



# ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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# November 2021 Newsletter

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.  
Amen.



## The Virtue for November is Justice

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Over the past month teachers have been working exceptionally hard getting to know their students and delivering curriculum. Our support staff has also been working tirelessly to ensure that students and staff have the best possible conditions to be successful. As administrators, Mr. Porcelli and I have enjoyed visiting classrooms and interacting with the students in the hallways and in the school yard. Their energy and exuberance for being in school is infectious!

This month we take time to remember all our fallen heroes who have given their lives for our freedom. Remembering and respecting our history is important to ensuring our future generations learn to not repeat the errors of the past. We were blessed to have had Eva Meisels, a Holocaust survivor, speak to our grade 6-8 students. Her story was captivating, educational and emotional. Her story reminds us to respect each other, love each other, and to not repeat the tragedies of the past.

We were also fortunate to have a visit from radio talk show host, author, and former boxer, Spider Jones. He shared his life story in order to inspire our youth to set goals in order to achieve their potential even in the face of adversity. Brave Education conducted a parent workshop discussing student mental health. We thank all the parents who attended the virtual workshop and hope they were able to learn strategies for tackling such an important issue.

We are excited for what is to come in the weeks and months ahead, especially our upcoming fundraising efforts. All proceeds raised are invested into enhancements that directly impact the learning of students. We look forward to your continued support as in previous years.

Mr. B. Dulcigno and Mr. L. Porcelli

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Mr. Dominic Mazzotta

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**Pastor**  
Rev. Msgr. John Borean

### The School Day:

Entrance: 8:30a.m.

Recesses: 9:50a.m. & 1:45 p.m.

Lunch: 11:25 a.m.—12:25 p.m.

Dismissal: 3:00p.m.

To report student absences/lates,  
please dial: 1-855-856-7862 or  
<http://go.schoolmessenger.ca/>  
before 8:30 a.m.

#### Mission Statement

Guided by Gospel values and Catholic Virtues, in partnership with home and Church, we educate and inspire all students to reach their full potential in a safe and caring environment.

#### Vision Statement

Our students will become creative and critical thinkers who integrate Catholic Values into their daily lives, as socially responsible global citizens.

#### Core Values



#### Strategic Commitments



# Catholic Communities of Faith

## The Virtue for November is Justice

*I will treat others in a just, equitable and unbiased manner. I will play by the rules, take turns and share. I will be respectful of others. I will seek peaceful solutions to problems.*

**Congratulations to the following students for demonstrating this virtue:**

**FDK:** Adriana H., Maria A., Marcus S., Emma J., Lucas G., Michael D., Sofia S., Leonardo V.

**Grade 1:** Arianna B., Veronica D., Paula Mr., Olive G., So E P., Eliana G.

**Grade 2:** Jack S., Jenna C., Charles P, Liam V., Angelica Z., Adrian A.

**Grade 3:** Lauren C., Daniel D., Nico C. , Victoria R., Dahun E., Cara S., Michael G., Melanie Q.

**Grade 4:** Paolo A., Maryana I., Carter R., Mason D., Jayden M., Adrianna D., Adam G., Ella V.

**Grade 5:** Arianna V., Michelle S., Sarah C., Matthew V., Julianna. D.

**Grade 6:** Daniel M., Marcus R.,Stella M., Mya F., Amanda B.,Mia Cr., Emma D., Ava. G,

Natalie S. , Gianluca Q.

**Grade 7:** Elizabeth D., Matthew G., Savino Q., Victoria Z., Nicholas V., Aliyah B., Luca G.

**Grade 8:** Emma B., Sienna D., Dilibe E., Olivia G., Chiara P., Princeton L., Luvinia B., Corwin S.

# Catholic Communities of Faith



## CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our next CSC meeting will take place virtually on Wednesday, November 24 at 6:30 p.m.

Thank you for your continued support of our students at St. Mary of the Angels CES.

### Remembrance Day Liturgy

Every year, at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, since 1931, we gather in memorial parks, community halls, workplaces, schools and homes to stand in honour of all who have fallen.

On Thursday November 11, the Grade 7 classes will lead us in a Virtual Remembrance Day Liturgy.

*God of love and justice,  
let us remember all men and women who died in  
defense of our country and its freedom.  
Help us to honour their sacrifice  
through our prayers and actions for peace in our  
world.  
Send Your Spirit to help us to let go of  
misunderstandings, hatred and prejudice  
so that we may grow together as one family.  
Guide our steps in  
the way of peace.  
We ask this  
prayer through  
Jesus Christ,  
Amen.*



### In Flanders Fields

John McCrae

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.  
We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,  
In Flanders fields.  
Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.*



## Quality Learning For All

### Virtual Cross Country



It is with great pride that we congratulate all our SMS virtual cross country participants on a job well done. Throughout September and October, our junior and intermediate students participated in training for our virtual cross country event. During the week of October 18-22, students participated in a final cross country run. Students ran with such strength and vigor. A big congratulations to all who participated. We are so proud of your commitment and dedication to athletics here at SMS.

### Holocaust Presentation November 1, 2021 Gr. 6-8

As part of our Remembrance Day commemoration, SMS hosted a Holocaust Survivor to share their story with grades 6-8. This presentation will be streamed live within each classroom. In an effort to promote dialogue around racism, antisemitism and prejudice students will have an opportunity to meet a Holocaust survivor, listen to his/her testimony and ask questions. Education is the foundation for making a difference. In gaining a better understanding of the impact the Holocaust has had on previous generations, students can make connections with their own generation's commitment to making present day changes in the name of equality and human rights.



### Report Cards

Report Cards will go home on Tuesday November 16 and uploaded to the Parent Portal after 4:00PM.

Interviews will take place virtually on Thursday November 18 and Friday November 19. A Google Form will be coming home to schedule a time. Please contact your child's teacher if you require information in regards to specific dates and times of your child's interview.



## Engaging Our Communities

### Fall Dance-A-Thon



St. Mary of the Angels is pleased to be hosting a Fall Dance-A-Thon on **Thursday, December 2nd and Friday, December 3rd** for our students. Each class will have an opportunity to dance in the gymnasium with their own cohort.

For every \$10 your child collects between November 15th and November 29th, they will receive ballots to be entered in a draw. They will receive:  
1 ballot for \$10, 3 ballots for \$20, 5 ballots for \$30, 7 ballots for \$40 or more.

The more ballots students receive, the more opportunities they have to win!

The top prizes are:

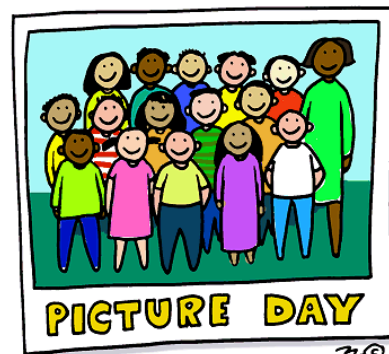
**1. Nintendo Switch 2. Razor Electric Scooter 3. and 4. Android Tablet**

In addition to the top prizes, there will be daily Early Bird prizes drawn from the ballots in the first week of the fundraiser and daily draws in the second week of the fundraiser. These daily prizes will be gift cards to various local merchants (McDonald's, Baskin Robbins, Tim Horton's, etc.). Winning a daily prize still allows you to win the top prizes, however, only one top prize can be won by one student.

Thanking you in advance for your support!!

### Picture Day

Picture day will be held on Wednesday November 17. An information flyer has been sent out to families with ordering details.



### VIP Program

The York Regional Police will be delivering their Values, Influences and Peers Program (VIP) to our Grades 6-8 students November 3, 4, 10 and 18. A special thank you goes to our School Resource Officers for speaking to our students.



# Safe and Caring Schools



## RETURN TO SCHOOL HEALTH AND SAFETY MEASURES

All York Catholic District School Board schools and transportation will operate with a focus on the health, safety and well-being of students, staff and other stakeholders. We always follow the guidance of York Region Public Health and the Ministry of Education. Classrooms and buses are inclusive and safe places for all students, regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, ability, vaccination status or socio-economic standing.

All staff, students and visitors must self-screen for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 every day before entering a school.

Students and staff are required to perform daily COVID-19 screening before arriving at school using the [Ontario COVID 19 School and Childcare Screening Tool](#)

Staff and students experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19 must not attend school and should follow the guidance provided in the screening tool, which may include seeking appropriate medical attention as required, and/or getting tested for COVID-19.

Visitors to a school are required to perform a COVID-19 self-screening before arriving at school using the [COVID-19 screening tool for employees and essential visitors in schools and child care settings](#) and must sign in upon arrival at the school

If a student develops symptoms of COVID-19 while at school they will be removed from class and parents/caregivers will be contacted immediately to pick up the student. **Please have a plan in place that allows for a parent or guardian to pick up your child if they develop symptoms at school.**

When arriving to school in the morning, students will use a Direct Entry system where they head directly to their classroom upon arrival. Parents are asked to bring/send children to school as close to bell time as possible.

Students are to maintain a physical distance of 2 metres (6 feet) as they enter, move through and exit the building.

## Safe and Caring Schools

Hallways will have directional arrows to ensure minimal face to face contact and/or guide individuals in a unidirectional path.

Appropriate hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette are one of the most important protective strategies.

Parents are urged to review appropriate hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette with their children before returning to school; child-friendly resources are available at [www.york.ca/safeatschool](http://www.york.ca/safeatschool)

Teachers will review appropriate hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette with students, including proper handwashing techniques and the use of hand sanitizer.

Hand hygiene must be conducted by anyone entering the school and will be incorporated into the daily student schedule at regular intervals during the day (i.e. before and after eating food, before removing and replacing masks, after using the washroom, etc.)

Students are to use the sanitizer provided by the school or where practical, wash their hands upon arrival in the classroom. Hand washing is one of the most recommended methods of virus prevention.

Students wishing to bring in their own sanitizer for use on the bus or at school must ensure it is scent free and is **not** to be shared with other students.

### MASKS

Students in Grades 1 to 12 **are required** to wear properly fitted non-medical or cloth masks indoors at school, including in hallways and during classes, as well as on school vehicles (i.e. buses).

It is **strongly recommended** that students in Kindergarten wear non-medical or cloth masks in indoors while at school, as well as on school vehicles (i.e. buses), as tolerated

Students are expected to bring their own masks to wear while at school and using school vehicles (i.e. buses); non-medical three-ply masks will be made available for students if needed. **Please provide your child with extra masks to allow for changing if it becomes wet or soiled.**

Students are not required to wear masks outdoors; distancing will be encouraged between cohorts as much as possible.

Students will be required to safely store their mask while outdoors (i.e. in a pocket or cloth bag brought from home).

Masks may be temporarily removed indoors to consume food or drink, when a minimum distance of 2 metres (6 feet) is maintained between cohorts and as much distancing as possible within a cohorts.

# Safe and Caring Schools

## VISITORS

Only essential visitors will be permitted to enter the school.

Essential visitors include: public health nurses, superintendents, board personnel, repair and maintenance personnel, parish staff, emergency services personnel, LHIN and Ministry of Labour inspectors, etc. Guest speakers and external educators may be considered essential visitors, upon approval.

Until further notice, visitors are not allowed to enter the school unless they have a **pre-arranged appointment**.

Parents/guardians should contact the school by telephone or email if assistance is required or to book an appointment

Visitors to a school are required to:

perform a COVID-19 self-screening before arriving at school using the [Covid 19 Screening Tool for Employees and Essential Visitors in Schools and Childcare Settings](#) and must sign in upon arrival at the school

- use hand sanitizer upon entry
- sign in and out in the Visitor Log for contact tracing and safety precautions
- report to the designated reception area
- wear a medical mask at all times (if visitor does not have a medical mask, the school will provide one)
- maintain a two-metre physical distance

Parents/guardians are **not** allowed to drop off lunches/snacks during the school day - students should bring their lunch with them or they can go home for lunch.

Delivery services such as Uber Eats are not allowed.



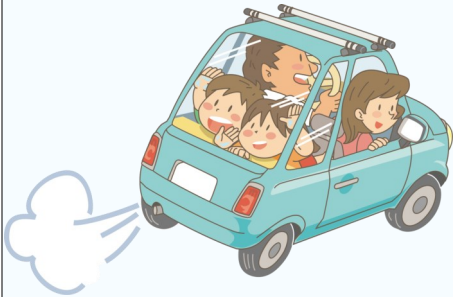
# Safe and Caring Schools

## KISS AND RIDE

The safety of our students, parents and staff is paramount. To prevent an accident please follow the guidelines below:

When approaching the kiss and ride loop, please follow the direction of the administrator on duty. You will be directed to enter the loop when a spot becomes available to stop your car and allow your child to be dropped off.

Please ensure your child does not exit the car door facing the moving car lane unless supervised by a parent/guardian. To ensure the safety of everyone, students should exit the right side of the car closest to the sidewalk. When dropping off your child/children to school please ensure your child is wearing a seatbelt while the vehicle is in operation.



Drivers are asked to remain in their vehicle at all times to avoid blocking the flow of traffic.

Please refrain from parking and idling vehicles in the Kiss and Ride lane to ensure a safe school environment.

Follow the speed limit.

## MORNING ENTRY PROCEDURES



If students arrive later than 8:30 AM, they are still to go to their designated door until 8:40 AM. After 8:40 AM, the entry doors will be locked and they are to go through the main entrance of the school, where the school office is located.

## OUTDOOR RECESS COLD WEATHER TEMPERATURE THRESHOLD



Winter weather is on it's way! When the temperature dips to  $-17$  degrees Celsius, students will be indoors for all recesses.

# Safe and Caring Schools

## STANDARDIZED DRESS CODE FOR ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS CES

The St. Mary of the Angels CES Standardized dress code shall be worn to school each day. All articles of clothing shall be solid colors. Clothing shall be free from any writing, logos or pictures. **Bottoms shall not include jeans, see through legging and yoga pants.** As per YCDSB policy, St. Mary of the Angels Spirit Wear items will be allowed as part of the Dress Code from JK-Gr. 8.

### TOPS:

Navy, white, grey, baby blue solid colors

Sweaters/layering pieces and Spirit Wear are to follow the same uniform colours.

### BOTTOMS:

Navy, black, grey solid colors with no contrasting stripes

Cargo pants, capris, track pants, corduroy pants, bermuda walking shorts

Yoga pants and leggings only with appropriate hip length tops or tunics only

Skorts (skirts with shorts), rompers, jumpers and golf shirt dresses are also permitted.



### NOT PERMITTED: SHIRTS THAT EXPOSE THE MIDRIF, JEANS, PATTERNS, and LARGE/MEDIUM LOGOS

(Logos that are the size of a Loonie/Toonie in size are permitted, i.e. brand name or symbol).

The Catholic School Council has reviewed and approved the dress code and the expectation is that all students will be wearing the outlined articles every day to school.

### Civvies Day

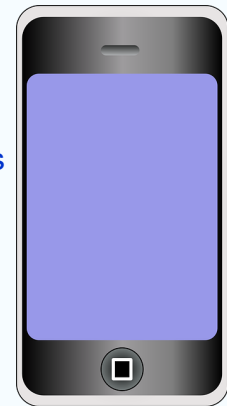
The last Friday of every month will be Civvies Day at St. Mary of the Angels. Please bring in a Loonie or a Toonie in support of ShareLife. Students are reminded to wear clothing that is appropriate and consistent with our dress code policy.

The logo for ShareLife, featuring a stylized green 'SL' icon followed by the word 'ShareLife' in a bold, green, sans-serif font.

## Safe & Caring Schools

### Cell Phones

There has been an increased use of inappropriate cell phone use by students during the instructional day. As a reminder, effective November 4, 2019, the Provincial Code of Conduct has been updated to address the use of cellphones and other personal mobile devices as outlined in PPM 128. These revisions are designed to restrict the use of all personal mobile devices during instructional time in both elementary and secondary classrooms in order to prevent distractions and maximize learning time.



Personal mobile devices can be used during instructional time under the following circumstances:

For educational purposes as directed by the educator in the classroom;

For health and medical purposes (students with medical conditions are not required to obtain a physician's note to be eligible for this exception; a note from a parent or guardian is sufficient.);

To support special educational needs.

We ask that parents please review these expectations with their children. Also, we kindly ask that parents do not communicate with their children via their cell phones during the day. If you need to contact your child, please do so by calling the office.

### Mental Health/Social Emotional Learning

This month we celebrate justice. Standing up for the truth is difficult, especially when your opinion or point of view may not be popular. Talk with adults for help, and stand by people in need. November 13 is World Kindness Day. Acts of kindness have been proven to be beneficial to our own mental health by reducing stress, improving our emotional wellbeing and even benefiting our physical health. Try these Acts of kindness activities in your classroom or at home!

To learn more about mental health services and supports available visit: Mental Health @YCDSB or YCDSB Student & Family MH Site.

Follow us on Twitter @YCDSB\_MH and on Instagram @mh\_ycdsb.



Child and Family Centre

# November Virtual Programs

SOCIAL ENTERPRISE FOR CANADA

Please Register for these Virtual Programs by visiting our website

[www.earlyonsec.com](http://www.earlyonsec.com)

## MONDAY

### CIRCLE TIME

10:00am-10:45am (ages 0-6yrs)

### MUSICAL BABIES

1:00pm-1:45pm (ages 0-12 months)

### MUDWORKS

10:30am-11:15am (ages 0-6yrs)

## TUESDAY

### CIRCLE TIME

10:00am-10:45am (ages 0-6yrs)

### COME & EXPLORE

1:00pm-1:45pm (ages 0-6yrs)

### BABY MOVEMENT

10:30am-11:15am (ages 0-12months)

### GOODNIGHT STORY

6:30-7:15pm (ages 0-6yrs)



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## WEDNESDAY

### CIRCLE TIME

10:00am-10:45am (ages 0-6yrs)

### MUSICAL BABIES

1:00pm-1:45pm (ages 0-12months)

### LITTLE ARTISTS

10:30am-11:15am (ages 2-6yrs)

### TRIPLE P COFFEE CHAT (NOV 24TH)

"Disobedience (Toddlers)"

6:30pm-7:30pm

## THURSDAY

### CIRCLE TIME

10:00am-10:45am (ages 0-6yrs)

### SCIENCE ON THE GO

1:00pm-1:45pm (ages 0-6yrs)

### FAMILY MATH

10:30am-11:15am (ages 0-6yrs)

### \*RUSSIAN COME & EXPLORE (NOV 4TH ONLY)

6:30pm-7:15pm (ages 0-6yrs)



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## FRIDAY

### CIRCLE TIME

10:00am-10:45am (ages 0-6yrs)

### YOGA

11:30am-12:15pm (ages 2-6yrs)

### SING & SIGN

10:30am-11:15am (ages 0-12 months)

## SATURDAY

### CIRCLE TIME

10:00am - 10:45am (ages 0-6yrs)

## WORKSHOPS

### Triple P Coffee Chat "Disobedience (Toddlers)"

(for parents of children 2-6 years)

Nov 24, 2021 6:30pm-7:30pm

"It is important to deal with disobedience firmly and decisively when your child is a toddler rather than leaving the problem unchecked. Parents who have taught their toddlers to accept limits and follow instructions find raising preschoolers and school-aged children much easier. This session will help with finding some tips and strategies to deal with disobedience in toddlers".



# Nov. 2021

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>1</p> <p>Treaties Recognition Week</p> <p>All Saints Day</p> <p>Holocasut Presen- tation 1:00PM</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Treaties Recognition Week</p> <p>All Souls Day</p> <p>Father Andre Visits the Grade 2 classes</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Treaties Recognition Week</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Treaties Recognition Week</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Treaties Recognition Week</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Treaties Recognition Week</p>
<p>7</p> <p>Treaties Recognition Week</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Remembrance Day Liturgy</p> 	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Report Cards go home</p> 	<p>17 Picture Day</p> 	<p>18</p> <p>Parent/Teacher Interviews</p> 	<p>19</p> <p>Parent/Teacher Interviews</p> 	<p>20</p>
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