

St. Mary of the Angels CES Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

- **Dec. 11:** Advent Liturgy @ 9:00 a.m. & 1:00pm
- **Dec. 16-20:** Christmas Spirit Week
- **Dec. 18:** FDK Christmas Concert @ 1:30 p.m.
- **Dec. 19:** Tech Hour
- **Dec. 20:** Last Day Before Christmas Break
- **Dec. 21-Jan. 5:** Christmas Break
- **Jan. 6:** School Resumes

YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD SHARED VISION

Mission Statement We are to engage, inspire and lead our students, staff, and community in a journey of faith, hope and love, so that we may all live in peace and harmony.	Core Values Faithful, Hopeful, Loving, Respectful, Responsible, Safe, Healthy, Inclusive, Collaborative, Innovative, and Sustainable.
Vision Statement Our students will become confident and resilient individuals who will contribute to the well-being of our world through their actions.	Strategic Objectives 1. Provide a safe and secure learning environment for all students. 2. Ensure all students have access to quality learning experiences. 3. Foster a culture of respect and collaboration. 4. Promote the well-being of all students, staff, and the community.



Advent Prayer

Father, all-powerful God, your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin **Mary** placed her **life** at the service of your plan. Lift our minds in watchful **hope** to hear the voice which announces His **glory** and open our minds to receive the **Spirit** who prepares us for His coming. We ask this through **Christ** our Lord. Amen.



Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The first term of this school year has already come to an end and I have had many wonderful opportunities to interact with the students of St. Mary of the Angels. I do feel blessed! With each passing year, I become increasingly more aware of the many gifts that I have been given. Some may suggest that age will sometimes do that, but I prefer to refer to it as wisdom. Wisdom would involve not just the passage of time, but what we do with time and the lessons learned and lived along the way.

I feel blessed with the precious gifts of family, friends and faith. I have been blessed to be a part of a profession that has withstood the changes and ongoing challenges of time. The gift of family keeps me grounded, provides me with strength to overcome obstacles and embraces me with love. Friends are a source of renewed hope. They take part in our everyday experiences that make up such a huge part of our lives. Appreciating the gift of friendship and the importance they have in our lives, has certainly enriched mine. The gift of faith is something we give ourselves. With faith, we believe that anything is possible. God's love continues to be our guide and our strength.

The birth of baby Jesus, such a spectacular event, has great capacity to bring families and friends together. I have seen the face of God's love in people's kind words, acts of generosity, and in the sound of children's laughter.

My wish for you; warm blessings and treasured moments with your families. May God bless each of you with love, hope, joy and the spirit of Christmas.

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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Mission Statement St. Mary of the Angels CES will continue to provide quality Catholic education with the same high standards and commitment to excellence in all areas of our school.	Core Values Respectful, Responsible, Caring, Honest, Gracious, Faithful, Committed, Courageous, Humble, Grateful
Vision Statement Our students will become confident and critical thinkers who integrate Catholic values in all their daily lives as socially responsible global citizens.	Strategic Commitments Academic Excellence, Student Well-being, Catholic Education, Community Engagement, Financial Stewardship



Reporting Student Progress

The Progress Reports went home on November 12th and parent teacher interviews were conducted on the 15th and 16th of November. Thanks to the parents for taking the time to meet with their child's teacher. Your input and support is greatly valued. I thank the teachers for their ongoing dedication in providing feedback that will continue to support student learning. Student success and student achievement is a joint venture. It is a journey that we have embarked on together.

Belief in oneself is one of the most important bricks in building any successful venture. *Lydia M. Child*

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.

We Welcome Baby Jesus

On Wednesday, December 11th, we will be having our Advent Liturgy in our school gym at 9:00 a.m. (FDK, Grades 4, 6 &7) & 1:00 p.m. (FDK, Grade 5, 6, 8). Our Primary Division will spiritually prepare us for the coming of Jesus.



Spirit Club

In preparation for the upcoming holiday season, the Spirit Club will be running a Christmas Spirit Week from Monday, December 16th to Friday, December 20th. This will prove to be a very exciting week where students will have the opportunity to participate in many fun activities. Overview of themes attached.

The events include:

Monday: Pyjama Day –wear appropriate Pyjama bottoms to school

Tuesday: Winter Sports/Jersey Day - wear anything related to winter sports

Wednesday: Christmas Hat Day - wear your best festive hat

Thursday: Red and Green Day- Wear your snazziest Christmas colours

Friday: Christmas Civvies Day

Let's all get into the Christmas spirit!



December— A Month to focus on Hope

- I will prepare for Christmas by waiting for hope, faith, joy & love.
 - I will look to the future with trust in 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. **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. After the bell rings, all students should enter through the front doors only.

Colder Weather

Winter is around the corner! With that in mind, please remember to dress children appropriately for the colder weather. Hats, gloves, scarfs 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 2019- 2020 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 1-877-330-3301 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



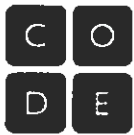


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Hour of Code



During the Week of Code (December 9-13) Grade 4-6 students will be introduced to the basics of computer science by participating in **Hour of Code**. Lead by the librarian and teachers, students will choose from a number of tutorials that introduce them to computer science and programming in a way that is relevant, engaging and fun! The focus is on creativity and imagination. Students will be able to use computers as designers and creators. The goal is that students are able to understand and create dynamic, interactive media similar to that which they see and use every day with their computer games and apps.

Student Learning

Hour of Code and creative computing introduces students to basic programming concepts such as repeat-loops, conditions, and simple algorithms in a fun and engaging way. Creative computing can certainly generate an interest in computer science and programming, but the learning goes beyond this; students develop skills that are essential and transferable, such as the ability to,

- reason systematically
- sequence
- problem solve and persevere
- think critically
- work collaboratively
- express ideas using media
- become fluent using technology

Students can continue their learning at home and participate in all the tutorials available through...

<https://code.org/learn>

Happy Computing!

Dear Parents/Guardians,

During this most holy season, we prepare for the coming of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Together we wish and pray for peace in our hearts, our homes, in our school, in our community, in our country and in our world.

Symbolism of the Advent Wreath

- ❖ The four Candles represent the 4000 years prior to Christ's coming and the four weeks of Advent.
- ❖ The unlighted Candles represent the dark ages before Christ's coming.
- ❖ The lighted Candles represent Christ, the light of the World. Each week we light one more candle and that represents the idea of the coming of Christ is closer.
- ❖ The circular form of the wreath symbolizes that God has no beginning and no end.
- ❖ The green of the boughs indicates hope-just as the green of spring indicates new life.

The word Advent means the coming of promise.

From all of us at St. Mary of the Angels, we would like to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

May 2020 be filled with happiness, joy and prosperity.



Catholic Community Character Award Winners: Justice

<i>Teacher</i>	<i>Student of the Month</i>	<i>Teacher</i>	<i>Student of the Month</i>
Ms. Genovesi	Amedeo D., Sebastian G. Sofia D.	Ms. Raponi	Lucas M. Leandro G.
Ms. Sacco	Milayah F., Joseph M. Lauren M.	Ms. DeAngelis	Eva D. Alessandro V.
Ms. Barrila	William S. Vanessa Q.	Ms. Sacco	Emma P. Michael M.
Ms. Dell'Anno	Lilah D., Nicolas A. Faiza O.	Ms. Pellegrino	Mia-Rose A. Julia D.
Ms. Romano	Adriano P. Nathan M.	Ms. Cabral	Matthew G. Mary Grace D.
Ms. Kennedy	Lily Z. SaraGrace F.	Mr. Zezza	Olivia F. Luca G.
Ms. Noce & Ms. Cristiano	Olivia ___ Gabriel S.	Ms. Torchia	Olivia R. Nicholas V.
Ms. Contatto	Massimo M. Luca C.	Mr. Spadafina	Luvinia B. Sienna D.
Ms. La Neve	Marcus C. Piper M.	Mr. Silva	Laura G. Gianluca V.
Ms. Tatangelo	Sofia N. Matthew M.	Ms. Monteleone	Lucas D. Francesco V.
Ms. Amato	Bianca B. Ethan C.	Ms. D'Ercole	Vanessa M., Princeton L. Alessandro P.
Ms. Colasanti	Mikayla R. Cayden R.	Mr. Koci	Samantha S. Evis M.
Ms. Di Pietro	Emma L. Gabriel P.	Ms. Villani	Sebastian G. Bianca B.
Ms. Simone	Nathaniel P.	Mr. Cavaliere	Daniel S. Alexa G.
Ms. Spadafina	Siena N. Marco T.	Ms. Asaro	Jun E. P. Joshua M.
Ms. Colombo	Kaye L. Julianna D.	Ms. Balsamo	Megan G. Tristan K.
Ms. Crupi	Catherine R. Matteo C.	Ms. Russo	Isabella P. Marco K.
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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we get into the excitement of Christmas and the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, I invite you all to join me as we reflect on the many blessings from this past year and to look forward to the many blessings that await us.

Christmas is a time of year when our schools joyfully participate in celebrations that lift the hearts of our students on the blessed journey to Christ's birth. In our schools, students are celebrating through musical concerts and Nativity plays, community service projects and most importantly through a deepened time of prayer. Each of these provide our students with opportunities to enrich their spiritual journeys that give deeper meaning to this faith-filled season.

Let us be grateful that we are a part of a Catholic school system where students can practice their faith every day as they grow intellectually, emotionally and spiritually. Let us be inspired by the foundation of excellence which supports all that we do here at the York Catholic District School Board.

I hope that your hearts will be filled with the warmth that is the closeness of your family, friends and loved ones this holiday season. May the joy and peace of Christmas be with you throughout the year. Merry Christmas!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Maria Marchese".

Maria Marchese, Vice-Chair



St Mary of the Angels



Christmas Spirit Week

Monday Dec 16/19	Tuesday Dec 17/19	Wednesday Dec 18/19	Thursday Dec 19/19	Friday Dec 20/19
Pajama Day (appropriate pjs) Principal for the day Milania R.	Jersey Day	Christmas Hat/Accessory Day	Christmas Sweater Day/ Green and Red Day Tech Hour	Civies Day



**On behalf of the Luke 4:18 Committee,
we would like to wish everyone a Merry
Christmas!**

