

St. Mary of the Angels CES Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

September 11th - SMS Open House @
7:00-8:00PM

September 17th - CSC Election
Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

September 23rd - P.A. Day (No School)

September 24-27th - Safety Awareness
Week

September 24th - Grade 7 School
Immunization

September 26th - Loonie/Toonie Terry
Fox Walk (Civvies Day)

Rain Date: September 27th

September 30th - Orange Shirt Day
"Every Child Matters"

October 2nd - Cross Country Meet
@ Bruce's Mill

October 14th - Thanksgiving (No
School)

Back to School: Prayer for the Start of the School Year

Loving God, Our creator, our saviour, our companion, blesses this journey of a new school year that we undertake today. Refresh our souls and renew our spirits. As we embrace the beautiful ministry you have called us to. We welcome those who are new to this community and ask that you strengthen them to share the wonderful gifts you have given them. Lord, make our hearts pure as we prepare for the return of students to our schools, and may you guide them to return with open hearts and minds eager to learn.

We ask this in Your name,
Amen



Principal's Message

Welcome to the blessings of a new school year!

It is truly with great excitement that we welcome our students back for another year filled with spiritual, emotional and physical growth! It promises to be an exciting and eventful year here at St. Mary of the Angels Catholic School and we enthusiastically anticipate continuing to foster the partnership between staff, parents and parish. We welcome back our returning families and staff, as well as extend a warm welcome to new families, students and staff.

We invite each and every one of you to become an integral member of the school community. Education is a partnership that cannot occur without the support of every staff member, the involvement of every parent and the commitment of every student. At St. Mary of the Angels Catholic School, we strive to help our students become successful through dynamic, differentiated and authentic learning experiences, while supporting their transition from childhood into adolescence.

We thank-you all for following drop-off and pick-up routines and for dressing your children according to the school dress code which has been emailed to all the families and is attached to this newsletter. We are noticing cars coming to drop off earlier in the morning and we appreciate that you are waiting for school staff to arrive. It is important that parents do not park in the parking lot and that drop-off be quick and safe for all students. In the afternoons, we appreciate you utilizing street parking as much as possible. Also, please remember that the driveway is not for parking over long periods of time.

We are hosting our Open House on September 11th from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. so please feel free to come by and meet your child's/ren's new teacher in their classrooms! As a community of faith, emphasis will be placed on assisting all students in developing a true and in depth understanding of Jesus as we continue to follow in His footsteps.

On behalf of the staff, Mr. Dulcigno, Ms. Fiore and myself, we wish you a great start to a wonderful new school year!

Mrs. 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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Orange Shirt Day Every Child Matters

Orange Shirt Day is celebrated across Canada every September 30th. YCDSB invites its school communities to celebrate Orange Shirt Day with us on September 30, 2019, by wearing an orange T-Shirt. Therefore, we encourage all students to wear any clothing item in orange to celebrate this day.

Cross Country Angels!

Our students are quick to join the exciting Cross Country Team this year! They are eager to pick up the pace as they practice long-distance running skills. Their coaches are very proud of their efforts and know that they will achieve great success at the Cross Country Meet on October 2nd at Bruce's Mill.

Parish News

St. Clare of Assisi Church welcomes Father Antonello Murgia who will be actively part of our school community. We look forward to celebrating our first mass with Father Antonello once we determine a date.

Sacrament Dates:

Gr. 2 First Reconciliation: TBD @ school
Gr. 7 Confession: February 20, 2020 @ 7:00 p.m.
Gr. 7 Confirmation: March 10, 2020 @ 7:00 p.m.
Gr. 2 Parent Meeting: April 14, 2020 @ 8:00 p.m.
Gr. 2 Communion: April 18, 2020 @ 10:30 a.m.

Terry Fox Run

This year we will once again be supporting the annual fundraiser in honour of Terry Fox. We hope to keep his memory alive by contributing to this worthy cause and by instilling in our children the ability to have the courage to help others and to believe that we can all make a difference. Please feel free to contribute to this cause by having your child bring in a Loonie or Toonie. The walk around the school will take place on Thursday, September 26th. (Rain Date: September 27, 2019).

Safety Awareness Week Sept. 24th-27th

All YCDSB schools will participate in a variety of activities related to student safety during this week.

SEPTEMBER—A MONTH TO FOCUS ON COURAGE

This month we celebrate the virtue of courage.

Our three "I Will" statements are:

- I will stand up for what I know is right and just.
- I will face challenges, fears and difficulties with fortitude
- I will take responsibility for reaching my potential

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.



Parking & Kiss-and-Ride Safety

Parents and Guardians,

We are asking and reminding all parents and guardians to **NOT** park and/or leave your vehicle in the '**Kiss-And-Ride**' during morning drop off. We are finding a number a vehicles unattended and parked, this is leading to increased levels of frustration and a backlog of vehicles trying to enter. We are asking respectfully, for everyone to *work together and respect* the rules of the Kiss-And-Ride.

'Kiss-And-Ride' Instructions: Please pull in (watch for children crossing), help your child(ren) out of the vehicle, say your 'goodbyes/kiss' them off and exit the Kiss-And-Ride. Please do not linger or leave your car unattended. If parents/guardians wish to walk and continue supporting their child's entry, we encourage that they safely park on the city street and walk over. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support in ensuring the safety for all during the busy morning drop off.

End of day procedures: The school parking lot is closed at **2:30**. Entry after this time is prohibited for the following reasons;

- After school daycare staff require parking.
- Parents with appointments with teacher/administration require parking.
- **Fire route must not be blocked.**
- Vehicle traffic in the parking lot and 'Kiss-And-Ride' area leads to unsafe conditions and **puts student safety at risk.**

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support in ensuring the safety for all during the busy end of day pick up.

-Mrs. Scenna, Mr. Dulcigno and Ms. Fiore



St. Mary of the Angels Catholic School Council

Nomination Form 2019-2020

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome back as we begin another school year, for students, staff and parents alike. We cannot emphasize the importance of this learning partnership enough, and with that in mind, extend an invitation to our parent community to consider becoming a member of the **St. Mary of the Angels Catholic School Council**. This is an exciting opportunity for parents to become involved in the academic, social and spiritual aspects of school life here at **St. Mary of the Angels Catholic School**. Nomination forms will be accepted from **September 7th to September 17th, 2019**. Please review the responsibilities and procedures outlined below and submit nomination forms by the indicated deadline. We look forward to working with you.

Responsibilities of Catholic School Councils per Regulation

Conduct yearly elections – within first 30 days.
Hold a minimum of 4 meetings a year.
Hold meetings in school or location accessible to the public.
Keep minutes of meetings.
All financial transactions must be recorded.
Publish an annual report – submit to Principal & Board.
Consult with parents on matters under consultation by the council.
May engage in fund raising activities in accordance with School Board Policy.

Catholic School Council Membership must include:

Parents, minimum 10, maximum 20 (to be elected by parents)
Community Representative (appointed by Council)
Non-teaching staff 1 (elected by non-teaching staff)
Teacher 1 (elected by teachers)
Principal (automatic member)

Procedures for Voting:

Our election meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 6:30p.m.** Further information will follow once all nominations are submitted on the due date.

If you are interested in becoming a candidate for election, or if you would like to nominate a candidate, please complete the form below and forward it to the School Principal as soon as possible.

Nominations will be accepted from September 7th – September 17, 2019 to the school office.

Candidate Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone #: _____ Business/Cell #: _____

I am the parent/guardian of: _____

(Name (s) of student (s))

I wish to declare my candidacy/nominate for elected position as a parent representative on the **St. Mary of the Angels Catholic School Council**.

I would like to have the position of (see attached for position descriptions):

☐ Voting Member ☐ Chair ☐ Co-Chair ☐ Treasure ☐ Secretary

I understand the role and responsibilities of a member of the School Council.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Catholic School Council Position Descriptions

Catholic School Council meetings run monthly (either Wednesdays or Thursdays) at 6:30pm in the school library. There is no meeting in December or March. Below are the descriptions of various available positions for the 2019/2020 year. If you have any questions feel free to email smota.events@gmail.com

Chair

- create meeting agenda
- run meetings (with co-chair)
- main contact for the office & administration
- respond to emails from Council gmail
- create & manage event sub-committees (with Co-Chair)
- manage calendar for upcoming events
- oversee fundraisers & school events (with Co-Chair & subcommittee)

Co-Chair

- assist Chair
- back up to run meetings as needed
- create & manage event sub-committees (with Chair)
- oversee school activities and manage volunteers- communion, confirmation gifts, Carnival (hot chocolate), Pancake Tuesday & Xmas event (market)

Treasurer

- create and balance council budget
- balance all ledgers with Head Secretary
- provide monthly budget updates for meetings
- sign off on all transactions
- assist with council events planning & execution

Secretary

- take meeting minutes & provide final copy to Chair
- assist with council events planning & execution

Lunch Coordinator

- manage and update hot lunch website
- lunch vendor point of contact
- manage/organize lunch volunteers
- balance website financial report & submit monthly to treasurer
- create flyers for hot & fun lunch

Voting Member

- attend monthly meetings and vote on required items
- assist in planning and volunteering at school events & fundraisers
- provide ideas and feedback on school initiatives