

St. Nicholas Catholic School

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we are gifted with each other

Good Afternoon Parents/Guardians,

Please see below for some news and information on recent and up-coming events here at St. Nicholas.

Fundraiser (Halloween Dance-A-Thon):

On behalf of myself and the staff here at St. Nicholas, we would like to thank all of our families for all of your generosity throughout our fundraising (Dance-A-Thon) campaign. In addition, we would like to thank our wonderful Catholic School Council for their leadership in organizing and preparing such a great event. Our students had a phenomenal time at our Dance-A-Thon and we were able to raise \$14,682.65! (before expenses). This money will go back to our students in the form of additional resources to enhance our programs. For example, new gym equipment, musical instruments, resources for math and literacy, library enhancements and much more. Thank you again for your support and generosity. We would also like to thank our community partners that supported/donated to our fundraiser:

- Best Buy East Gwillimbury
- Murray Family Chiropractic
- Tricks with Bricks
- Academy for Math and English Aurora
- Air Riderz Adventure Park Aurora
- Mastermind Toys E.G.
- Toppers Pizza Newmarket
- Molisana Bakery Newmarket
- Funnery Play Park Café Newmarket
- barBurrito Newmarket
- Harvey's
- Luna Ristorante Newmarket
- Subway
- Bulk Barn
- Staples
- Dairy Queen
- Chapters
- Swiss Chalet
- Baskin Robbins

Extreme Weather Temperature

As part of our school Board Policy (Policy 221), elementary schools shall follow the guidelines and action plans as outlined so as to minimize the health risks associated with extreme cold or heat. Parents, staff representatives, and myself shared valuable input on this topic, and all opinions were taken into consideration during our last Parent Council meeting on Monday November 11th. Based on our discussion on the topic, the extreme cold temperature (with the windchill) has been set to **-18 degrees**. This means that when the temperature is -18 degrees or colder, students will stay indoors during recess times.

Movie Night

St. Nicholas CES will support and participate in the **St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Program** again this Christmas season. This year we would like to assist more families as the number of those in need continues to grow. In order to achieve our goal, our Catholic School Council have organized and will be hosting a **Movie Night on Thursday November 28th**, after school in the gym, to support this wonderful initiative. For an additional \$2 donation, students can wear their pajamas ('Pajama Day') to school on Thursday November 28th. A flyer has been sent home with additional details.

Bully Prevention Week

Bully Prevention Week is November 18th to November 22nd. Here at St. Nicholas we will be participating in a variety of initiatives to strengthen our spirit around being kind to one another and standing up to bullying. Our planned initiatives include:

1. Together as a school we will create a community school board in the foyer dedicated to peace and building a bully free school environment.
2. Each day we will play "Peace, Salaam, Shalom" first thing in the morning as students are entering the school and once again when students are beginning to prepare for lunch recess. The lyrics to the song are the word 'peace' sung in different languages. The word blends beautifully with a variety of different cultural and ethnic beats and tones. The song will be a reminder to students to promote peace, kindness and inclusion for all.
3. Our activities will also continue the following week with an engaging Bully-awareness presentation by Coby the Magician. Here is a breakdown:

FDK/Grades 1's : "Sharing is Caring" show: (more magic, more visuals, and interactive)

Grades 2-5: Verbal and Physical Bullying - Identifying what bullying is and what its not, coping strategies, visual demos and discussion .

Grades 6-8 / High Schools Cyber Bullying- Responsible use of technology and Social Media.

Each presentation is themed with an age appropriate **Professional & Interactive Magic** show.

4. Student led drama presentation of the book "One" by Kathryn Otoshi.

Please continue to visit our school website, <https://www.ycdsb.ca/sns/>, for school news and updates.

Kind Regards,

Mr. Zorzi
Principal