

St. Mary of the Angels CES Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

- October 1: Soccer Plus Begins
- October 2: Cross Country Meet @ Bruce's Mill
- October 9: School Mass @ 9:00 & CSC Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- October 10 & 11: Brave School Program Grade 4-8
- October 14: Thanksgiving(No School)
- October 21: P.A. Day (No School)
- October 25: Dance-a-Thon Pledge Forms Due/ Civvies Day
- October 29: Crime Stoppers Program
- October 31: Halloween Dance-A-Thon



A Thanksgiving Prayer

Heavenly Creator, in this season of gratitude and abundance, we give You thanks for our many blessings as we pray for all who struggle with hunger and want.

Be with them in the dark of night, when all hope seems lost. Keep their faith strong as they await relief. And let Your goodness flow through our hearts and hands as we reach out to one another in the full, true joy of Thanksgiving in Christ.

Amen

On behalf of the staff at St. Mary of the Angels, from our family to yours, we would like to wish all the members of our school community a very Happy Thanksgiving on October 14th.



Principal's Message

The month of September has flown by and our students have settled into their routines. We are very proud of the way our students embrace their work with a sense of responsibility and commitment and also of the way in which they engage cooperatively with one another in play; we are very proud of them! Our school has had a successful start and we thank you for the overwhelming support in all our endeavours.

The fabulous attendance at Curriculum Night on September 11th is a reflection of your strong support, interest and involvement in your child's education. We hope that you found the evening both enjoyable and informative. Thank you to all our staff for all their hard work, commitment and dedication in ensuring that it was indeed a successful evening for our parents. Congratulations to all of you on a job well done!

We will be celebrating our first school Mass on Wednesday, October 9, 2019. We thank Father Antonello Murgia in advance for celebrating the Eucharist with our school community. We thank the Parents and Guardians who will be attending as we encourage community members to attend our liturgies and we always look forward to seeing you there.

These events mark the beginning of a successful school year for students, staff and parents. Let us continue to work together in maintaining this positive attitude throughout the year!

Mrs. Scenna

Happy Thanksgiving

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 12:35pm
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. Please also see our new website @ sms@ycdsb.ca

Contact Us

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Mission Statement Directed by the Holy Spirit and guided by the Catholic faith, we strive to provide a safe and secure environment for all students and staff.	Core Values Respect, Integrity, Responsibility, Creativity, Innovation, Excellence, Service, Leadership, Teamwork, Communication, Collaboration, Diversity, Inclusion, Sustainability, Global Awareness.
Vision Statement Our students will become confident and critical thinkers who integrate Catholic Values into their daily lives and actively participate in global issues.	Strategic Commitments 1. Provide a safe and secure environment for all students and staff. 2. Provide a high quality education for all students. 3. Provide a safe and secure environment for all students and staff.



Thanksgiving Food Drive

During the weeks leading up to Thanksgiving, we have been asking students to bring in non-perishable food items for our Thanksgiving food drive. All donations were given to the Vaughan Food Bank to be distributed to the less fortunate in our community. We want to ensure that everyone has food on their table this Thanksgiving. We thank you in advance for your generosity at this important time of the year!

*Come, Lord Jesus,
Be our guest,
And let Thy gifts to us
Be Blessed.
Amen.*

Kurt Schmeiser



Sacrament Dates:

Gr. 2 First Reconciliation: TBD @ school
Gr. 7 Confirmation: March 10, 2020 @ 7:00 p.m.
Gr. 2 Communion: April 18, 2020 @ 10:30 a.m.



Terry Fox Run

"Anything is possible, if you try." Terry Fox had a dream that people would continue to raise money for cancer awareness. St. Mary of the Angels would like to thank all families that made donations to the Terry Fox foundation. Your support helped our school surpass our goal of \$1,000.00. This year we raised \$1,285.00! That's truly amazing! Thank you St. Mary of the Angels for all of your support and a special thank you to Ms. Monteleone, Ms. D'Ercole and the Luke 4:18 Committee for organizing this event.

OCTOBER—A MONTH TO FOCUS ON COMPASSION

♥ understand others by listening.

♥ I will be willing to forgive others.

♥ I will give of myself to help those in need.



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.

Congratulations Cross Country Team! On Wednesday October 2nd, the St. Mary of the Angels cross country team ran at the area wide meet with such heart and enthusiasm and our school came **FIRST!** 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. Romano, Ms. Torchia, Ms. Bartucci and Mr. Cavaliere & Mr. Leitaio for a job well done!

Visiting the School

All parents and visitors are asked to sign in and out in the office. Whether you are meeting a teacher, picking up your child early, or volunteering, you must enter through the front doors of the school and check in at the office. If you would like to meet with a staff member, please report to the office and we will be happy to assist you. A reminder also that if you are going to an area of the school other than the office and/or foyer, you will be required to wear an Identification tag. This will assure all students that you are a "safe" visitor in the school. Adults walking in the hallway without an ID tag will be re-directed to the office. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with these important safety procedures.

Lunch Drop-offs



Children should arrive at school with their lunch in the morning. We do recognize that there are times when it may be necessary to deliver a lunch to school.

Please:

- ❖ Keep lunch drop-offs to a minimum (emergency and/or special occasions)
- ❖ Deliver to the lunch table in the front foyer before 11:35a.m.
- ❖ Ensure your child's name is on the lunch bag

Education Quality and
Accountability Office



We are pleased to provide you with the attached highlights of our school results on the provincial EQAO (Education Quality and Accountability Office) test written last spring. We will be reviewing our detailed EQAO results and other school assessment data, in order to build on our strengths and address areas requiring improvement. The students who participated in the assessment received their individual results this week. For additional information about this and other province-wide assessments, please visit www.eqao.com.

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. Please find the "Dress Code" information attached that has been reviewed and approved by Catholic School Council in May 2017.

Civvies Days will be on the last Friday of the month when students can wear their regular clothing. On those days, students will be asked to contribute a Loonie or Toonie for various charities.

October 25, November 29, December 20, January 31,

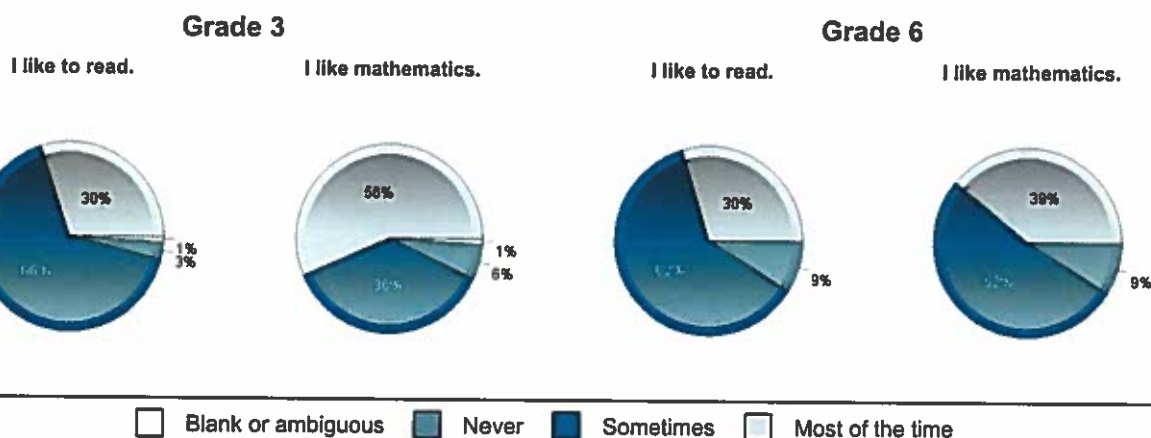
February 28, March 27, April 24, May 29 & June 19



Contextual Data

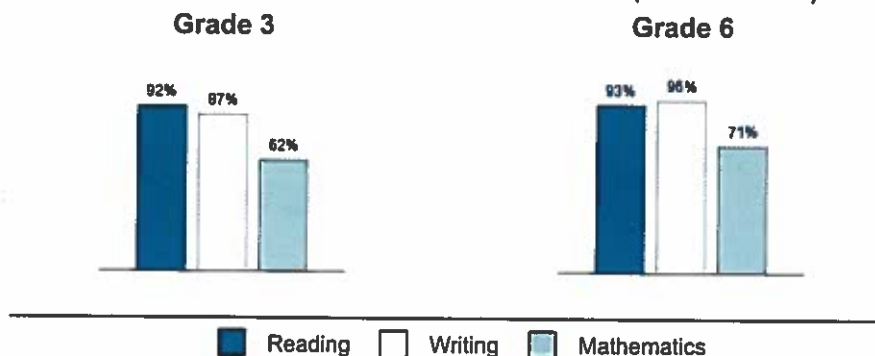
	Grade 3	Grade 6
Number of students	79	96
English language learners	0%	1%
Students with special education needs (excluding gifted)	9%	6%
First language learned at home was other than English	20%	15%
Students' time in Canada		
Born in Canada	96%	95%
In Canada less than one year	0%	1%
In Canada one year or more but less than three years	0%	1%
In Canada three years or more	4%	3%

Attitudes and Behaviour Data



Achievement Data

Students at or Above the Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4)



St. Mary of the Angels CES Standardized Dress Code Overview

JK – Grade 8 (2019-2020)



- 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/jeggings, 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.

Thank you to the parents, students and staff of St. Mary of The Angels School!!

With all of your donations and fundraising efforts last school year, we were blessed to have donated a new home to Stephany Carolina and her family in Sosua, Dominican Republic this past summer. Our school community has provided safe shelter and sustainable housing for this family in dire need. Stephany Carolina and her family were extremely grateful to us and The Samaritan Foundation which made this dream possible for them. Our school community has set an example for other schools within the YCDSB and as a result have built momentum from this initiative to inspire other Luke 4:18 committees.



"Do not pass by a man in need, for you may be the hand of God to him"
Proverbs 3:27



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.



2019/2020 Catholic School Council Update

Thank you to the Catholic School Council who have contributed so much to our school community.

This year's new Catholic School Council Executive Members are:

Chair: Mena DiRuscio

Co-Chairs: Angela Bonavota & Amanda Di Felice

Treasurer: Carmen Lopreiato

Secretary: Daniela D'Agostino

Lunch Coordinator: Andrea Bosco

Voting Catholic School Council Members are: Sandra Cortese, Piera Nardi, Rosa Francavilla, Lena Biase-Zerafa, Sherisse Rocha, Lucy Pasquali, Grace Smith, Christina Colella De Paola, Simone Volpe, Kathryn Serravalle, Cristina Rocca, Monica Tersigni, Diana Lulianetti-Mittone,

Patricia Pucci Non-Voting Members are: Shirley Galloro,

CSC Meeting Dates @ 6:30 p.m. in the School Library:

October 9, 2019, November 6, 2019, January 15, 2020, February 12, 2020,

April 1, 2020, May 6, 2020, June 11, 2020



Parent Council is looking for interested parent volunteers who would like to share their time and talent with staff and students at our school. Volunteers strengthen and enrich educational programs and foster cooperation among all partners in our Catholic school community.

Volunteers can provide a short term or long-term commitment to such things as: fundraisers, special events and our lunch program.

If you are interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities, please email smota.events@gmail.com

Catholic Community Character Award Winners: Courage

<i>Teacher</i>	<i>Student of the Month</i>	<i>Teacher</i>	<i>Student of the Month</i>
Ms. Genovesi	Arianna B., Matteo C. Desi S.	Ms. Raponi	Aiden C., Cristiano B.
Ms. Sacco	Emma B., Sofia B. Francis E.	Ms. DeAngelis	Daniel M., Ella A.
Ms. Barrila	Gianluca D., Anthony H.	Ms. Sacco	Joseph E., Sarah B.
Ms. Dell'Anno	Ava M., Paula M.	Ms. Pellegrino	Lilla-Marie R., Noah Z.
Ms. Romano	Diego S., Martyn S. Taya W.	Ms. Cabral	Juliano M., Daniel D.
Ms. Kennedy	Lucas C., Stefan S.	Mr. Zezza	Francesco P., Rosemary S.
Ms. Noce & Ms. Cristiano	Max C., Stefano S.	Ms. Torchia	Trinity D., Daniel R.
Ms. Contatto	Mary S., Dahun E.	Mr. Spadafina	Isabella R., Justin M.
Ms. La Neve	Cassandra F., Anthony M.	Mr. Silva	Olivia D., Isabella L.
Ms. Tatangelo	Dylan D., Demarion T.	Ms. Monteleone	Nicole D., Anne-Marie E.
Ms. Amato	Stefaniia C., Kauan L.	Ms. D'Ercole	Iliyan M.
Ms. Colasanti	Joseph H., Chiara B.	Mr. Koci	Evis M., Matteo M.
Ms. Di Pietro	Nick R. O., Nicoleta C.	Ms. Villani	Andrew O., Isabella F.
Ms. Simone	Olivia S., Camila L.	Mr. Cavaliere	Hailey P., Mark G.
Ms. Spadafina	Emily F., Luca R.	Ms. Asaro	Emma D., Kayla F.
Ms. Colombo	Nicholas F., Tianna S.	Ms. Balsamo	Maura G., Jakob D.
Ms. Crupi	Samantha B., Mia S.	Ms. Russo	Joseph C., Emma M.
Ms. D'Ugo	Michelle S., Gabriel D.		



BRAVE[™]
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Brave is visiting your child's school this year to teach:



Level 1 Understanding Bullying

This workshop will cover:

- ▶ What bullying is
- ▶ What conflict is
- ▶ The 4 types of bullying
- ▶ How to use your presence to set boundaries using: Body Language, Tone of Voice and Words
- ▶ In the moment actions steps to diffuse conflict.



Brave provides in the moment communication skills.
Conflict resolution for students.
Behaviour transformation for educators.

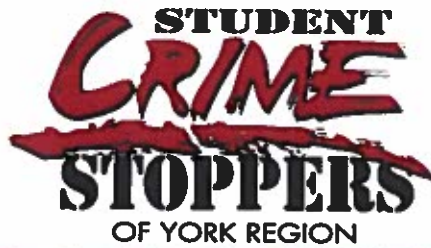
Want to support your children from home?

Check out our free and purchasable resources at
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NO COST PRESENTATIONS PROVIDED ON

- anti-bullying & cyber bullying
- internet safety
- social networking
- online predators

How Crime Stoppers can work for you and your school?

Crime Stoppers of York Region is a partnership between York Regional Police, the community and the Local media. As part of our commitment to the continued education of our community's youth, we offer presentations for grades 4-9 at **NO COST**.

Crime Stoppers allows our youth to report information that is shared with the police while remaining anonymous. This satisfies the "fear of reprisal" concern that most of our youth feel when seeking help or assistance from an adult or their peers.

Our Crime Stoppers officer will attend your school and work with you to tailor a presentation to suit your needs. We can offer presentations regarding the Crime Stoppers Program and relevant issues involving today's youth, including but not limited to: bullying, internet and social networking safety.

Crime Stoppers is also proud to offer the annual Crime Stoppers School Symposium held every November.



For school or community presentations contact presentation@1800222tips.com or 905-830-0303 extension 7911.

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