisting Black/African Canadian people in need. Their goal is to listen to and support the health and well-being of the Black/African Canadian community in York Region. Here is the link to the survey:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScEhZ3udeXC2Ka_aC3JKQWsw9VABvSGaKgjvofl2H7VGZvemA/viewform

REFUNDS:

Hot Lunch Make Up Dates: We are finalizing refund payments for the 4 days hot lunches that were not made up due to the school closure: **Ital Pizza: Feb. 27 & March 5th; Harvey's: Feb. 21st & 28th.** Thanks to CSC members who assisted in compiling this information for us!

Cookie Dough Fundraising and Marlies' Game:

All cheques have been voided and will be returned to you. If you paid by cash, you will be receiving the amount in the form of a cheque.

Confirmation/First Communion Photos:

Anyone who has paid for photos to commemorate your child's Confirmation or First Communion please contact Greg Riccio directly at infosacraments@gmail.com or at 647-273-1996 for information about refunds.