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October 2017 Newsletter



Autumn Prayer
God of compassion and holiness,
We praise You and thank You for the gifts that You have given our children.
May we teach them to have grateful hearts through our own example.
May they know that if we want thanks, we give thanks;
if we want forgiveness, we grant forgiveness;
if we want respect, we give respect;
if we want fairness, we act fairly;
if we want compassion, we act compassionately.
God of love, touch us with hope and joy.
May we help our children become discerning believers.
May they be loving companions on our own journeys of faith.
Amen.



Dear Parents and Guardians,

This year is off to a great start thanks to the efforts and enthusiasm of staff, students and parents who make Our Lady of the Rosary such a great place to be! Our success as a Catholic school lies in the relationships our community shares. Thank you to all of the parents and guardians who attended our recent Curriculum Night, and a special thank you to the parents who are members of the 2017-2018 Catholic School Council. We look forward to our continued partnership!

This month we celebrate the virtue of **compassion**. We understand that compassion is not only the ability to empathize with another but also to act on behalf of that other person. If we are truly compassionate then we will more genuinely be able to express thanks or gratitude for one another.

As a staff we are committed to engaging the children in a number of social justice and character building initiatives throughout the year. One such event is our **Fall Food Drive**, organized by our Luke 4:18 student committee, which will run from **October 2nd to October 13th**. All non-perishable and canned goods will be donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. In addition another event is our **Saint Vincent de Paul Winter Coat Drive 2017 which will run from October 31st - November 10th**. We would appreciate any coats that have been outgrown or other winter items such as hats and mittens. It's our way of helping those in need through the cold winter months.

Once again, OLR students will celebrate Halloween with a "Dance-a-thon". Each grade will be given a timeslot during the day to enjoy a dance period in the gym, to the tunes of a DJ. Students are encouraged to wear costumes, and parents of Primary students are also welcome to attend. This is the school's major fundraiser for the year, and we are anticipating a great success. There will be a variety of incentives, so watch for information coming next week from the School Fundraising Committee.

This year, 21st century learning remains a priority in our School Improvement Goals. Creativity, Collaboration, Critical thinking, Catholic values, Communication and Citizenship are the 6 Cs which will continue to drive our instruction. We are continuing to build on our iPad and Chromebook collection for student use. It is our goal to get an iPad center in every primary class and a Chromebook center in every junior/intermediate class. Therefore, we are appealing to all families to take part in our **Halloween Dance-a-thon Fundraiser**.

From the staff and I, we wish all families many blessings this Thanksgiving holiday!

Yours in Catholic Education,
A. McGrath
Principal

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October



Catholic Virtue:

COMPASSION

- * I will seek to understand others by listening.
- * I will be willing to forgive others.
- * I will give of my resources to help those in need.

The School Day

Supervision start time: 8:35 a.m.
Entrance: 8:50 a.m.
Recesses: 10:15 a.m. & 2:10 p.m.
Lunch: 11:50-12:50 p.m.
Dismissal: 3:20 p.m.

To report student absences/lates, please dial 1-855-856-7862 before the bell time for the current day, or visit
yorkcdsb.schoolconnects.com
Planned absences may be reported in advance.

A very special THANK YOU to the Ammendolia Family and Angelo's Garden Center, for the wonderful donation of the Fall planters that grace the front of our school and our school foyer.



York Catholic District School Board Land Acknowledgement

School Boards across Ontario are demonstrating their commitment to Truth and Reconciliation by providing Land Acknowledgements that honour Indigenous Peoples and traditional lands. At the York Catholic District School Board (YCDSB), we echo the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) and the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario (ACBO) in their response to the Calls to Action through the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

It is in this response that YCDSB acknowledges that for thousands of years, Indigenous Peoples have lived on this land. Acknowledging the territory where we gather and the people who have traditionally called this land home is one of the ways the YCDSB is participating in the actions necessary for Truth and Reconciliation.

YCDSB's First Nations, Métis and Inuit Steering Committee (Indigenous Elders and YCDSB Board and school staff) developed a Land Acknowledgement Statement. This statement is inclusive of all Indigenous Peoples. It honours those who have walked this land, in the past, present, and those who will walk it in the future. It is a respectful validation of the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

The YCDSB Land Acknowledgement will be embedded as a distinct school practice and will be recited at all large school community gatherings.

It reads: ***We are gathered on the ancestral lands and waters of all Indigenous Peoples, who have left their footprints on Mother Earth before us.***



We respectfully acknowledge those who have walked on it, those who walk on it now, and future generations who have yet to walk upon it.



We pray to the Creator for strength and wisdom that all may continue to serve as stewards of the Earth.

For more information about the YCDSB Land Acknowledgement, please contact:

Michael Way Skinner
FNMI Lead
905.713.1211 ext. 13616

or
Shannon Ulgiati
FNMI Steering Committee Chair
905.713.1211 ext. 13641

A Message From Your School Trustee

Congratulations to all newly elected and returning members of your Catholic School Council. I look forward to working with you as we continue to dialogue individually and through our Community of Schools Network.

As Thanksgiving approaches, we thank God for His many blessings.

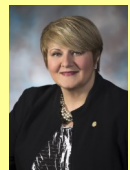
St. Joseph the Worker is blessed with many benevolent and commendable students and staff - for this, we are truly grateful. Wishing you and your family an appreciative Thanksgiving.

YCDSB is this year's proud host of the 78th Annual OAPCE Conference which is taking place at St. Joan of Arc CHS on October 13th and 14th. This year's conference will focus on Mental Wellness: Developing you God-Given Potential. For more information visit: www.oapce.org.

The City of Vaughan's Santafest is quickly approaching! Mark your calendar for Sunday, November 12th. All school participating will receive a \$500 bursary and will have the chance of winning the \$1,500 music prized from Arcadia Music by way of a draw. (Last year's winner was Blessed Scalabrini!!!)

As in previous years, I am in the midst of organizing a Catholicity Workshop on Thursday, April 12, 2018 at St. Joseph the Worker CES (475 Brownridge Drive) at 7pm. This year's workshop will be hands-on and fully interactive. Please mark your calendar – more information on how to register, etc. will follow.

As always, you may reach me at 416-565-7087 or at cathy.ferlisi@ycdsb.ca.



A Message From Your Superintendent Of Education: School Leadership

Dear Administrators, Staff, Students and Parents:

I would like to take this opportunity to let you know that as of October 16th I will be assuming the role of Superintendent of Human Resources for the *York Catholic District School Board*.

During my four-and-a-half-year tenure I have experienced great joy and satisfaction forging relationships with the administrators, staff, students, parish priests and parents of the schools in my care. Relationships of trust and mutual respect have assisted us in making many challenging transitions seamless, thanks to the hard work, dedication and passion shared by all to ensure our students' continued achievement and well-being.

I was blessed to be able to attend and participate in many activities such as school visits, school and parish masses and liturgies, student excursions, dramatic performances, Christmas and Advent events, concerts, graduations, Catholic School Council meetings, Boundary and Program Review meetings and Pupil Accommodation Review and Transition meetings. The ability to participate in these school events has helped me to stay focused on my personal goal of maintaining a student centred practice in my professional roles.

I have been reminded by many that this is not goodbye but simply 'Adieu'. I will be leaving this role of *Superintendent of Education: School Leadership* with an over joyous heart, full of wonderful memories of you all. I take great comfort in knowing that you will be left in the care of Ms. Laura Sawicky, the newly appointed *Superintendent of Education: School Leadership for Area 2*. Ms. Sawicky comes to this role with a wealth of experience and knowledge and is very much looking forward to assuming her new role mid-October. I wish Ms. Sawicky and all of you God's Blessings as you move forward with this School Year.

With heartfelt gratitude

Nancy DiNardo



Multi-Year Strategic Plan

Mission Statement	Vision Statement	Core Values	Strategic Commitments
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.	Our students will become creative and critical thinkers who integrate Catholic Values into their daily lives, as socially responsible global citizens.	<div> <div>Excellence</div> <div>Equity</div> <div>Fiscal Responsibility</div> <div>Catholicity</div> <div>Inclusion</div> <div>Integrity</div> <div>Respect</div> </div>	<div> <div>Integration of Our Catholic Faith</div> <div>Continuous Improvement of Student Achievement</div> <div>Effective Use of Our Resources</div> <div>Engaging Our Communities</div> </div>

Integration of Our Catholic Faith

Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic School Council News

As the new Chair of the 2017-2018 Catholic School Council I would like to welcome both the returning members and especially the new members that have stepped forward to contribute their time, ideas and energy toward our children's daily learning environment.

With the new school year already underway, the Council members have successfully established the Committees that will participate in, and help fund the various school activities throughout the school year. We are all energized and ready to get things started. The committees that have been established for this school year are:

* Faith * Hot Lunch days * Pancake Tuesday * Halloween Decorating * BBQ * Fundraising * Staff Appreciation * Hot Lunch Fun Days

Sincere thanks to all of the parents that have already signed up to be parent volunteers for the various committees at the recent curriculum night. You will be contacted by a committee member closer to the time of the event. The upcoming committees that are still looking for volunteers are the **hot lunches, hot lunch fun days, fundraising and BBQ**. For any parents that would still like to volunteer their time, please contact the school and provide your name, contact information and the committee that you are interested in. A committee member will follow-up with you.

And finally, I encourage all parents to attend a Catholic School Council meeting this year to hear about events and programs that are happening in the school community, and perhaps get involved by expressing ideas and views that can benefit the students. Meeting dates are published in the monthly newsletters and posted on the school's boulevard sign at the front of the school.

Yours Truly,

Isabel De Sousa

Chair 2017-2018 Catholic School Council

Please welcome the 2017-2018 OLR Catholic School Council:

Chair:	Isabel De Souza
Co Chair:	Robert Benedetto
Secretary:	Kim Bourne
Treasurer:	Severina Quezada
Members at Large:	Loretta Bernard
	Anna Cappadocia
	Robert Colavecchia
	Norma Di Marco
	Toni Iannarella
	Camille Mettimier
	Angie Morra
	Elizabeth O
Community Reps	Francis Carriere & Renee Czukar
Teaching Reps	Sandra Guida & Sandra Marinelli
Non-Teaching Rep	Koula Sferopoulos
Principal	Anthony McGrath



OLR Catholic School Council email address!

You can reach us at OLR.CSC@gmail.com

Share your ideas with us, get parent council information, volunteer or bring an item to the table for discussion at future council meetings. All parents are welcome to participate. The Council Fundraising Committee will be meeting in the near future to plan future fundraising activities. Volunteers and ideas are also welcome.

Hot Lunch Program at OLR

When the fall chill brings out the warm jackets and hats for our children, the thoughts of a hot and healthy lunch also come to mind. Our Hot Lunch Program will begin on October 2nd. For this term **Mondays** will feature **Villa Panini**, **Tuesdays** will feature **SubWay**, **Pizza Nova** will be served on **Wednesdays** and **Brettone's** will continue to provide the hot lunch selections on **Fridays**. All of the delicious menu selections comply with the Ontario Ministry of Education's School Food and Beverage Policy. If you are interested in volunteering please contact the school or our email address.

The Council Fundraising Committee will be meeting later in October to plan this year's fundraising activities. Volunteers and ideas are welcome.

Integration of Our Catholic Faith

Liturgical Celebrations

We are very pleased to have Father Mario from St. Joseph the Worker Church celebrate Masses with us at various times in the school year. We will have a mass or prayer service each month organized by different grade levels. Parents are always welcome to attend our celebrations. **Our First Mass of the school year will be on Tuesday, October 17th, at 9:30am.** Thank you to **Ms. Petrolo, Ms. Ali,** and the Grade 2 and 3 students for organizing our Thanksgiving mass. A special thank you to **Mr. Costabile, Mme. Guernon** and the OLR School Choir for preparing the music.



Sacramental Celebrations

As your child passes through the grades and grows in maturity and knowledge of our faith, sacramental celebrations mark important milestones in his or her growing relationship with Jesus. Preparation and celebration of the sacraments belong to the Church. Dates will be announced at Mass. Parents of students in Grade 2 and 7 are to refer to the Church newsletters regarding specific details and information about First Holy Communion, Reconciliation and Confirmation.

Winter Coat Drive

This fall, OLR will be participating in the York South St. Vincent de Paul Winter Coat Drive. There are families in York Region who struggle throughout the year to make ends meet, and find it especially difficult during the winter months to buy the necessary items to clothe their children appropriately. Every child and adult deserves to stay warm when the freezing temperatures arrive. We are asking all students to bring in clean, gently used winter coats that are no longer needed in your families. We are also collecting hats, mitts and scarfs. Please drop off your donation in the school foyer from **Nov. 1st through to Nov. 10th.** Thank you to our **Luke 4:18** committee for organizing our school coat drive, and to our teacher facilitators: **Ms. Guida, Ms. Marinelli, Ms. DiVincenzo, Ms. Amato & Ms. Giunta.** Thank you to all of you, for sharing with your neighbours in



Fall Food Drive

In the spirit of the upcoming holiday, our **Luke 4:18** Students, in partnership with One For Haiti, have organized a Fall Food Drive. These items will be collected by the Compassionate Franciscan Sisters of the Poor and shipped to Haiti. The food drive is taking place from **Oct. 2nd to 13th.** Items in need include: rice, pasta, canned fruit and vegetables, canned meat and fish, dried beans, and personal items such as toothpaste, soap and shampoo.



Terry Fox Run

Our school level Terry Fox Walk was a huge success. The students walked, ran, jogged, hopped in memory of someone special. **\$2151.00** was collected on behalf of the OLR school community and will be donated to the Terry Fox Cancer Research Association. This was a wonderful opportunity for students to learn about our great Canadian hero. Thank you to **Ms. Guida, Ms. Marinelli, Ms. Amato, Ms. Gurrieri** and **Mme. Colarossi** for organizing this event.

St. Joseph the Worker Parish News

First Confession/First Holy Communion

All parents of First Holy Communion students were required to attend a parent information session at SJW Parish on Wednesday, September 26th. You were asked to bring your child's completed application form along with a photocopy of their Baptismal certificate. If you have not already done so, please call the church to book an appointment. The sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will be celebrated at St. Joseph the Worker Church on the following dates: First Reconciliation will take place in December (date to be determined). First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday, May 26th, 2018.

Confirmation for Grade 7 Students

All parents of Confirmation students were required to attend a parent information session at SJW Parish on Thursday, September 27th. You were asked to bring your child's completed application form along with a photocopy of their Baptismal certificate. If you have not already done so, please call the church to book an appointment. The sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at St. Joseph the Worker Church on Saturday, May 12th, 2018 at 10:30a.m.



Honouring OLR students who exemplified the virtue for last month—Courage!

Teacher Name	Student Name	Reason for Virtue Award
Ms. Ecclestone	Lawrence N., Gianluca M., Madison C. & Emanuel R.	Lawrence showed courage at the doctor's office when he got his needle and Gianluca, Madison & Emanuel showed great courage by coming to school without crying.
Ms. Battel	Michael A., Jacob P. & Abigail C.	Michael & Jacob bravely adjusted to the routines of the classroom and Abigail was a courageous role model for the first year students.
Ms. Prechner	Tyler N.	Tyler showed courage by standing up for what is right and just.
Ms. Bromley	Brandon S. & Sabrina C.	Brandon and Sabrina were unsure of what to expect and were a little anxious about coming back to school. They have been very brave and courageous.
Ms. Petrolo	Vesuvia V. & Leyla T.	They have faced grade 2 with courage and are trying to do their very best.
Ms. Iaboni	Anna M. & Victoria D.	Anna showed courage starting at a new school even though she didn't know anyone. Victoria showed courage by making new close friends when her best friend moved away.
Ms. Ali	Cesare B. & Emma B.	Cesare showed courage starting at a new school, which can be very difficult and Emma showed courage in standing up for a friend and doing the right thing.
Ms. O'Sullivan	Marc S. & Abigail S.	Congratulations to Marc and Abby for willing to try new things, even though that can be scary sometimes.
Ms. Sciulli	Aliya J., John C. & Luca P.	These students showed courage when they faced their fears in a new school environment.
Ms. DiVincenzo	Suzanna K., Steaven M. & Christopher P.	Congratulations on entering a new school with confidence and bravery.
Ms. Amato	Marcella B.	Marcella, although new to the school, quickly made friends, stood up for people and reached out to peers who were sad.
Mr. Pellegrino	Vladimir C. & Althea T.	Congratulations to Vladimir who showed great courage in coming to a new school and to Althea for demonstrating courage on a daily basis.
Ms. Gurrieri	Elin O.	Elin has shown great courage in transferring to a new school in her last year of elementary, which is a difficult time to leave your friends.
Ms. Giunta	Michael M. & Reefa F.	Both Michael and Reefa have shown courage in coming to a new school environment in their last year of elementary school.



Continuous Improvement of Student Achievement

PACE Screening

In September, all of the Grade 4 students in our Board wrote the Canadian Cognitive Abilities Test (CCAT) to determine their eligibility for the P.A.C. E. (Program for Academic and Creative Extension), or Gifted Program. The students selected for this program attend St. Anthony CES in Grade 5 for the PACE Program. Results will be available after late November, and parents of students who may be suitable candidates for this program will be notified. The results of these tests also provide the school with information about the child's areas of strength and needs. The results are placed in student Ontario Student Record Documentation folders.

Elementary Report Cards

Several years ago, the province replaced the fall report card with a "progress report" which updates parents on how their child is doing without giving a letter grade. This is followed by two report cards: the first one at the end of January, and the second one at the end of June. These are the timelines this year:

Progress Report sent home: November 21, 2017 (Grades 1 to 8)

Parent Interviews: November 23/24, 2017 (JK to Grade 8)

Term 1 report card: February 13, 2018

Term 2 report card: June 28, 2018



Library Learning Commons

By now, all students have had the opportunity to visit The Library Learning Commons at OLR, whether it be to sign out a book or work in the computer lab. During the month of October, students will be shown our new "M5" database (which can also be accessed at home), and how they can search availability of a book, by title or subject. A reminder to all students and parents that books need to be returned on scheduled library days before a new book can be signed out. In October, during their scheduled library classes, students will receive their usernames and passwords, and will have the opportunity to explore some facets of G-Suite (Google Apps), for example, Google Draw and Google Slides.

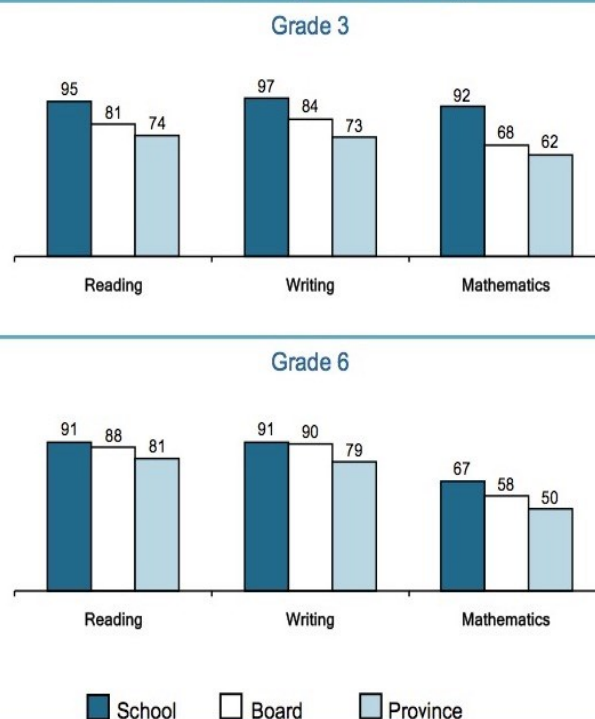
Teacher Librarian: Ms. Guida

Province-wide Assessment: EQAO

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 have received their individual results last week. For additional information about this and other province-wide assessments, please visit www.eqao.com.



PERCENTAGE OF ALL STUDENTS AT OR ABOVE THE PROVINCIAL STANDARD (LEVELS 3 AND 4), 2016-2017



Continuous Improvement of Student Achievement

Cross Country Team

Our team has been training very hard for our Area Cross Country Meet. Students in grades 4 to 8 will head out on October 12th to Bruce's Mill to compete with 10 other schools. This year the following students will be participating in the non-competitive Gr. 7/8 Run for Life which is 1.5km: Janelle M, Jennilie T, Andrea P, Karen D, Althea, Nicholas I, Adrian C. "Run for Life" encourages our teens to stay active and live a healthy lifestyle. We wish our team the best of luck at the area meet and we thank our wonderful coaches, **Ms. Iannetta, Ms. Guida and Ms. Battel** for all their hard work, dedication and commitment to the team. Thank you also to our student marshals: Janelle M and Karen D.

Team members:

Grade 4

Caitlin C, Victoria D, Kelsie R, Emma D, Stefania I, Caileigh P, Mackenzie P, Abigail S, Carina G, Anita O, Senna G, Marcus I, Matthew P, Nicholas N, Marc D, Marc S, Matteo C, Colles H, Nathan J

Grade 5

Jasmine T, Alexa N, Breanna A, Jasmin J, Jazmin N, Aliya J, Mariedhel Giulian M, Liam T, Luca S

Grade 6

Yuliya L, Emily S, Gail L, Katrina E, Julia A, Michaela M
Luca C, Chaz K, Richi, Eric S, Kyle I

Grade 7

Steven C, Allen D, Nicolas B

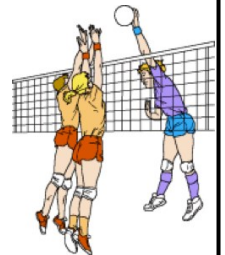
Grade 8

Milla R, Lisa N, Sophia C, Julia H, Danielle S
Armenak K, Keenan R, Paul L, Daniel Ko, Matthew Ko, Bradley A, Noah P



Intermediate Volleyball Teams

Try-outs for the Boys and Girls Intermediate Volleyball teams are well under way. We look forward to seeing the school spirit and sportsmanship as you try out for these teams. During the next few months, the teams will hold practices and exhibition games. Thank you to **Ms. Iannetta, Ms. Guida, Ms. Guinta** and to **Mr. Pelegrino** who are coaching the teams. Your dedication to these teams is much appreciated!



Halloween Dance-a-thon

Halloween at OLR will be celebrated on **Tuesday, October 31st**. We encourage all students to wear costumes to school on this day. Please remember that accessories such as replica axes, guns, knives, swords, etc. are not permitted in the school.

All students will enjoy a Halloween Dance in the school gym and they will enjoy the tunes played by our amazing DJ.

Again, a reminder that food sharing may put students with life-threatening allergies at risk. Please do not send any food item with nut products to school.



Important Notice

Our school newsletter and calendar are only available online through our website at

<http://olr.ycdsb.ca>

Click on the News & Events tab found on the right hand side of the webpage.

Follow us on Twitter—@OLRosary

Engaging Our Communities

The Protection of Anaphylactic Students



We ask parents to help maintain a safe, “peanut/nut free” school by eliminating the use of peanut butter, sesame seeds, and by inspecting food ingredient lists for sesame seeds, peanuts, peanut oil, and peanut by products.

Please reinforce the message with your child that food **snacks should not be shared with other children**. Your efforts and cooperation are very much appreciated.

The following are proactive strategies we will be implementing at OLR School to help keep all our students safe:

- We will continue with our “allergy safe” school environment via food restrictions, students will be informed of and reminded that they are not to share food.
- Snacks are eaten indoors to minimize exposure to insects (i.e. wasps, bees, etc.)
- We will continue to communicate regularly to the entire school community that we are an “allergen safe” school via newsletters, and posting of “allergy safe” signs throughout the school.
- We will continue to ensure that all products sold through the school for fundraising or otherwise are allergen free.
- We will continue to ensure that permit holders, visitors and all school staff are aware of these precautions.
- **Please DO NOT send in cupcakes/cakes /timbits/donuts/muffins/pizza or any other food items for your child’s birthday. Food items sent to school will be sent back home with the student.**
- **Student’s birthdays are recognized each morning on the announcements and students receive a non-food birthday token at the office.**

Your efforts and cooperation are very much appreciated for the health and safety of all of our students.

Please refer to Board Policy #209 ‘Protection of Anaphylactic Students’ for additional information.

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Grade 7 Students—Hepatitis B Vaccine and HPV Vaccine

The Ministry of Health will once again provide a voluntary Hepatitis B Vaccination programme for all Grade 7 students in Ontario. Grade 7 students will be immunized against Hepatitis B through a series of two needles: one given during a fall clinic, and one again in the spring. Grade 7 students will also be offered a vaccination against Meningitis C in the spring clinic. Both vaccines are voluntary, but the Hepatitis vaccine is free only through the school. Students can obtain the Meningitis C vaccine without charge from their physicians as well as through the school program. Students have received information and a consent form for parents to read, sign and return to the school. The Ministry of Health is also offering the HPV vaccine free of charge at school based clinics or at the physician’s office for Grade 7 students. The vaccine is given in three shots over the current school year. The scheduled date for the fall clinic for OLR is **November 3rd, 2017.**

IMPORTANT NEW BUS INFORMATION

In the event of a late bus we ask that you kindly visit the School bus transportation Website: www.schoolbuscity.com, and/or contact the bus company directly.

If you have any questions and/or concerns we ask that you kindly contact the Transportation Department at [905-713-2535](tel:905-713-2535). We ask that you make note of your child/children’s school bus route numbers and the stops because you will require this information when checking the Website or calling the bus company.

The school bus company is **SINTON TRANSPORTATION - VAUGHAN DIVISION – 905-856-4363**

The Bus Routes are as follows:

Group 1 In the AM it is Route 3072 and in the PM it is either Route 3035 or Route No. 3115

Group 2 In the AM it is Route 3004 and in the PM it is Route 3004 or Route #3115

Group 3 In the AM it is Route 3095 and in the PM it is Route 3115

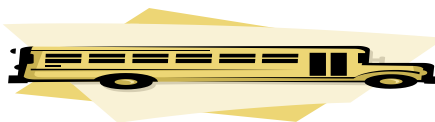
The wheelchair school bus company is **SHARP BUS LINES – 289-467-4998**

Group 4 In the AM it is Route 1508 and in the PM it is Route 1513

The taxi company is **Astro Taxi- (MiniVan)-905-850-8855**

Group 5 In the AM it is AT14-1 and in the PM it is Route AT14-5

**IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU REVIEW
WITH YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN THEIR
BUS ROUTES AND STOPS**



Engaging Our Communities

PEDICULOSIS (HEAD LICE)

The York Catholic District School Board recognizes concerns related to pediculosis (head lice) at the school and community level. Pediculosis (head lice) are not a public hazard, as they do not cause illness, but they are a nuisance. To prevent pediculosis (head lice) from becoming a problem at our school we all need to work together. Please check your child's head on a regular basis for lice or nits. If you do find lice or nits, you must contact the office so that we can notify other parents in your child's class to keep a special watch for any signs of head lice.

A student's readmission to school is contingent upon the Parent/Guardian submitting a completed and signed "Pediculosis Treatment Form" communicating to the Principal that treatment for pediculosis (head lice) has been administered.

More information on the identification, treatment and prevention of pediculosis (head lice) from the Canadian Pediatric Society (<http://www.caringforkids.cps.ca/handouts/headlice>) and Toronto Public Health (toronto.ca/health) is available on the school's website. A hard copy of the information posted on the school's website will be provided by the Principal if requested by the Parent/Guardian.



Student Safety

At OLR Catholic School, our primary concern is the safety of your children. It is imperative, therefore, that the staff and the school know the identity of all visitors and the purpose of their visit. This is the reason that all visitors, including parents, must report to the office upon arrival. Remember, with the exception of your child (ren), your child's teacher and a few friends, you are a stranger to other staff and students. Please use the main doors at the front of the school and report to the office.

Student Threat Management

The York Catholic District School Board is committed to creating and maintaining school environments in which students, staff, parents and others feel safe. Schools cannot ignore any threat of violence. All threat making behaviours made by student(s) will be taken seriously. Incident(s) will be reported to the administrator who will conduct an investigation which **may** lead to the activation of the Student Threat Management Protocol. Please refer to the Student Threat Management Fair Notice and Process on the board website. **It is located with the Resource documents under Our Schools -> Safe Schools.**

Policy 206: Protection of Students with Asthma

In accordance with the *Act to Protect Pupils with Asthma* (Ryan's Law : Ensuring Asthma Friendly Schools, 2015) the Board approved a new policy # 206: *Protection of Students with Asthma* at its June 21st Board Meeting. The York Catholic District School Board recognizes that there are some students within the school system who have a diagnosis of asthma which could be life threatening. The York Catholic District School Board also recognizes that asthma management is a shared responsibility among students, parents, caregivers and the entire school community.

It is the responsibility of parent(s)/guardian(s) to advise the school immediately upon registration and/or when in receipt of a diagnosis of asthma. It is also the responsibility of parent(s)/guardian(s) to ensure that all medical information pertinent to their child's diagnosis of asthma is always current.

If your child has a diagnosis of asthma please contact the school office immediately so that the appropriate forms are completed and school records are up to date in accordance with Policy 206.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this request and your ongoing support in the shared responsibility for asthma management in our school. Please refer to the Board's website for more information related to Policy 206.







ELECTRONIC DEVICES Cell phones/IPODS

No electronic devices are permitted to be used at school during school time, that is from 8:35 a.m. to 3:20 p.m. **If students choose to bring these devices to school and they are stolen or lost, the school is not responsible.** If these devices are used during school time and are visible, the items will be kept at the office until a parent is notified. Students **are allowed** to use their devices when the teacher gives permission during BYOD (bring your own device) sessions.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <i>Villa Paniniis delivered every Monday</i> 	3 <i>SubWay is delivered every Tuesday</i> 	4 <i>Pizza Nova is delivered every Wednesday</i> 	5	6 <i>Bertonies is delivered every Friday</i> 	7
8	9 <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i>  <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i>	10 <i>Youth Speak Presentation for grs. 4 to 8 in gym</i>	11	12 <i>Cross Country Meet at Bruce's Mill</i> 	13	14
15	16 <i>Hearing Screening for JK to grade 8 -Swim to Survive for grade 3s</i>	17 <i>Thanksgiving Mass @ 9:30am Prepared by Grs. 2 & 3</i>	18	19 <i>Kindergarten trip to Round the Bend Farm</i>	20 <i>PA Day No School for Students</i>	21
22	23 <i>Swim to Survive for grade 3s</i>	24	25	26	27	28
29 30	30 <i>Swim to Survive for grade 3s</i> <i>CSC Meeting 7 pm All are Welcome</i>	31 <i>Dance-a-thon Fundraiser Wear your Costume</i> 	<i>St. Vincent de Paul-Coat Drive Begins</i>			

Food Drive—Please bring in a grocery store gift card or non-perishable food

