

# St. Mary of the Angels CES Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

- March 5 Shrove Tuesday
- March 6 Ash Wednesday
- March 11-15 March Break
- March 17 St. Patrick's Day
- March 18 School Resumes
- March 23 Family Skate Night
- March 27 Gr. 2 Reconciliation
- March 29 Civvies Day  
(Donation to Share Life)
- March 30 Earth Hour

**YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**  
**SHARED VISION**



## Lent

God of strength, please help us to see the hope  
in our times when we want to give up.  
Shine your light so that we may continue to be faithful,  
especially in time of Lent. God of Journey, walk with us this Lent.  
Help us to persevere in staying with you on the journey through Lent to Easter.

Amen



## Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we look forward to the month of March and the completion of a successful first term, we can reflect on the many wonderful events which occurred in February. The students and staff at St. Mary of the Angels continue to be blessed with enthusiasm and success. Winter Carnival was a tremendous hit as students participated in various activities. We thank our French Teachers for all their planning and organization and for making this event a fabulous part of school life. We are very proud of all our students and thank them and their teachers for such exceptional participation. Thank you also to all the parent volunteers who supported us throughout the week.

We thank our Catholic School Council for successfully providing our students with hot chocolate for the Carnival Bistro and for the upcoming pancakes for Shrove Tuesday.

As the Lenten season begins, a time of thoughtful contemplation recognizing all that the Lord has given us. We extend our thanks to Father Antonello and all the staff and students who helping to prepare for the Ash Wednesday Lenten Liturgy. We also wish to thank the parents and guardians who will be joining us during this special time.

Finally, we would like to remind our community that March Break will occur between March 11th to 15th and school is closed. We take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful rest and enjoy time with your families. Spring is arriving soon and we look forward to the sunshine, warmer days and the ongoing success of a second term.

Mrs. M. Scenna





## 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 warning chime two minutes before the actual school bell to encourage students to quickly prepare to line up. **There is still an overwhelming amount of students arriving late and you are encouraged to arrive before the morning bell. All students not in their classrooms by the National Anthem will require a late slip.** After the bell rings, all students should enter through the front doors only.



## 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. 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.

## 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 would also like to thank our Catholic School Council for continuing to provide Spirit Wear for our students. **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.

## Library News

Check out what's happening @ your library during March Break visit: [www.vaughanpl.info](http://www.vaughanpl.info)



## Family Skate Night

Please find attached information regarding the scheduled "Family Skate Night" on Saturday, March 23, 2019. It will be at Al Palladini Arena and we ask that you complete the attached "Informed Consent/Permission Form" for the Skating Event. **A reminder that everyone who participates must wear a helmet.** We look forward to this wonderful event.

## Catholic Community Character Award Winners: Wisdom

<b>Teacher</b>	<b>Student of the Month</b>	<b>Teacher</b>	<b>Student of the Month</b>
<b>Ms. Sacco</b>	Massimo M. Giuliano N.	<b>Ms. Sardo</b>	Eva D. Marcus R.
<b>Ms. Tatangelo</b>	Naya G., Tristan K., Matteo V.	<b>Ms. Sacco</b>	Yoel A., Luca F., Makayla V., Aliyah B.
<b>Ms. Kennedy</b>	Diego F.V. Nico C.	<b>Ms. Barria</b>	Marco B. Brianna C.
<b>Ms. Romano</b>	Anthony H., Ella S., Emma K.	<b>Ms. Raponi</b>	Jacob L., Isabella C., Vanessa B.
<b>Ms. Bartella</b>	Sebastian H., Mila B., Anna C.	<b>Mr. Zezza</b>	Gianluca D. Anne-Marie E. I.
<b>Ms. Baldassarra</b>	Jasmine S. Alessandra T.	<b>Ms. Pellegrino</b>	Jonathan A. Sienna D.
<b>Ms. Noce &amp; Ms. Cristiano</b>	Gabriel R. Milania R.	<b>Ms. Cabral</b>	Olivia F. Jack I.
<b>Ms. Contatto</b>	Angelina Rose D., Jayden M., Ethan C.	<b>Ms. Torchia</b>	Dante F. Rorie M.
<b>Ms. Cano</b>	Ilenia R. Stefan S.	<b>Ms. D'Ercole</b>	Martina V., Marco B., Nicole D.
<b>Ms. Gatti</b>	Adrianna D. Nicole Y.	<b>Mr. Cavaliere</b>	Matteo M., Sienna Q.
<b>Ms. Simone</b>	Alexander S. Michael T.	<b>Ms. Monteleone</b>	Alessia D., Luckshan V., Mathias L.
<b>Ms. Ellero</b>	Dean M. Abigail V.	<b>Mr. Spadafina</b>	Carla B. Gabriel M.
<b>Ms. Di Pietro</b>	James A. Lucas S.	<b>Ms. Mossa</b>	Evangeline F. Alexa R.
<b>Ms. Colasanti</b>	Tomas B. Natalie M.	<b>Mr. Koci</b>	Emma K. Michael Z.
<b>Ms. Colombo</b>	Adamo F. Natalie S.	<b>Ms. Russo</b>	Samantha M. Olivia D.
<b>Ms. D'Ugo</b>	Leandro G. Vanessa D.	<b>Mr. Asaro</b>	Veronica D. Joshua P.
<b>Ms. Spadafina</b>	Julia M.R. Jacob M.	<b>Ms. Balsamo</b>	Raveena R. Martina S.
<b>Ms. Crupi</b>	Stefanie M. Matthew S.		



# St. Mary of the Angels CES Standardized Dress Code Overview

JK – Grade 8 (2018-2019)



- The St. Mary of the Angels Catholic School Standardized Dress Code shall be worn to school each day
- All articles of clothing shall be solid colours, as specified below
- Clothing shall be free of any writing, logos or pictures
- Bottoms shall not include jeans, see through leggings and yoga pants
- As per board policy, St. Mary of the Angels Spirit Wear items will be allowed as part of the Dress Code from JK-Gr.8

## TOPS:

- ❖ COLOURS: NAVY, WHITE, GREY, BABY BLUE SOLID COLOURS
  - Long or Short Sleeved Tops eg. Golf Shirts
  - Sweaters/ Layering Pieces and Spirit Wear Need To Be The Uniform Colours

## BOTTOMS:

- ❖ COLOURS: NAVY, BLACK, GREY SOLID COLOURS WITH NO CONTRASTING STRIPES
  - Cargo pants, Capris, Track Pants, Corduroy Pants, Bermuda Walking Shorts, Yoga Pants and Leggings with Appropriate Hip Length Tops or Tunics

- ✓ Also permitted are: skorts, (skirts with shorts), rompers, jumpers, golf shirt dresses



**NOT PERMITTED: JEANS, PATTERNS, and LARGE/MEDIUM LOGOS**

(However, logos that are the size of a loonie/toonie in size are permitted i.e. brand name or symbol)



The CSC Dress Code Committee has reviewed and approved the dress code and the expectation is that all students will be wearing the outlined articles every day to school.



# 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"> <li>• Wait in a safe place away from the edge of the road</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Always cross the road in front of the bus, never behind.</li> <li>• Look all ways and wait for the driver to signal before you cross in front of a bus</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stay seated, facing forward at all times</li> <li>• Don't put things in the aisle</li> <li>• Never distract the bus driver</li> <li>• Don't eat or drink while on the bus</li> <li>• Don't yell, push people or throw things</li> <li>• Keep your arms and head inside the bus</li> </ul> 

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 20<sup>th</sup>, 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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# CARMEN

Georges Bizet

Carmen...Mila Jonkova  
Don José...Stanislav Vitort  
Micaëla...Michèle Pearson  
Escamillo...Andrey Andreychik

Stage Director: Edward Franko  
Artistic Director: Dayla Varjabed

April 4 & 6, 2019 7:30 pm

Adults \$45, Seniors \$40, Students \$20

Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts  
10268 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill

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## **St Mary of the Angels Students sing along with Opera Belcanto of York**



As a music educator, one of my goals is to expose my students to a variety of musical genres and to give them opportunities to sing and perform. This is why I feel blessed to have Maestro David Varjabed, the musical director of Opera Belcanto of York, seven years ago when he introduced my students and I to opera. Since then, my students have been part of Opera Belcanto of York's annual Christmas Concert entitled "Joy". This year about 50 students of St Mary of the Angels School in Woodbridge from grades 2-8 experienced the unique

opportunity to share the stage with professional singers accompanied by an orchestra. The concert was well received by the audience and students enjoyed the opportunity to learn about opera and classical music. One chorus member said, "Thank you for this amazing experience to sing in a chorus and perform on stage! I will never forget this!" Many parents commented how this experience really boosted their child's self-esteem and confidence.

The St Mary of the Angels Chorus is excited to perform in the upcoming opera "Carmen" on April 4&6 at the Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts. I am thrilled to take my students to the next level of singing and acting on stage. Since I joined Opera Belcanto of York 3 years ago, I have developed a greater knowledge and appreciation of opera and I wish to ignite the same passion in my students for this beautiful art form. Who knows? Maybe one day one of my students may be the next Luciano Pavarotti or Maria Callas?

*Carmen Beltrano*

Music Teacher

St Mary of the Angels & Guardian Angels







**INFORMED CONSENT/PERMISSION FORM  
FOR SKATING EXCURSIONS**

**St. Mary of the Angels Catholic School Council** is arranging a skating excursion(s) for students, parents and volunteers to go to **AI Palladini Arena on Saturday, March 23, 2019.** This signed form is required for all students, parents and volunteers who wish to participate in this activity. It should be understood that the purpose of this excursion is educational.

**INHERENT RISK**

**Skating** is a sport with physical demands and inherent risks, which are beyond the control of **AI Palladini Arena** and the York Catholic District School Board. Falls, collisions and other incidents may occur which result in serious injury, such as fractures, cuts, concussion or death. Participants **must assume** the inherent risks of the sport. **Following all rules and procedures can reduce the risk of injury. Failure to follow rules will result in the student and adults losing their skating privileges.**

**EQUIPMENT**

**CSA approved hockey helmets must** be worn by all students participating in this activity.

As the safety of students and adults is our number one priority, York Catholic District School Board supports the Ontario Safety Guidelines that outline the importance of the use of a

**CSA approved hockey helmet** at all times for all levels of skating ability.

Parents must accept responsibility for equipment that is lost or damaged.



**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**WE HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE CONTENT OF THIS INFORMED CONSENT.**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF STUDENT: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: \_\_\_\_\_

**PERMISSION**

I give my son/s/daughter/s, \_\_\_\_\_ permission to participate in Skating to be held at **AI Palladini Arena** and will provide a CSA approved hockey helmet for my child.

I (parent/adult/s) \_\_\_\_\_ will be participating and Skating on the ice at **AI Palladini Arena** and will be wearing a CSA approved hockey helmet.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_