

St. Mary of the Angels CES Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

- Nov. 2 Interview Forms Going Home
- Nov. 6 CSC Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- Nov. 9 CPR Training Gr. 6-8
- Nov. 12 Remembrance Day Liturgy @ 10:30 a.m. & Interview Forms Due
- Nov. 20 Progress Reports Go Home
- Nov. 22-23 Parent Teacher Interviews
- Nov. 23 P.A. Day
- Nov. 30th Sara Westbrook Visits and Civvies Day

YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD SHARED VISION



In Flanders Fields

By: Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, MD (1872-1918) Canadian Army

In Flanders Fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flander's fields.
Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.



Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians,

These past two months have been especially busy for everyone in our school community. Our students have participated in numerous activities ranging from field trips, safety practices and to liturgical celebrations. At the same time they have had to work hard at their formal academic curriculum in responding to more challenging expectations and adapting to different learning, teaching strategies with their new teachers in their new grades. We are indeed very happy with their participation, positive attitude and progress.

The staff has worked extremely hard organizing co-curricular activities and various units of study and themes. They have indeed gone over and above their duty and should be congratulated for their commitment and hard work.

Our Catholic School Council has also been very busy with meetings, fundraising planning and volunteering at the school. We are sure the whole community at St. Mary of the Angels will join us in thanking you for your active participation in your child's education.

Our Halloween Dance-A-Thon was a wonderful event. DJ Bill had all the students actively participating during the dance. To all our students, staff and parents, thank you for participating in this great fun event and supporting our school fundraiser.

The whole staff is immensely grateful for the high degree of commitment and support that we receive from all parents. We hope and pray that our relationship of trust, sharing and commitment to high quality education, continues to foster growth and success for our students and staff.

November is here again with its cool weather and shorter days. Special events this month include All Saints Day, All Souls Day and Remembrance Day. On Remembrance Day, let us all make a special effort to remember in our prayers all those brave soldiers who gave up their lives so that we could live in peace. We continue to pray for those who live in war torn countries today, and let us forever be grateful for the peace found here in Canada.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mrs. M. Scenna

Anaphylaxis Allergies

There are several children in the school who are allergic to nuts, peanuts or seeds. These are life-threatening allergies. Please ensure that your child's lunch does not include any peanut or nut derivatives.

Daily Schedule

Classes Begin 8:30 am
Morning Recess 10:00 am
Lunch 11:35 am
Classes Resume 12:35 pm
Afternoon Recess 1:55 pm
Dismissal 3:00 p.m.

Did You Know?

St. Mary of the Angels has a Twitter feed! For the most up to the minute information on SMS follow @SMSVaughan

Contact Us

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Reporting Student Progress

Student Progress Reports will be going home on Tuesday, November 20th for all of our FDK to grade 8 students. Parent/teacher interviews have been scheduled for the evening of Thursday, November 22nd and the morning of Friday, November 23rd. Kindergarten students will now receive formal progress report at this time and interviews will be scheduled. Although most interviews occur on the Parent/Teacher interview days, parents are always welcome to contact their child's teacher at any time for clarification and/or an update on progress. November 23rd is a scheduled P.A. Day and therefore there will be NO SCHOOL for students on this day.

Emergency Contact Information

Please make sure that we have your up to date emergency contact information as this is very important if we need to contact you throughout the day. Also, we encourage you to ensure your email addresses are up to date to receive all school correspondence.

Cold Weather

- At the beginning of each school year, administrators, in collaboration with their Catholic School Councils, will determine the extreme cold weather temperature. This temperature with wind chill shall be no warmer than -15 degrees Celsius and no colder than -20 degrees Celsius.
- The agreed upon extreme cold weather temperature is final and shall remain in effect for the entire school year.
- The extreme cold weather temperature shall be reviewed with the Catholic School Council annually and will be discussed and determined at the November 6th CSC meeting.

In the event of inclement weather and bus cancellation the school will remain open, unless it is otherwise reported on the radio/television stations listed below. If buses are cancelled in the morning they will not run in the afternoon. Be sure to listen for updates about York Catholic District School Board. You can also visit www.schoolbuscity.com or call 1-877-33-3301 for 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, 93.1 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, 107.1 FM.

TELEVISION: CITY TV CTV Barrie CFTO TV CP24
GLOBAL NEWS

Pediculosis-Head Lice As the winter approaches school children are prone to getting head lice because they are frequently in head-to-head contact. **Please find attached important information regarding head lice.**

Hallowe'en Dance-A-Thon Update:



We are so grateful and honoured for all your support with the Hallowe'en Dance-A-Thon. It was due to the overwhelming support from our St. Mary of the Angels community that we were able to reach our fundraising goal of \$15,000.00. Your generosity will help to support the various school resources and activities within the classes. Congratulations to all the top eight winners and to the top four classes who collectively brought the greatest amount (Ms. Tatangelo, Ms. Cano, Ms. Romano and Ms. Contatto). These classes will have their pizza lunch on Tuesday, November 13th, 2018.

Special Thank You for All the Donations

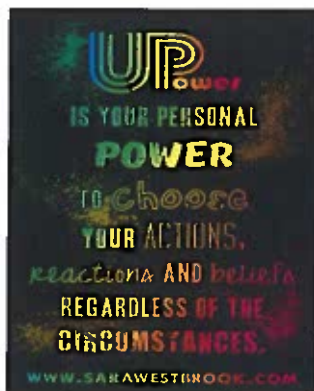
As a school, we are grateful to the businesses that supported us in this event! Their commitment to helping students in our community will support student learning and their success. We would like you to know that your thoughtfulness is truly making a difference in the lives of so many students.

Thank you to the following sponsors:

- ❖ B & J Contracting
- ❖ Flynn Canada
- ❖ Global Precast
- ❖ NV Women's Boutique
- ❖ Fisher Drywall
- ❖ Venture Metal Works
- ❖ BodyWorx Vitality
- ❖ Longo's
- ❖ Turtle Jacks

Sara Westbrook

On October 24th, St. Mary of the Angels Catholic School Council invited Sara Westbrook, a motivational speaker and singer to present to students and parents. Her UPower Presentations specializing in resilience, confidence and emotional well-being. After the group presentations, Sara then visited the Grade 6, 7 & 8 classes as a follow up to the presentation. In the evening, Sara Westbrook presented the same message to the parents. We will be continuing to work and help the students to make choices beyond their emotions. As a school, we believe it is important to continue this conversation with the students. Therefore, we have invited Sara to return on November 30th and touch base and follow up with the Grade 3, 4 & 5 classes as well. Our goal is for our students to "live in the moment and choose to live in a way you will be proud of for the moments to come". (Sara Westbrook)



November— A Month to focus on Justice

- I will treat others in a just, equitable and unbiased manner.
 - I will play by the rules, take turns and share.



Punctuality is a Life Skill

Punctuality is a life skill which is learned at an early age. Help your child acquire this skill by arriving at school daily between 8:15-8:25 a.m. In doing so, your child is able to relax, play and socialize with peers prior to entering the school with his/her classmates. As a reminder, all students who do not enter this school with their class lines or enter through the front doors will be marked late. Thank you for your co-operation. After the bell rings all students should enter through the front doors only.



Remembrance Day

On Monday, November 12th at 10:45a.m. We will gather for a Remembrance Day assembly. Through prayer, reflection and music, we will honour the soldiers who fought for our freedom and for peace all over the world. At 11:00, we will pause for two minutes of silence to honour these brave men and women. All parents/guardians are welcome to attend.

Congratulations Cross Country Team! On Tuesday October 16th, the St. Mary of the Angels cross country team ran at the area wide meet with such heart and enthusiasm. The students showed school spirit and most importantly good sportsmanship. Your coaches are so proud of all the students who participated in this wonderful event. Thank you to our coaches Ms. DiPietro, Ms. D'Ugo, Ms. Hoffman, Ms. Palumbo, Ms. Torchia, Ms. Gatti, Ms. Romano & Mr. Leitao for a job well done!

Students who made it to the Cross Country Board Finals

Grade 4 Girls: Samantha P., Mia Rose A., Olivia R.

Grade 5 Girls: Victoria Z.

Grade 5 Boys: Gianluca V., Massimo M.

Grade 6 Girls: Isabella F.

Grade 8 Boys: Alex L., Raphael G., Antonio A.

Honorable mention goes out to Alex L. who placed first at the board finals.



Intermediate Volleyball News

Our Girls' and Boys' Intermediate Volleyball teams have been formed and practices and games have begun. Both teams will be participating in the invitational tournaments on November 26th (Boys) and 27th (Girls). You have shown commitment, dedication and school spirit, we are very proud of your efforts.

We welcome all parents to cheer on our boys' and girls' volleyball teams. We thank Coaches Palumbo, Spadafina, Baldessarri, Barilla and D'Ercole for all their ongoing support and dedication for our school teams.





Treaty Week

The York Catholic District School Board celebrates Treaty Recognition Week, November 5-11, 2018. The YCDSB recognizes Treaty Week as part of our ongoing journey of healing and reconciliation. As we continue this journey together, we gratefully acknowledge that our York Catholic schools rest on traditional territory of the Chippewas of Georgina Island and The Mississaugas of the Credit First Nations.

During Treaty Recognition Week, we acknowledge the many Treaties that the Canadian Government signed with the First Peoples of this land. These Treaties compel all people in Canada, all of us, to be Treaty people. Each of us has an obligation to ensure that the Treaties be honoured.

We celebrate the contributions of Indigenous peoples to the development of Canada. Indigenous peoples were the first stewards of the land, waters and resources. Indigenous peoples offered assistance to the first European travelers to this region, and shared knowledge for survival in what was, at times, a harsh climate. We journey in relationship with Indigenous People of this land; a relationship among neighbours based on honour and deep respect.

<http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca>

Catholic Community Character Award Winners: Compassion

<i>Teacher</i>	<i>Student of the Month</i>	<i>Teacher</i>	<i>Student of the Month</i>
Ms. Sacco	Christian B., Olivia M., Simona M., Massimo M.	Ms. Sardo	Joseph I. Lilla-Marie R.
Ms. Tatangelo	Faith S., Nathan L., Charlie F.	Ms. Sacco	Adela A. Victoria Z.
Ms. Kennedy	Marco P., Michael C., Lauren C., SaraGrace F.	Ms. Barrila	Luca G. Olivia F.
Ms. Romano	Christian M. Luigi M.	Ms. Raponi	Olivia R. Emma Z.
Ms. Bartella	Emanuel F. Aubrey D., Madeleine F.	Mr. Zezza	Erica M. Gavin P.
Ms. Baldassarra	Jack S. Melanie S.	Ms. Pellegrino	Maya V. Laura G.
Ms. Noce & Ms. Cristiano	Priya D.	Ms. Cabrai	Alessia V. Daniel C.
Ms. Contatto	Vivian G., Marc G., Gabriel P.	Ms. Torchia	Nathan M. Kalina F.
Ms. Cano	Adam G. Bianca B.	Ms. D'Ercole	Massimo D. Brianna Z.
Ms. Gatti	Carter R. Maryana I.	Mr. Cavaliere	Sienna L. Matteo F.
Ms. Simone	Catherine R. Adriana C.	Ms. Monteleone	Aron A. Arabella D.
Ms. Amato	Kayla A. Nicholas F.	Mr. Spadafina	Kayla F. Sebastian G.
Ms. Di Pietro	Mia S. Karina D.	Ms. Mossa	Elena M. Sofia C.
Ms. Colasanti	Daniel A. Sienna N.	Mr. Koci	Julia M. Megan G.
Ms. Colombo	Leah A. Isabella P.	Ms. Russo	Serena V., Darren C., Anthony F.
Ms. D'Ugo	Vanessa I. Uchenna O.	Mr. Asaro	Isabella Q., Reena Y., Victoria B.
Ms. Spadafina	Gianluca A. Ella A.	Ms. Balsamo	Vienna L., Austin S., Amanda P.
Ms. Crupi	Stella M. Gianluca Q.		

**ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS
CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Dear Parents and Families,

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school! What better way to promote reading to our students than by supporting this important literary event.

We invite your entire family to participate by purchasing the latest and greatest in children's books. Did you know that a percentage of all purchases comes back directly to our school? Your support of this vital literary event is key in helping us obtain new books and resources for our library.

Don't forget to **mark the Book Fair dates** on your calendar or in your **Student Agenda!** We look forward to seeing you during our Scholastic Book Fair. Thank you in advance, for supporting this great literary fundraiser. Mostly, thank you for believing in books and the importance reading has on your child's future.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Y. Bordignon
Teacher Librarian



Book Fair Dates: Thursday, November, 15 – Friday, November 23, 2018.

Times: During regular school hours. Please refer to attached class schedules.

***Note: FDK-Gr. 3 will attend the Book Fair during their weekly
scheduled library day/time**

Location: School Library

Family Event Date/Times: During Parent/Teacher Interviews:

Thursday, November 22 – 3:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Friday, November 23 -- 8:45 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

**We accept cheques made payable to St. Mary of the Angels C.S.
Visa, MasterCard and American Express are welcome during Family Event times.**

Book Fair Schedule : Students may make purchases at this time

Ms. Barrila & Grade 5-8

	Thurs. November 15	Fri. November 16
8:30-8:40	Set up	Set up
8:45-9:15	Cavaliere Gr.6	F. Spadafina Gr. 6
9:20-9:50	Asaro Gr.8	Russo Gr. 7/8
10:25-10:55	Balsamo Gr. 8	Pellegrino Gr. 5
10:55-11:25	D'Ercole Gr. 6	Torchia Gr. 5
12:40-1:10	Mossa Gr. 7	Monteleone Gr 6
1:15-1:45	Koci Gr. 7	Ms. Cabral Gr. 5
2:20-2:50	Barrila Gr. 4	Mr. Zezza Gr. 5

***NOTE: THURS. NOVEMBER 22
FREE SPOT 8:45-11:30
With teacher permission,
students may come to
the Fair to make
additional purchases**

FDK-Grade 3 & Ms. Raponi, Ms. Sacco

	Mon. November 19	Tues. November 20	Wed. November 21
8:30-8:40	Set up	Set up	Set up
8:45-9:15	Contatto Gr. 1	Romano FDK	Amato Gr. 2
9:20-9:50	Cano Gr. 1	Colasanti Gr. 2	Noce/Cristiano Gr.1
10:25-10:55	Simone Gr. 1/2	Crupi Gr. 3	Bartella FDK
10:55-11:25	Gatti Gr.1	Di Pietro Gr.2	M Spadafina Gr. 3
12:40-1:10	Sardo Gr. 3	Tatangelo FDK	Kennedy FDK
1:15-1:45	Sacco FDK	Baldassarra FDK	Sacco Gr. 4
2:20-2:50	Colombo Gr. 2/3	D'Ugo Gr. 3	Raponi Gr. 4



November 2018

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Active Transportation and Mental Health

Did you know that **Active Transportation** can strengthen child and youth mental health, which helps children and youth perform better academically, form social relationships, promote positive emotional feelings that increase self-worth and overall make healthier lifestyle choices?

Children's Mental Health Ontario reports that as many as **1 in 5 children and youth** in Ontario will experience some form of mental health problem and that **70%** of mental health problems start during childhood or the teenage years (CMH, 2018).

Why Is Strong Mental Health Important for Children?

Strong mental health allows kids and youth to:

- Think more clearly,
- Develop socially and emotionally, and
- Learn new skills more effectively. (MHA, 2018)

It also helps to:

- Build confidence,
- Increase self-esteem, and
- Provide a **positive** mental outlook on life overall. (MHA, 2018)

All of these benefits have significant positive impacts on children as they grow and enter different phases of life. A child with strong mental health is a child more likely to succeed and deal with challenges in all aspects of life, including transitions into high school, college/university and work or starting their own family one day.

Use Active School Travel To Stay Mentally Fit!

Active School Travel (AST) is an easy way for parents/guardians to strengthen the mental health of children and youth. Simply walking and/or wheeling to and from school leads to increased social connectedness, which can boost confidence and self-esteem and encourage positive behaviour and skills. In adults, it also helps manage stress and promotes wellness.

Active School Travel is simple and can easily be added into your daily routine!

- Walk and/or wheel to school or to the bus stop
- Park and walk a block to school
- If Active School Travel every day is a challenge, choose one or two days a week to try and make a change.

Be proactive, and help to strengthen your child's (and your own) mental health!

Sincerely,

YCDSB Active School Travel Team





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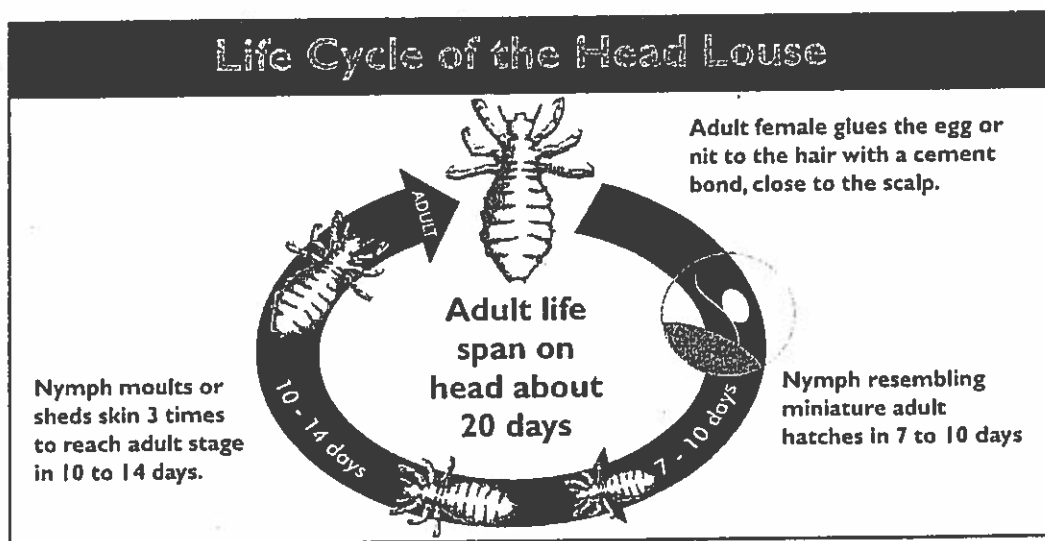
Community and Health Services Department



Head Lice

What are head lice?

Head lice, or louse are a common parasitic insect that can be found on the head, eyebrows and eyelashes of people. Head lice feed on human blood and live close to the human scalp. Head lice are not known to spread disease. There are three forms of head lice; nit (egg), nymph or adult.



Nit (eggs)

- Half the size of the head of a pin and shaped like a tear drop
- Are a creamy colour and found close to the scalp, on the shaft of the hair
- Are cemented to the hair so they cannot be blown or flicked off

Nymph - immature louse

- Transparent or rust coloured after blood meal and very difficult to see
- Reaches maturity in about 10 days
- Lice have six legs with claws so they can cling to human hair

Adult - mature louse

- Larger than a nymph
- The female louse can lay up to 150 eggs during the life span
- Lice do not like movement or light and crawl from head to head

For further information, please call:
York Region Health Connection 1-800-361-5653
TTY 1-866-252-9933 or visit www.york.ca

Head lice will cause:

- Itchy scalp; especially around the hair line and behind the ears
- Tickling in the hair
- Sores caused by scratching the itchy bites

Head lice move by crawling quickly not hopping or flying. Head lice are spread by direct head to head contact or sharing personal items like hats, scarves or brushes. Personal hygiene or cleanliness in the home or school has nothing to do with getting head lice.

A co-operative community effort will help to control the spread of head lice. This means that all families need to have regular head checks and treat their children if head lice are found.

Steps to check for head lice:

- Sit in a well lit area - near a sunny window or bright lamp
- Divide the hair into sections and look carefully, one section at a time
- Look carefully in the hair; behind the ears, nape of neck, hairline of the head
- Check the heads of all family members

Be sensitive to children's feelings if they have head lice.

If you find head lice or nits, proceed with treatment. Speak to a pharmacist or health professional about treatments and follow the directions on the package.

If you don't see lice or nits, continue to check the head regularly twice a week for one month, or more often, if your child has been in close contact with a confirmed case of head lice.

To control the spread of head lice:

- Do not share personal items
- Wash all bedding, towels and hats in hot water or use a hot drying cycle. Place items that can't be washed into airtight bags for 10 days to two weeks
- Vacuum surfaces where head may have rested, but no extra cleaning of the home is required
- Use treatments if live lice or nits are found in the hair. Check the head daily and repeat treatments if necessary
- Follow-up with anyone who may have had close contact to ensure they are checked for lice

SickKids

<http://www.aboutkidshealth.ca/En/HealthAZ/ConditionsandDiseases/SkinHairandNailDisorders/Pages/Headlice.aspx>

Canadian Paediatric Society:

<http://www.caringforkids.cps.ca/whensick/HeadLice.htm>

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