

St. Mary of the Angels CES Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

- Jan. 18 P.A. Day
- Jan. 25 Civvies Day (Sharelife)
- Jan. 30 Lice Squad Program
- Jan. 31 Gr. 6 VIP
- Feb. 1 P.A. Day
- Feb. 4-8 Carnaval Week
- Feb. 12 CSC Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
Term 1 Reports Go Home
- Feb. 14 Gr. 6 VIP
- Feb. 18 Family Day

YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD SHARED VISION

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| Mission Statement To provide a Catholic education and to ensure that all students, regardless of their background, are able to achieve their full potential in a safe and supportive environment. | Core Values Faith, Respect, Integrity, Responsibility, Community, Creativity, and Excellence. |
| Vision Statement To provide a Catholic education and to ensure that all students, regardless of their background, are able to achieve their full potential in a safe and supportive environment. | Strategic Commitments To provide a Catholic education and to ensure that all students, regardless of their background, are able to achieve their full potential in a safe and supportive environment. |

A Prayer for The New Year

Loving God,
In this New Year I pray:
To live deeply, with purpose,
To live freely, with detachment,
To live wisely, with humility,
To live justly, with compassion,
To live lovingly, with fidelity,
To live mindfully, with awareness,
To live gratefully, with generosity,
To live fully, with enthusiasm.
Help me to hold this vision and to daily Renew it in my heart, becoming ever more one with You, my truest Self. Amen



Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians,

A joyful Happy New Year to all and a most sincere wish that 2019 brings your family peace, great health, prosperity and happiness in the light of Christ's blessings. As we continue to emphasize spiritual growth, academics and creating a respectful community, many of our students will be also engaging in various athletic, artistic and media related activities. Your Catholic School Council members continue to be an integral part of many of these academic and non-academic initiatives and their support is much appreciated by both our students and teachers. The Catholic School Council is also in the process of preparing the Family Skate Night, so please stay tuned as more information will follow. We are so proud of our student's accomplishments thus far and look forward to this New Year as a year to be filled with many fun memories and lots of successes.

Great things truly do happen when good people work together!

We should all be very proud to be a part of the St. Mary of the Angels community!

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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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.

Report Cards

Term 1 report cards for FDK-Gr. 8 students will be going home on February 12, 2019. Parent and Teacher interviews are optional and will be held at the discretion of the parent or teacher. As always, you may contact your child's teacher at any time, by calling the school. With the end of first term, we would like to take this time to remind you of the need for ongoing communication between parents and teachers. It is vital for student success and takes the form of:

- School and Classroom Newsletters
- Phone calls
- Student agendas
- Scheduled meetings on a needs basis
- Tests, assignments, homework monitoring

Remember strong two-way communication is initiated by either party in an honest and open manner. Let's work together to make St. Mary of the Angels a truly collaborative learning community.

Quality Learning for All P.A. Day

Please note that January 18th and February 1st are Professional Activity Days for all schools in the York Catholic District School Board. Teachers will be participating in an assessment and evaluation day, as well as, focusing on the math curriculum. There will be no classes for students on these days.

Kindergarten Registration

January is Kindergarten registration month. Parents may register their children during regular school hours starting on January 7th, 2019 at your local Catholic elementary school. To register, you will need:

- Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate (child or parent)
- Proof of age
- Proof of legal status in Canada
- Proof of Residency
- Proof of Separate School Support, ie, property tax bill or you can complete a school support form that is included in the registration package.

Kindergarten Registration Continued:



Note: JK children must be 4 years old by December 31, 2019 (born in 2015)

SK children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2019 (born in 2014)

We look forward to welcoming our new students!

York Catholic District School Board Media Released Attached

January – A Month to focus on Unity

- I will make everyone feel welcomed and appreciated.
- I will value all people as Children of God.



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 the school with their class lines should enter through the front doors and will be marked late. We now have a warming chime two minutes before the actual school bell to encourage students to quickly prepare to line up. After the bell rings, all students should enter through the front doors only. **There is still an overwhelming amount of students arriving late and you are encouraged to arrive before the morning bell.** Thank you for your co-operation.

Colder Weather

Winter is here! With that in mind, please remember to dress children appropriately for the colder weather. Hats, gloves, scarves and boots will keep your child (ren) warm during recess. It is also important to have an extra pair of clothes (socks, pants) for your children should they get wet. York Catholic School Board Extreme Weather Policy states:

- ☉ 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.

Administration, together with the 2018- 2019 Catholic School Council have determined that students will remain outdoors for recess when the weather is -16C or warmer. Students will remain indoors for all recesses if the weather is colder than -16C.

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

St. Mary of the Angels Dress Code Update

Thank you to all the families for coming to school dressed according to the St. Mary of the Angels Dress Code requirements. Students and parents feel proud to come to school dressed in the same colours/clothing items and enjoy the feeling of being part of this wonderful community. We have been noticing that many students are not following the dress code. We encourage parents and guardians to ensure your child/ren come to school in the dress code determined by the Dress Code Committee. Please find the "Dress Code" information attached.



Competitive Volleyball

The girls and boys in the Junior division are working hard at preparing for the upcoming volleyball tournament. Congratulations on a fine effort to all the boys and girls who tried out for the teams, and best wishes to those attending the tournament. Many thanks to the coaches: Ms. Monteleone, Ms. D'Ercole, Ms. D'Ugo and Ms. Cano for taking the time to refine and develop our students' skills in this sport.

Best of luck in the upcoming tournaments.

* Junior Boys: Thursday, February 7th @ St. Raphael

* Junior Girls: Friday, February 8th @ Holy Jubilee

Carnaval 2019

There are many exciting activities in store for the St. Mary of the Angels students during our upcoming Carnaval! Please find attached an outline of the events from the French department. Carnaval will run from Monday, February 4th to Friday, February 8th.









Electronic Devices at School

School Board policy 222 states that all personal electronic devices, such as cell phones, carried by elementary students shall be kept out of sight, turned off and not used during the school day, unless authorized by the principal or teacher. Failure to abide by this policy may result in confiscation of the electronic device. As you know these items not only can disrupt the learning environment but they are also very expensive and hard to replace. At times, they also cause conflict in the yard. It is strongly recommended that items such as ipods remain at home. Please assist us by reviewing and supporting this policy with your child.

Carnaval 2019

The St. Mary of the Angel's Carnival will be taking place from Monday, February 4th to Friday, February 8th, 2019. Students will be involved in many carnival related activities, including class trivia, dress-up theme days, a dance and a hot chocolate café. Please follow the schedule below for the daily events and theme days.

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| <p>Monday, February 4th/lundi le 4 février</p> <p>Jersey Day</p> <p>La journée du chandail sportif</p> <p>Evolution of B-Boying (Bboyizm) Presentation (Gr. 5-8)</p>  | <p>Tuesday, February 5th/mardi le 5 février</p> <p>Crazy Hair Day</p> <p>La journée des cheveux bizarres</p> <p>Duffle Bag Theatre (Cendrillon) Presentation (Gr. 1-4)</p>  | <p>Wednesday, February 6th/mercredi le 6 février</p> <p>Toque and Scarf Day</p> <p>La journée de la tuque et du foulard</p>  | <p>Thursday, February 7th/jeudi le 7 février</p> <p>Fun in the Sun</p> <p>La journée ensoleillée</p> <p>Le bistro chocolat chaud (JK - 8)</p> <p>(Acceptable clothing - t-shirts, sun glasses, hula skirts, sun hats, but NO shorts please)</p>  | <p>Friday, February 8th/vendredi le 8 février</p> <p>Carnival Colours Day (Blue, red, white)</p> <p>La journée bleue, rouge, et blanche</p> <p>La danse de l'amitié (JK - 8)</p>  | <p>Vive le Carnaval!</p> <p>Bon weekend!</p>  |
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Joyeux Carnaval!

Catholic Community Character Award Winners: Hope

| <i>Teacher</i> | <i>Student of the Month</i> | <i>Teacher</i> | <i>Student of the Month</i> |
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| Ms. Sacco | Christian B. Olivia M. | Ms. Sardo | Emma M. Matteo S. |
| Ms. Tatangelo | Tiago H., Mia S. Dante G. | Ms. Sacco | Tanya J. Daniel D. |
| Ms. Kennedy | Adriano P., Caleb P. Liam M. | Ms. Barrila | Anthony A. Elizabeth D. |
| Ms. Romano | Gabriel S., Alessia S. Mikayla S. | Ms. Raponi | Dwayne T. Samuel C. |
| Ms. Bartella | Sebastian G., Nico C. Santiago R. | Mr. Zezza | Jack F. Carolina H. |
| Ms. Baldassarra | Florina R., Michael G. Tiffany N. | Ms. Pellegrino | Jordan D. Anna C. |
| Ms. Noce & Ms. Cristiano | Nicoletta C. Joseph H. | Ms. Cabral | Vanessa M. Alexander B. |
| Ms. Contatto | Mason D. Mikayla R. | Ms. Torchia | Isabella L. Alessandro D. |
| Ms. Cano | Gianluca L., Emma A. Lucas C. | Ms. D'Ercole | Bianca B., Daniel P. Alyza D. |
| Ms. Gatti | Paolo A., Eva B. Diego L. | Mr. Cavaliere | Samantha Y. Julian T. |
| Ms. Simone | Ella V. Lucy G. | Ms. Monteleone | Samantha S. Sasha R. |
| Ms. Amato | Tessa C. Evangelina P. | Mr. Spadafina | Luciano A. Natalia B. |
| Ms. Di Pietro | Isabella S. Daniel C. | Ms. Mossa | Charlie P. Daniela B. |
| Ms. Colasanti | Gabriella F. Kaye L. | Mr. Koci | Emma D. Nora K. |
| Ms. Colombo | Tianna S. Sebastian S. | Ms. Russo | Harvey E. Vanessa P. |
| Ms. D'Ugo | Marco V. Christina V. | Mr. Asaro | Damian P., Alexia V. Andres G. |
| Ms. Spadafina | Michael M. Ella D. | Ms. Balsamo | Gianluca F., Antonio F. Andrena A. |
| Ms. Crupi | Martim D. Mikaella G. | | |



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Media Release

January 9, 2018
For Immediate Release

Kindergarten Registration for the 2018-19 School Year is Now Open at York Catholic Elementary Schools

Starting Kindergarten is an exciting time in a young child's life filled with new experiences and opportunities to learn and grow. Kindergarten Registration at the York Catholic District School Board is now open. The Board looks forward to welcoming new families for the 2018-2019 school year.

Children must be four years old by December 31, 2018 and born in 2014 to register in Junior Kindergarten, or five years old by December 31, 2018 and born in 2013 to register in Senior Kindergarten.

The Full-Day Kindergarten (FDK) program teaches children through inquiry and play-based learning methods. Teachers and Early Childhood Educators work together in Kindergarten classes to support the unique needs of each child.

Children explore their world through play and real-life experiences. In York Catholic's FDK program, students talk to their classmates as they actively engage in problem-solving and inquiry in an atmosphere of fun and cooperation. The FDK program helps children develop a solid foundation for their future learning by enhancing their social, emotional, cognitive, language, and academic skills in a safe, caring, nurturing and fun environment.

Parents and guardians who wish to register their children in the York Catholic District School Board FDK program should bring the original documents listed below to their local Catholic school during regular school hours, and are encouraged to call the school ahead of their visit. Students currently attending Junior Kindergarten at a York Catholic school do not need to re-register for Senior Kindergarten.

To determine which York Catholic elementary school offers the Full-Day Kindergarten program in their local area, parents and guardians should either visit <http://locator.ycdsb.ca/>, or call the Board's Admissions Department at 905-713-2711 or 416-221-5050.

Parents/Guardians should bring the following original documents at the time of registration:

- Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate (child or parent)
- Proof of child's age
- Proof of legal status in Canada
- Proof of residency
- Proof of Separate School Support (ex. MPAC Assessment Notice, or you can complete a school support form at the school)

To learn more about York Catholic's FDK program, please visit: <http://www.ycdsb.ca/programs-services/kindergarten/>.



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The York Catholic District School Board is one of the top-performing school boards in Ontario. It delivers educational programming to approximately 55,000 students in 103 schools throughout York Region. For more information, visit www.ycdsb.ca or follow us on Twitter @YCDSB.

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*It starts
with kids*

The Regional Municipality of York is developing York Region's first Child Care and Early Years Service System Plan

The Regional Municipality of York's Integrated Children's Services Division works closely with different partners to offer a wide range of child care and early years services to children aged 0-12 and their families. The Child Care and Early Years Service System Plan will provide a common focus and priorities to meet the community's changing needs. It is important that services are responsive, accessible, affordable and high-quality.

To inform our planning, we want to hear from you about gaps in the system and learn about what is most important to you. This survey should take approximately 6-8 minutes and can be completed individually or collectively as a School Council. It will be open until **February 8, 2019**.

Your responses are voluntary and will be kept anonymous and confidential, and will be used with feedback received from other partners in the final Service Plan.

The Service Plan includes five priority areas:

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| 1. Decisions based on data | Enhancing data sharing and understanding the impact of programs and services for children and families |
| 2. A system that works together to plan services | Supporting a seamless system of services and ensuring services exist where they are most needed |
| 3. Parents and professionals have the knowledge and capacity to support child development | Capacity building for parents and community partners to build their skills and knowledge |
| 4. A responsive system that reflects the needs of children, families and stakeholders | Building a flexible system that responds to the changing population and enhances customer service |
| 5. Children are included and have access to services | Enhancing awareness of services and increasing access so all children can benefit from services regardless of their needs |