

# St. Mary of the Angels CES Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

**September 19th - SMS Open House @**  
7:00-8:30PM

**September 25<sup>th</sup> - P.A. Day (No School)**

**September 26th - CSC Election**  
Meeting

**September 28th - Loonie/Toonie Terry**  
Fox Walk Rain Date: October 6th

**September 29th -Loonie/Toonie**  
Civvies for the Deandra Fund.

**September 25-29th -Safety Awareness**  
Week

**October 9th - Thanksgiving (No**  
School)

**October 13th - Cross Country Meet @**  
Bruce's Mill

**October 26th- Bright Pics Photo Day**

### 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 19th from 7:00 – 8:30 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 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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## School Pictures

We are happy to have **Bright Pics Photography** provide our school pictures this year. They will be here on **October 26th** for the whole school and retakes will be **November 13th**. All students are to wear their dress code uniforms and we will not have any sibling photos at this time. Spring photos will take place later in second term and all students will be able to dress in their civvies clothing for that day and sibling photos will be available.

## 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 13th** 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 on **a date to be determined**.

## Sacrament Dates:

Gr. 2 First Reconciliation: TBD @ school  
Gr. 7 Confession: February 15, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Gr. 7 Confirmation: February 28, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Gr. 2 Parent Meeting: April 4, 2018 @ 8:00 p.m.  
Gr. 2 Communion: April 7, 2018 @ 2:30 p.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 **Friday September 30th. (Rain Date: October 3, 2016)**

## Safety Awareness Week Sept. 25th-29th

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 (2017-2018)



- 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 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.



# ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS

## CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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September 7th, 2017

Dear St. Mary of the Angels Community:

### **RE: SPIRIT WEAR**

We are very excited this year to offer the opportunity to purchase **St. Mary of the Angels Spirit Wear** through our dedicated E-store. This is a yearly opportunity to promote our school spirit and also adheres to our school uniform policy.

Our **first web** campaign is now open and will close on **September 22, 2017**. Orders placed during this period will be delivered no charge to the school by **mid-October**.

There are several reasons **St. Mary of the Angels Spirit Wear** is encouraged:

- 1) Students can use St. Mary of the Angels Spirit Wear as gym clothing. Parents will not need to spend money on other gym clothes, nor worry if their child is wearing clothing that is appropriate for gym.
- 2) Students can wear their St. Mary of the Angels Spirit Wear during special assemblies and spirit/virtue days to display school pride.
- 3) Students can wear their St. Mary of the Angels Spirit Wear and be recognized as St. Mary of the Angels students during outings, such as the Terry Fox Walk, to display school pride.
- 4) Students can wear St. Mary of the Angels Spirit Wear at sporting events to support St. Mary of the Angels athletes and display school pride.

This year all orders can be made online via our dedicated E-store via this link:

<https://varsitycanada.com/schools/St.MaryoftheAng/>

We are aware that some parents may be hesitant to purchase clothing when they are not sure that it will properly fit. We strongly encourage parents to review sizing chart which is part of the site. In addition, we have clothing samples if students wishing to make a purchase prefer to try on to verify size before they place their order.

Absolutely no money will be taken by the office. All purchases are to be made online via credit card or debit visa. We cannot accept cheques.

We look forward to seeing everyone in their St. Mary of the Angels gear!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Miranda Scenna  
Principal



SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR  
**YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

**2017 - 2018**

**SEPTEMBER**

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**JANUARY**

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**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DAYS**

- E/S - Monday, September 25, 2017
- E/S - Friday, October 20, 2017
- E/S - Friday, November 24, 2017
- E - Friday, January 19, 2018
- E/S - Friday, February 2, 2018
- S - Friday, May 4, 2018
- E - Monday, June 4, 2018
- S - Thursday, June 28, 2018
- E/S - Friday, June 29, 2018

**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

- Labour Day September 4, 2017
- Thanksgiving October 9, 2017
- Christmas Break Dec. 25, 2017- Jan. 5, 2018
- Family Day February 19, 2018
- March Break March 12-16, 2018
- Good Friday March 30, 2018
- Easter Monday April 2, 2018
- Victoria Day May 21, 2018

**ELEMENTARY**

- Progress Report November 21, 2017
- Reporting Periods February 13, 2018  
June 28, 2018

**SECONDARY SEMESTERS**

- Semester 1 Sept. 5 - Feb. 2 (98 days)
- Semester 2 Feb. 5 - Jun. 29 (96 days)
- O.S.S.L.T. April 10, 2018

**LEGEND**

- EX Exams (Secondary)
- Exam Review Days (Policy 316)
- Emergency Situations, Inclement Weather
- M Mandatory Holidays
- B Board Approved Holiday
- E/S Elementary/Secondary PA

PATRICIA PRESTON  
 DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

CAROL COTTON  
 CHAIR OF THE BOARD



## St. Mary of the Angels Catholic School Council Nomination Form 2017-2018

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 11th to September 20<sup>th</sup>**. 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:

Parents, minimum 10, maximum 20 (to be elected by parents)  
Parish Representative (appointed by Pastor)  
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 26, 2017 at 7p.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 11th – September 20th, 2017 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 understand the role and responsibilities of a member of the School Council.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_