

St. Mary of the Angels CES Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

- April 3 Gr. 7 Confirmation
- April 18 Holy Thursday
- April 19 Good Friday
- April 21 Easter
- April 22 Easter Monday & Earth Day
- April 24 School Level Oral Communication
- April 26 Easter Liturgy @ 1:45 & Civvies Day
- May 5-10 Catholic Education Week

YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
SHARED VISION

<p>Mission Statement Guided by Catholic values and Catholic vision, in partnership with Home and Church, we educate all children and students to reach their full potential as a global citizen.</p>	<p>Core Values </p>
<p>Vision Statement Our Students and Teachers: Creative and Ethical thinkers who integrate and live values that bring hope, responsibility, responsible global citizens.</p>	<p>Strategic Commitments </p>



Let us pray, as the earth once again turns to face the sun, we rejoice in this season of spring. We give thanks, O God, that each day grows longer in light and that the earth has been liberated from the grip of winter. We remember the resurrection of Your Son Jesus from the depths of death's decay in the tomb, we lift our hearts to You in gratitude. We thank You for the gift of a day and all the graces it holds.

We ask for the grace, O God, to live in a new way. Grant us fresh dreams and new visions. May this day come upon us like Spring herself, so that our hearts may be filled with hope.

May we thus taste more deeply the joys of simply being alive. May we find the countless hidden treasures that You have scattered throughout this day and season!

May Your peace rest upon all the members of the Earthen family with whom You have made us one.

Amen.

Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we enter April and Spring is officially underway, the accompanying promise of joy and hope from Easter resides within us. I'm hoping you all had a Blessed Easter with your families. It also remains a very busy time of the year for both staff and students here at St. Mary of the Angels.

In April, we look forward to the school level "Oral Communications" competition on April 24th. Earth Day also offers us all the opportunity to reflect upon God's great gift all around us-our rich and abundant Earth.

We are called to pay proper respect to the manner in which we treat the environment and heighten our own awareness in this regard.

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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Mission Statement Catholic Education and Catholic Schools are committed to providing quality education and faith formation for all students to reach their full potential in a caring and supportive environment.	Core Values Leadership, Equity, Integrity, Respect, Responsibility, Community, Innovation, Creativity, Collaboration, Service, Faith, Hope, Love
Vision Statement Our students will flourish, create and fulfill the vision and integrate Catholic values into their daily lives as supply responsible good citizens.	Strategic Commitments Catholic Education and Catholic Schools will ensure that all students receive a high quality education that is rooted in the Gospel and the Catholic faith, and that all students are prepared for the future.



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.



Kindergarten Registration

We continue to accept Kindergarten registration. Parents may register their children during regular school hours 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.

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!



April – A Month to focus on Reverence

- I will honour and respect God's gift of life.
- I will appreciate the awe and wonder of God's Creation.



Intermediate Basketball Update



Our Intermediate Boys team participated in a tournament on March 25th at Blessed Trinity and our Girls Team on March 26th at our school. Both teams displayed great effort and sportsmanship. Thank you to Coach Leitao, Cavaliere, Sardo, Cano, and Colombo for all their support in coaching the teams.

School Dance Team

Congratulations to the School Dance Team who presented a phenomenal performance at St. Elizabeth School on April 1st. Thank you to Ms. Leva, Ms. Hoffman and Ms. Russo for organizing and supporting the Dance Team.

As We Prepare for the Upcoming Year

Spring has finally arrived, and we welcome the warm weather and bright sunshine. And while we have barely had the opportunity to enjoy the spring weather, we have already started planning and preparing for the new school year ahead. As part of the process, we look at the organization of our school, including class organization.

In efforts to assist us in the school organization for 2019-2020, we ask that you kindly inform the school if you are moving out of the area or planning not to return to St. Mary of the Angels by sending written confirmation and contacting the school office and informing Ms. Tamburini and Ms. Santino at 289-304-0719.

As we begin the process of class organization for the next year, please appreciate the fact that in creating class lists there is a careful process whereby teaching teams, support staff, and administration take into consideration various factors.

In creating the best possible groupings of students much time, thought, consideration and careful planning is involved. Our goal is to establish well-balanced classrooms. We wish to group students together so that they enhance one another's learning experience.

Should there be a split class created, please note that we do consider those students who have never been in a split class before as well as, individual special needs and learning styles.

Careful consideration is given to the following when forming class lists:

- Student learning styles
- Gender balance (male/female)
- Balanced academic abilities within each class
- Social, emotional and physical needs of students
- Student experience in combined class
- Behavioural needs
- Special Education/ESL needs
- General dynamics within the class
- A balance of maturity levels

Should you wish to share additional considerations in addition to those stated above, please write a letter only to the attention of Mrs. Scenna by May 10th. Please note that specific teacher requests will not be considered and should therefore not be included in the letter. In addition, we ask that you not include any other students' names in your requests as well.

Please remember that the final decision for student placement and school organization remains the responsibility of the school principal. We thank you for your cooperation and support.

EQAO

The weeks of May 21st to June 3rd, 2019, our Primary and Junior Division EQAO testing will take place. Our grade 3 and 6 students will continue in their preparation for the testing in a variety of ways, intertwined with ongoing classroom delivery of the curriculum. While standardized testing certainly has its merits, EQAO represents one valuable piece of data in the ongoing assessment of student achievement.

The best way to help prepare your children is to support them in regular review of concepts taught throughout the year. A reminder that it is very important that students are present when the tests are being administered and that there are no disruptions to their school day. Please ensure that doctor and dental appointments are scheduled after school hours during this time period.

Congratulations to our Confirmandi



We pray for our Confirmandi Candidates who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on April 3rd at St. Clare of Assisi Church. We thank Ms. Mossa, Ms. Russo, and Mr. Koci along with Monsignor John and Father Antonello for preparing our young candidates.

Catholic Education Week (May 5-10, 2019)



This year's Catholic Education Week theme is "Living as Joyful Disciples".





The 2019 theme was inspired by three sources: *Renewing the Promise*, *The Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis on the Call to Holiness and Young People the Faith and Vocational Discernment*. The theme and sub-themes are very much directed to the young people in our schools, especially in their growth in holiness and their formation as disciples of Christ through the discernment of their vocational pathways. In the section of *Renewing the Promise* entitled, "A Community that Forms Joyful Disciples," we read, "Our Catholic schools help to form joyful disciples as hearts and minds are opened to the transforming love of God and to the flame of faith in action. On a daily basis, Catholic schools demonstrate the joy of believing and witness the Good News to the communities that they serve."



There are five sub-themes for each day of Catholic Education Week:

Day 1: Rooted in Prayer Day 2: Living in Community Day 3: Doing Justice & Creating Hope
 Day 4: Journeying Together in Faith Day 5: Sharing the Good News

Catholic Education Week Activities (More Information to Follow)

Monday, May 6, 2019	Tuesday, May 7, 2019	Wednesday, May 8, 2019	Thursday, May 9, 2019	Friday, May 11, 2019
Future Steps Presentation 	Wellness Day With Coach Luigi 		Math Open House & Jump 2 Math Evening Presentation in the gym. 	Living Rosary 

The Great Big Crunch 2019

St. Mary of the Angels will partake in "The Great Big Crunch" by promoting, celebrating and enjoying healthy snacking. On Friday, April 26th @ 2:15 p.m. our students will be participants in a Canadian crunch. Since 2008, over 1 million people participated across Canada. If there is anyone who would like to volunteer with this event, please contact the school office.

Happy Crunching everyone!



ECO News

Earth Hour

All students and staff participated in observing Earth hour on Friday, March 29, 2019. This year, lights were dimmed to safety levels in support to preserve the decline of wildlife and protect nature.

Earth Week - Earth day: Monday April 22, 2019

Did you know that the month of April is dedicated to the Earth? The Eco club is working together to organize a number of Eco initiatives for Earth Week and Earth Day. Earth Week will begin on April 15 and end on Earth Day - April 22. Students will be involved in the following Eco initiatives:

April 15: Litterless Lunch Monday

Create as little waste as possible! Bring in reusable lunch containers.

April 16: Tree watering and vegetable seed preparation

Students will begin to water shade trees and place vegetable seeds into soil for our vegetable garden initiative.

April 17: Walk to school Wednesday

Walk to school if you live close by!

April 18: Thirsty Thursday

Make sure you come to school with your reusable water bottle and take advantage of our water dispensers.

April 19: Lights Free Friday/ Earth Day Pledge

Turn off the lights and use natural light. Take advantage of sunny days. Students will sign an Earth Day Pledge.

April 22: EARTH DAY!!!!

Continued EECC Platinum Certification Initiatives

Our Eco team has been working together on the following school and community initiatives.

1. Environmental Infographic Display

Our focus is The Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan. Eco members are researching and creating a digital display, showing how land use and resource management can help to preserve wildlife, habitats and indigenous plant/tree species.

2. Four Dynamic Eco-Team Displays

Eco-Team members are involved in designing bulletin board or LCD displays that change regularly to reflect a dynamic Ontario Eco-Schools program. Our bulletin board will reflect initiatives completed throughout the year, environmental news and future Eco events.

Thank you for your support,

The Eco Club



Luke 4:18 Global Initiative for 2019

As part of St. Mary of the Angels Me to We Global initiative, the Luke 4:18 committee is dedicating this year to raising funds for The Samaritan Foundation.

The problem:

After devastating earthquakes hit Haiti on January 12th, 2010, many Haitian families were left homeless and were forced to migrate east to the Dominican Republic in hopes of a more prosperous life. Unfortunately, because of political tensions between the two countries, homeless Haitian families that made it to the D.R were not welcomed with open arms and did not receive any financial support from the Dominican government. They were essentially seen as squatters on D.R land and remained poverty-stricken.

Coupled with the many homeless Dominican families, there are thousands of people living in unsanitary wooden shacks without any running water, daily food or income, unsure of what the next day might hold for the livelihood of their family.

Here is what they are living through:



The solution:

Over the last 25 years, The Samaritan Foundation has been working alongside the poorest people in the Dominican Republic to provide shelter and an escape from the cycle of poverty to give families the gift of a better life.

The projects they've completed include homes, schools, clinics and complete villages. So far, through the generosity of their supporters, they have built 14 villages representing over 1500 homes, 12 churches, 8 schools, 5 clinics, 4 playgrounds, 3 vocational schools, and 6 sports facilities.

Take a look below at some of the work they've done so far:



Our goal:

As our focus for the Me to We Global initiative, we will be raising funds for a beautiful brick and mortar home, with running water and plumbing for \$6500.00 Canadian dollars, built by the Samaritan Foundation within one of the residential communities they are developing. Once complete, these homes are donated to the homeless families that apply for the homes through the foundation.

With money raised and donated, we can provide shelter and a completely new life for an entire family for generations to come. Not only that, it will give their children the ability to have education and grow up with opportunities they would have never had otherwise.

Catholic Community Character Award Winners: Perseverance

<i>Teacher</i>	<i>Student of the Month</i>	<i>Teacher</i>	<i>Student of the Month</i>
Ms. Sacco	Teo Tran Deigo R. Gabriel S.	Ms. Sardo	Issa F. Matteo S.
Ms. Tatangelo	Adriano P., Alyssa C. Christian D.	Ms. Sacco	Aryana A., Juliano M. Gianpaolo P., Celina T.
Ms. Kennedy	Ian S., Mason L. Sienna R.	Ms. Barria	Sophia Z., Anthony A. Rosemary S.
Ms. Romano	Vincenzo I., Victoria M.R. Alessia V.	Ms. Raponi	Trinity D., Alessandra B. Dennys T.V.
Ms. Genovesi	Vienna F., Ezekiel O. Juliana S.	Mr. Zezza	Dylan C. Olivia M.
Ms. Baldassarra	Melina A., Mia M. Alexia N.	Ms. Pellegrino	Julia P. Alessandro P.
Ms. Noce & Ms. Cristiano	Enzo A. Giulia I.	Ms. Cabral	Matteo C. Ava B.
Ms. Contatto	Nathaniel P. Anthony P.	Ms. Torchia	Olivia D. Makala V.
Ms. Cano	Gabriel D. Jennifer G.	Ms. D'Ercole	Isabella A., Dimitri V. Tyler B., Mia P.
Ms. Gatti	Tyler S. Luca L.	Mr. Cavaliere	Emily B. Onorio M.
Ms. Simone	Enzo C.	Ms. Monteleone	Teah L., Rosalia F. Nicholas D.
Ms. Ellero	Lucas B., Selena D. Lyra S.E.	Mr. Spadafina	Nicolas D. Alexa G.
Ms. Di Pietro	Samantha B., Alex A. Sofia M.	Ms. Mossa	Daniela B. Joshua M.
Ms. Colasanti	Alessia F. Nathan L.	Mr. Koci	Joseph C. Jessica L.
Ms. Colombo	Anastasia A. Isiah F.	Ms. Russo	Marvin B., Benedetto P. Leeza A.
Ms. D'Ugo	Charlotte O. Luca D.	Mr. Asaro	Anthony P., Joshua P. Ethan D.
Ms. Spadafina	Maxi S. Matteo D.	Ms. Balsamo	Laurel Y., Vittorio I. Andrew B.
Ms. Crupi	Sol B. Noah D.		



**St. Mary of the Angels C.S.
Spring Food Drive**

*As part of St. Mary of the Angels' commitment to take care of others, as Jesus did, we will be taking part in a ...
Spring Food Drive*

Please help support our efforts by donating canned or dry goods for the Vaughan Food Bank. (e.g. baby formula and baby food, canned fish, pasta or rice, cereal, canned vegetables or fruit, canned sauce, powdered or canned milk and any other non-perishable food items)

The summer months have proven difficult for the Food Bank, so your donations are greatly appreciated.

WHERE: Please have your child(ren) bring donations to their class.

WHEN: Monday, April 8- Tuesday, April 16

*'If you can't feed a hundred people,
then feed just one.' Mother Teresa*

Thank you for your generosity.
...together we can make a difference



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LIVING IN COMMUNITY

April 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The York Catholic District School Board has begun to develop the next iteration of its Multi-Year Strategic Plan. The purpose of this process is to clearly identify what our goals will be within our strategic priorities for the next five years. An important part of this exercise is to engage you, our parents and guardians in the development of the plan and to ensure that your input is reflected.

Beginning in early April, York Catholic will engage in broad public consultations with members of the community. This will take place in the form of interactive online and in-person sessions at three of our secondary schools at the beginning of April. They will include and be followed-up with an online survey tool designed to help collect input from our community.

The scheduled in-person sessions are:

- April 2: Sacred Heart CHS (908 Lemar Rd, Newmarket, ON), Time: 6:30-8:00 pm
- April 3: St. Augustine CHS (2188 Rodick Rd, Markham, ON), Time: 6:30-8:00 pm
- April 4: St. Jean de Brebeuf CHS (2 Davos Road, Woodbridge, ON), Time: 6:30-8:00 pm

We sincerely hope that you will take the opportunity to attend one of our sessions and to participate online in our consultations.

For information on our public sessions or if you would like to register, please visit our website at www.ycdsb.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ab Falconi".

Ab Falconi
Director of Education



York Catholic District School Board

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March 29, 2019

A Message from Area 4 Superintendent, Mary Battista

Dear Area 4 School Communities:

It has been my pleasure to oversee our schools in the Richmond Hill, Maple, Woodbridge and Kleinburg areas for the past 8 years in my role as Superintendent of Education. I have witnessed firsthand the outstanding leadership of administrators and staff in our schools, who work diligently to provide students with many rich opportunities to achieve excellence in their educational journey. I truly enjoyed visiting schools, classrooms, and interacting with staff, students and parents.

I look forward to my new role as Superintendent of Education: Curriculum and Assessment, and will continue to work with administrators and staff to ensure that our students continue to achieve excellence in an engaging learning environment built on Catholic values.

I would like to thank my Trustees, administrators, staff and parents for their unwavering support throughout the years.

I welcome your new Superintendent of Education, Anthony Arcadi, founding principal of Pope Francis CES, as of April 1, 2019. His personal leadership qualities and passion and dedication to Catholic education will serve him well as he leads our schools in the 21st century.

May God bless you all in your work to nurture and sustain our Catholic education system.

Sincerely,

Mary Battista

M. Battista
Superintendent of Education



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Christ is risen, alleluia!

On this, the solemnity of solemnities, I want to take the opportunity to wish you and your children a very happy and blessed Easter! The Resurrection is the fulfilment of our Saviour's promise of salvation and the Easter season is a time when we take a moment to celebrate the gift of our redemption with our families. It is also a time of great celebration in our schools, that coincides with the arrival of spring and new beginnings.



Holy Week, which has led us to this glorious moment, is the most solemn and holy period in our liturgical year. It is an opportunity for us to pause and enter into the Paschal Mystery by uniting our own suffering with that of Christ. These days are a period of particular importance in our schools as our students are given the opportunity to reflect on their life of faith. Our Lord's entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday signifies the beginning of our liturgical celebration of the Paschal Mystery, where we consider His coming Passion, Death, and Resurrection during the Triduum.

Holy Thursday, the first day of the Triduum, reminds us of the celebration of the Last Supper and the institution of the Eucharist, which is the source and summit of our faith. Good Friday marks Christ's sacrifice of His life as well as our humble acknowledgement that God himself paid the ultimate price for our salvation. Holy Saturday begins in sorrowful silence but culminates in our joyful celebration of Christ's victory over death in the Easter Vigil, particularly at the beautiful moment where we welcome catechumens into the Church through Baptism and share with them the redemption won for us by Christ.

This rich spiritual experience of the Paschal Mystery that we celebrate in our schools, ultimately reminds us of who we are as followers of Christ and members of Catholic school communities. It is the central moment in our life of faith, especially as we are reminded that we are sons and daughters of God through the great mystery of our redemption.

May the glory of Christ's Resurrection be a moment of joy and peace in your lives and those of your children this Easter.

Sincerely,

Maria Marchese, Vice-Chair

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LIVING IN COMMUNITY

50th Anniversary Celebrations

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

4:30 p.m. - Mass

St. David's Church, Maple

Celebrant: Cardinal Thomas Collins

6 p.m. - Gala Dinner

Terrace Banquet Centre, Concord

Tickets: \$85

More information: www.ycdsb.ca/50

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Excellence in Catholic Education**

