

St. Mary of the Angels CES Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

October 4th - School Photo Day

October 8th - Thanksgiving
(No School)

October 11th - CSC Meeting @ 6:30 pm

October 16th - Cross Country Meet @

Bruce's Mill / Soccer Plus Begins

October 22th - P.A. Day (No School)

October 24th - Sarah Westbrook

Parent Presentation @ 7:00 p.m.

October 25th - Picture Retakes

October 26th - Pledge Forms Due/
Civvies Day

October 31st - 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 10th.



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 19th 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 celebrated our first school Mass on Friday, September 21, 2018. We thank Father Antonello Murgia for celebrating the Eucharist with our school community. We thank the Parents and Guardians who attended 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 Guided by Christ, we strive to create a vibrant, joyful, and inclusive learning environment where every student is empowered to reach their full potential and to lead a life of purpose and service.	Core Values Character, Integrity, Respect, Responsibility, Community, Creativity, Innovation, Excellence, Service, Faith, Hope, Love
Vision Statement To provide a quality education that empowers every student to reach their full potential and to lead a life of purpose and service.	Strategic Commitments Empowering the Learner, Empowering the Educator, Empowering the Community, Empowering the Future



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: March 27, 2019 @ school
Gr. 7 Confirmation: April 3, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m.
Gr. 2 Communion: May 11, 2019 @ 11:00 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 \$1,197.75! That's truly amazing! Thank you St. Mary of the Angels for all of your support and a special thank you to Ms. Monteleone and Ms. D'Ercole 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.

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 26, November 30, December 21, January 25,

February 22, March 29, April 26, May 31 & June 21





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.

Environmental News

Environmental stewardship and awareness have become important initiatives at St. Mary of the Angels school. Students and staff have taken a positive role in reducing energy, minimizing food waste and ensuring that reducing, reusing and recycling are adhered to daily. As a result of our hard work and commitment in preserving our environment, St. Mary of the Angels has been awarded and recognized as a **PLATINUM** status school. This is the highest achievement awarded by Ontario Eco Schools. Our goal for the 2018/2019 school year is to continue on this path.

The Environmental Club is excited to announce the next two Eco initiatives that will take place this month.

1. **Trash Blasters** : St. Mary of the Angels will be working alongside the Regional Municipality of York as part of a long-term plan to reduce waste and divert waste from landfill.
2. **Waste Reduction Week-October 15 - 21, 2018**: Waste Reduction Week in Canada is a national year-round program that kicks-off in October and focuses on the circular economy, resource efficiency, and waste reduction. Please follow the dates below for daily initiatives.



Thank you for your support,
The Eco Club

2018/2019 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: Ms. Andrea Bosco

Co-Chairs: Ms. Angela Bonavota & Ms. Rosa Francavilla

Treasurer: Ms. Amanda Di Felice

Secretary: Ms. Lucy Pasquali

Voting Catholic School Council Members are: Diana Mittone, Kathryn Serravalle, Julia Di Virgilio, Ugonma Ekeanyanwu, Lena Biase-Zerafa, Monica Tersigni, Piera Nardi, Simone Volpe, Sandra Clementi, Grace Smith, Cristina Rocca, Nancy Marone, Maria Martino, Non-Voting Members are: Shirley Galloro

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

October 11, 2018, November 6, 2018, (Renaming Dates will be determined at the first council meeting)

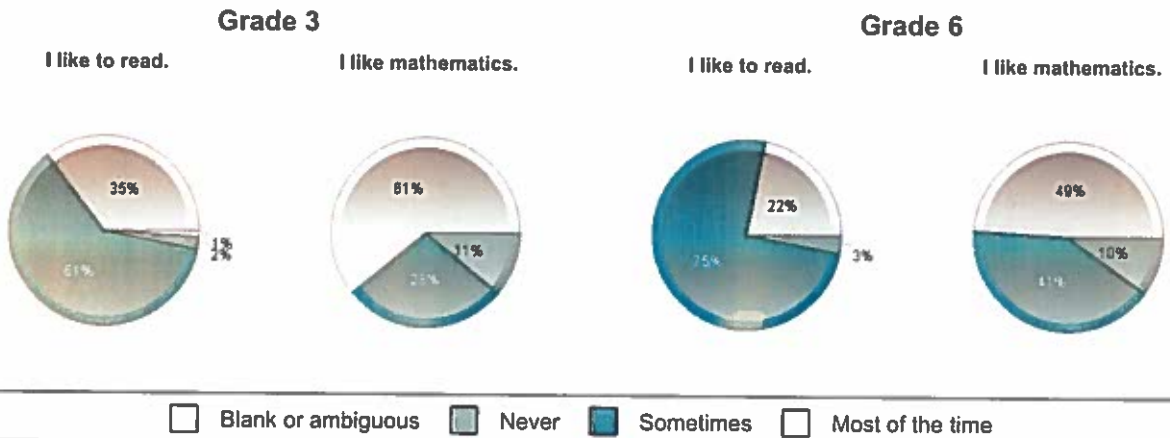
Catholic Community Character Award Winners: Courage

<i>Teacher</i>	<i>Student of the Month</i>	<i>Teacher</i>	<i>Student of the Month</i>
Ms. Sacco	Emma P.	Ms. Sardo	Miguel V. Lindsay P.
Ms. Tatangelo	Anda B. Luca C.	Ms. Sacco	Andre D. Daniel D.
Ms. Kennedy	Samantha C. Ivan O.	Ms. Barrila	Alyssa M. Rosemary S.
Ms. Romano	Gabriella R. Stefano S.	Ms. Raponi	Lucas M. Simona P.
Ms. Bartella	Aviella D., Amedeo D. Jenna C.	Mr. Zezza	Christina P. Aidan P.
Ms. Baldassarra	Milania K., Alessio L. Raymond P.	Ms. Pellegrino	Lucas C. Marco C.
Ms. Noce & Ms. Cristiano	Lucas C. Valentina D.	Ms. Cabral	Nicole D. Hiiyan M.
Ms. Contatto	Daniel K. Adam G.	Ms. Torchia	Elyan M. Luca I.
Ms. Cano	Olivia S. Vienna C.	Ms. D'Ercole	Lucas N.
Ms. Gatti	Luca G. Christina P.	Mr. Cavaliere	Daniel K. Ava Z.
Ms. Simone	Max M. Lauren T.	Ms. Monteleone	Adrian C. Emma M.
Ms. Amato	Gabriel D., Matteo D. Maia G.I.	Mr. Spadafina	Gianluca B. Nicholas C.
Ms. Di Pietro	Jacob M. Amaya F.	Ms. Mossa	Jakob D. Ella K.
Ms. Colasanti	Cristian C. Maria F.	Mr. Koci	Daniela S. Anthony S.
Ms. Colombo	Valentina A. Daniel E.	Ms. Russo	Brianna C. Sierra M.
Ms. D'Ugo	Vanessa D. Lucas F.	Mr. Asaro	Joseph P. Kassandra C.
Ms. Spadafina	Glen M. Claire S.	Ms. Balsamo	Uchenna E. Matteo I.
Ms. Crupi	Alexander C. Gabriel M.		

Contextual Data

	Grade 3	Grade 6
Number of students	81	63
English language learners	0%	2%
Students with special education needs (excluding gifted)	4%	16%
First language learned at home was other than English	12%	17%
Students' Time in Canada		
Born in Canada	96%	98%
In Canada less than one year	0%	0%
In Canada one year or more but less than three years	0%	0%
In Canada three years or more	4%	2%

Attitudes and Behaviour Data



Achievement Data

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

