

Our Lady of the Rosary CES Newsletter



NOV 2021

Principal's Message

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

In the month of November, the OLR school community's focus now shifts to the virtue of "Justice" and treating others with open minds and without the spectres of bias and inequity. Many of the school's learning opportunities and initiatives have been intentionally planned with the idea of removing these barriers in mind.

We look forward to our Remembrance Day service on November 11th and our intermediate classes' involvement in the Dufferin Clark Public Library and Historical Canada's virtual Remembrance with the Memory Project, as we make a humble attempt to learn more about the First Nations, Metis, and Inuit communities' participation in Canada's military efforts throughout the years, as noted in the First World War with many indigenous from the Cree Nation serving as "code talkers" and in World War II as an example. It is important to not only remember but also to acknowledge the tremendous sacrifices that many members of the indigenous communities made to serve in a Canadian uniform, considering the challenges of learning a new language, adapting to new cultural differences, and contributing finances, resources and land to support the building of Canadian installations, all in service to Canada.

The Ontario government has designated the first week of November as Treaties Recognition Week to honour the importance of treaties, to help the people of Ontario learn more about treaty rights and treaty relationships, and to enhance awareness of the treaty relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities. The grade 6 class looks forward to its virtual author visit with Indigenous author Todd Jamieson of "The Barren Grounds" fame.

November will be a busy yet rewarding month of learning in the areas of Math and STREAM education, as well as, consultation with our Safe Schools action team, as we examine school climate data and take a coordinated approach to anti-bullying. Progress report cards are scheduled to be uploaded to the Parent Portal by 4 pm on November 16th and P-T interviews are scheduled for Nov. 18 and 19th (PA Day). We look forward to working together with our CSC parent partners as we plan ahead for this year based on our school improvement goals.

Wishing everyone a fantastic month ahead!

W. H Kwon

Principal

NEW REGISTRANTS WELCOME

Apply online or download a print copy at www.ycdsb.ca/admissions. Call the school at 905-669-6690 for more information. For general information about the York Catholic District School Board, visit www.ycdsb.ca/admissions. Stay in touch with us throughout the school year and follow us on Twitter @YCDSB and @OLRosary!



School Information

Principal: W. H Kwon

Secretary: J. Palermo

Superintendent: L. Sawicky

Trustee: J. Wigston

*Parish: St. Joseph the Worker
Parish*

Pastor: Msgr. O. Keenan

*191 Wade Gate, Thornhill, ON
L4J 5Y4*

CSC Chair: I. De Sousa

Enrollment: 303

Hours: 8:50am-3:20pm

Lunch: 11:45am-12:45 pm



Mission Statement
Guided by Gospel values and Catholic tradition 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 imagine, create, deliver and live their lives as socially responsible global citizens.

Care Values
Caring, Equity, Integrity, Respect

Strategic Commitments
Learning, Leadership, Well-being, Innovation, Sustainability

Multi-Year Strategic Plan

TREATIES RECOGNITION WEEK 2021 PRAYER

In the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.

Let us remember that our Indigenous neighbours gently walked this land.

Let us remember that Treaties are promises.

Let us respect those promises.

Let us remember all of the promises in our lives.

Let us respect those promises.

Let us remember that prejudice causes pain and hurt.

Let us remember to be kind to everyone.

Let us remember to be upstanders against injustice.

Let us remember to treat others the way we want to be treated.

Let us remember to love our neighbour and our land.

In the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.

Amen

OLR NOVEMBER 2021 CALENDAR

<https://olr.ycdsb.ca/>

The updated November 2021 School Calendar is available. Please visit our school website at <https://olr.ycdsb.ca/> under the side banner entitled “Upcoming Events” to the right. For all school board related updates, please visit www.ycdsb.ca.



TRAFFIC PROTOCOL



To continue the school year with all students' safety at the forefront, we need to ask for your increased vigilance with all of our surrounding roads. We ask for your additional attention to the safety of our students, specifically in the areas in front of our school. We need everyone's help to work for the safety of all our children.

PLEASE HELP US HELP OUR CHILDREN:

The children's safety is a concern to all of us. The expectation is that drivers will respond to traffic signs and they will be cautious when approaching the school area. As parents, it is reasonable to expect a safe "drop-off" zone for the children. Hence, the question: "Where can I stop in order to off load my child(ren)?" At Our Lady of the Rosary, parents are expected to drop off their children on Glen Shields Avenue. The city of Vaughan has placed signs directing parents that the area is a no-parking zone between 8:00- and 9:30 am and 3:00-4:30 pm, Monday to Friday.

Please remember not to block any driveways and please do not park too close to the school driveways. Busses need additional space to turn safely without striking the front or back end of a stopped/parked car. U-turns are prohibited and would create a danger in any school area. As a gentle reminder, please ensure the safety of children by having them wear seatbelts correctly, at all times.

Parents dropping off or picking up students are reminded that they are not to enter the driveway after 8:20 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. as we are preparing for student arrival and dismissal. **The bus loop is easily distinguishable, as it has been marked with large pylons at each end. Please do not park here, as this area is for the students to safely disembark from the bus.**

Thanks for your time and assistance in creating an even safer school!



TORONTO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA DIGITAL CONCERT SERIES

Thank you to music teacher, Ms. F. Aiko-Mino for introducing our students to the world of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra digital concert series, specifically the works of musicians, violinist, Jesse Montgomery, video game score composer, Maxime Goulet and composer and conductor, Daniel Bartholomew Poser. Students increased their knowledge of orchestral music and the ability to differentiate between the all of the stong instruments and appreciate how they can harmonize in different movements to create thematic symphonic works, as demonstrated by “The Ultimate Guide to Eating Halloween Candy” and its associated works: Jessie Montgomery: *Starburst*, J. S. Bach: “Air” from Suite No. 3, Tchaikovsky: “Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy” from *The Nutcracker*, Maxime Goulet: “Dark Chocolate” from *Symphonic Chocolates*.



OLR CROSS COUNTRY 2021



Congratulations to all of our students who participated in this year's cross-country event! Their commitment to running some challenging distances in all kinds of weather and building their overall endurance is to be commended! Thank you to all of our staff, specifically Ms. Iannetta, Ms. Guida, Ms. Battel, Ms. Giunta, Ms. Alvarez and Ms. Couto for their encouragement and supervision of our runners!

Staff Members Involved: Ms. Guida, Ms. Iannetta, Ms. Battel, Ms. Giunta, Ms. Alvarez, Ms. Couto

Cross Country Participants

Gr. 4

GIRLS

Ksenia O
Gabriella G
Mary-Grace F
Kristine E
Haven M
Julianne L
Zoe M
Chenielle B
Abigail C

BOYS

Mattheus G
Ethan C
Joseph P
Tarun D
Benjamin S
Gabriel P
Tyler S
Seth P
Carter C
Joshua S
Muritala A

GR. 5

GIRLS

Sabrina C
Aaliyah O
Mira B
Caitlyn G
Aldryn P
Sophia L
Andrea G
Mya P

BOYS

Michael D
Vlad S

Attendance:

In terms of students who arrive late, late slips, will no longer be issued by the main office, identical to last year's practice. Late arrivals and absences will be noted and marked accordingly by teachers using our digital attendance procedures and shared with secretarial staff in real time. All latecomers will enter through the front door, hand sanitize upon arrival and be directly admitted to their classroom.

Safe Arrival Promotion:

Parents/Guardians always have the option to call Safe Arrival to report a planned absence by calling 1-855-856-7862 prior to 8:50 am or visiting go.schoolmessenger.ca

- Parents are asked to bring/drop off their child(ren) as close to the bell time as possible.
- If a student is not feeling well, we ask that the student stay at home and access any work that has been provided by the school. Should a student feel ill at school, all YCDSB and York Region PH COVID-19 related protocol will be followed, the student will be supervised in a separate and secure areas, and parents will be contacted immediately to pick up the student as soon as possible.




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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Elementary Safe Arrival Absence Reporting Procedure

At York Catholic District School Board, one of our greatest priorities is ensuring that all our students arrive safely to school every day. Parents and/or guardians are required to report their child(ren)'s absence or late arrival in advance, or before bell time for the current day by accessing the Elementary Safe Arrival Program using any of the three methods below:

- *Toll Free SchoolMessenger Phone Number: 1 855 856 7862*
- *The SchoolMessenger Website: go.schoolmessenger.ca*
- *The SchoolMessenger App*  from the *Apple App Store* or the *Google Play Store*.

The first time you use the App or Website, select **Sign Up** to create your account. To report an absence, select **Attendance** followed by **Report an Absence**

These options are available **24 hours a day, 7 days a week**. Future absences can be reported at any time. If you have children at a YCDSB Secondary school, you may use the SafeArrival system to report the absence for those children, as well.

Parents and/or guardians are requested to report absences for students attending in-person face to face and remote learning.

In order for this system to be successful, it is important that we have the correct contact information for you on file. If any of your phone or email contact information has changed, please contact your child's school office.

In addition, *SchoolMessenger* will send an automated notification to parents and guardians who have not reported their child(ren) as absent or late for face to face learners. If our system is unable to reach a designated contact after the required amount of time, office staff will follow up. By reporting your child(ren) absent or late in advance or before the bell time, you will not receive these notifications.

Should you have any questions in regards to the **Safe Arrival Program**, please do not hesitate to contact your child's school office.

Thank you for your attention to this important information about the reporting of your child's attendance for the upcoming school year.

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Elementary School Parent and Guardian SchoolMessenger Instructions

Parents and/or guardians are required to report their child(ren)'s absence or late arrival in advance, or before school start for the current day by accessing the **Elementary SafeArrival Program** using any of the three methods below:

Toll Free SchoolMessenger Phone Number 1 855 856 7862

SchoolMessenger Website go.schoolmessenger.ca

SchoolMessenger App Use your mobile device to download the blue **SchoolMessenger App** from the *Apple App Store* or the *Google Play Store*.

Parents and/or guardians are requested to report absences for students attending in-person face to face and distance/remote learning.




How to Sign Up

- The first time you use the SchoolMessenger Website or App, select **Sign Up** to create your account.
- You will be asked to enter the email address your child's school has on record for you.
 - Create a password using one lowercase letter, one uppercase letter, one number and from 6 to 255 characters.
 - Ensure **Canada** is chosen as the location.
 - Upon clicking **Sign Up**, you will be sent an activation email to complete your account registration.

Note: Your username and password will be the same for both the SchoolMessenger Website and App.

Report an Absence on the SchoolMessenger Website or App

To report an absence:

- Select the menu  icon
- Select **Attendance** 
- Report an Absence** 

- These options are available **24 hours a day, 7 days a week**. Future absences can be reported at any time.
- If you have children at a York Catholic secondary school, you also may use the SafeArrival system to report the absence for those children.

*Should you have difficulty accessing the SchoolMessenger Website or App,
please contact your child's school directly.*



SAFE ARRIVAL

STUDENT ABSENCE REPORTING

Partial or full day absences may be reported in advance, **before** bell time for the current day.

Phone: 1-855-856-7862

Website: go.schoolmessenger.ca

Mobile App: SchoolMessenger App 



VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSES (ST. ELIZABETH CHS) 2021



**REGIONAL ARTS PROGRAM
VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE**

**ARTS
CONNECTED**
The Regional Arts Program at St. Elizabeth

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH, 2021.

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE
SEH.YCDSB.CA
FOR MORE
INFORMATION**

Visual Art • Dance • Digital Media • Drama • Instrumental • Vocal

The poster is a vertical rectangle with a grey background and red accents. At the top, a red banner contains the event title in white. Below this is the 'Arts Connected' logo, which consists of a stylized cross made of overlapping colored lines (purple, green, blue, red) and the text 'ARTS CONNECTED' in large black letters, with 'The Regional Arts Program at St. Elizabeth' in smaller red text underneath. A black horizontal bar in the middle contains the date 'MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH, 2021.' in white. Below the bar, the text 'VISIT OUR WEBSITE' is in black, followed by the website address 'SEH.YCDSB.CA' in red, and 'FOR MORE INFORMATION' in black. On the left side of this section is the York Catholic District School Board logo, and on the right is the St. Elizabeth CHS logo. At the bottom, a red banner lists the arts disciplines: 'Visual Art • Dance • Digital Media • Drama • Instrumental • Vocal' in white.

Comprehensive & Regional ARTS Open House:

Monday November 15th @ 7:00 p.m.

The Open House Live Link will be made available on the St. Elizabeth CHS school [WEBSITE](#)



Memo

To: Prospective Students and Their Families
From: St. Elizabeth Catholic High School
Date: 11/1/2021
Re: Our School Virtual Open House

It is already that time of year when our Grade 8 students begin exploring their transition to secondary school. While we cannot meet with you in person at this time, we would like to welcome you to our **St. Elizabeth Catholic High School Grade 8 Open House and Information Session**. Our Virtual Open House will be held **Monday, November 15, 2021 at 7:00 PM**.

Saint Elizabeth Catholic High School is known for our exceptional programs, including our *Arts Connected - Regional Arts Program*, our unique *Smart Start* program and our extra-curricular activities and sports programs. We are honoured to share our school with you.

This year, we will be posting a general overview video which features some of what our school has to offer from the voices of our students. School administrators and Department Heads will be available live in individual chat sessions to answer questions and get to know our future students and their families. Registration information will be made available at that time.

Our Open House will get underway on **Monday, November 15 at 7:00 P.M.**

Here is the link to our school website. The Open House will be live on this link at 7:00 PM
The Open House will remain available on the school website.

- Please note that in order to participate in the chat sessions with Department Heads, parents/students will have to use an email address associated with a 'Google Account.'

[St. Elizabeth CHS Website](#)





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Virtual York Catholic High School Open Houses

Please note: All virtual open houses will take place at 7 p.m. The link to watch the open house will be available on the schools' websites prior to the start of the open house. Please click on the school's name below to view the school's website. The open house presentations will also be available on the schools' websites 24 hours after it airs.

School	Date / Regional Programs
Cardinal Carter Catholic High School 210 Bloomington Road West, Aurora, ON, L4G 0P9	Thursday, November 18, 2021 <i>Regular Program / IB</i>
Father Bressani Catholic High School 250 Ansley Grove Road, Woodbridge, ON, L4L 3W4	Wednesday, November 17, 2021 <i>Regular Program / AP/ PACE/ FI</i>
Father Michael McGivney Catholic Academy 5300 – 14th Avenue, Markham, ON, L3S 3K8	Wednesday, November 3, 2021 <i>Regular Program / IB / ESL / ELD</i>
Holy Cross Catholic Academy 7501 Martin Grove Road, Woodbridge, ON, L4L 1A5	Wednesday, November 24, 2021 <i>Regular Program / IB / HPA</i>
Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Academy 185 Glenwoods Avenue, Keswick, ON, L4P 2W6 Open House is for Grade 6 – 8 students	Thursday, November 4, 2021 <i>Regular Program / AP/ FI</i>
Our Lady Queen of the World Catholic Academy 10475 Bayview Avenue, Richmond Hill, ON, L4C 3P2	Wednesday, November 3, 2021 <i>Regular Program / FI / ESL / ELD</i> Tuesday, November 9, 2021 <i>AP</i>
Sacred Heart Catholic High School 908 Lemar Road, Newmarket, ON, L3Y 6R2	Wednesday, November 3, 2021 <i>Regular Program / AP / PACE / RAP / ESL / ELD</i>
St. Augustine Catholic High School 2188 Rodick Road, Markham, ON, L6C 1S3	Thursday, November 11, 2021 <i>Regular Program / STREAM</i>
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<p><u>St. Brother Andre Catholic High School</u> 6160 – 16th Avenue East, Markham, ON, L3P 3K8</p>	<p>Tuesday, November 9, 2021 <i>Regular Program / FI</i></p> <p>Tuesday, November 23, 2021 <i>PACE / AP</i></p>
<p><u>St. Elizabeth Catholic High School</u> 525 New Westminster Drive, Thornhill, ON, L4J 7X3</p>	<p>Monday, November 15, 2021 <i>Regular Program / RAP / ESL / ELD</i></p>
<p><u>St. Jean de Brebeuf Catholic High School</u> 2 Davos Road, Woodbridge, ON, L4H 2Y1</p>	<p>Thursday, November 18, 2021 <i>Regular Program</i></p>
<p><u>St. Joan of Arc Catholic High School</u> 1 St. Joan of Arc Avenue, Maple, ON, L6A 1W9</p>	<p>Tuesday, November 23, 2021 <i>Regular Program / AP / ESL / ELD</i></p>
<p><u>St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic High School</u> 278 Wellington Street East, Aurora, ON, L4G 1J5</p>	<p>Wednesday, November 24, 2021 <i>Regular Program / AP / FI</i></p>
<p><u>St. Robert Catholic High School</u> 8101 Leslie Street, Thornhill, ON, L3T 7P4</p> <p>School enrolment is capped. See school website for details.</p>	<p>Tuesday, November 2, 2021 <i>Regular Program / ESL / ELD</i></p> <p>Thursday, November 4, 2021 <i>IB</i></p>
<p><u>St. Theresa of Lisieux Catholic High School</u> 230 Shaftsbury Avenue, Richmond Hill, ON, L4C 0E8</p> <p>School enrolment is capped. See school website for details.</p>	<p>Wednesday, November 17, 2021 <i>Regular Program / AP / PACE</i></p>

WALKING CLUB AT OLR:

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We are starting a Walking Club at OLR to promote healthy living, physical activity and mental health. Your child has shown an interest in joining the weekly walking club. The details are as follows:

- Students will eat their lunch in class and then walk during the first part of lunch recess.
- Accompanied by staff, students will walk along Glen Shields to Crooked Stick St. and back (approximately 1km).
- We will walk weather permitting, break during the winter months and resume in the spring once the snow/ice has melted.
- Each division will be assigned one lunch time period.
- We will begin the week of Nov. 8th.

Healthy mind, healthy body, healthy life.

Mrs. Iannetta and Mrs. Guida
Walking Club



UPDATED Provincial COVID-19 School and Childcare Screener <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: YORK REGION SCREENING AND TESTING UPDATES

Friday October 15, 2021

With the support of the COVID 19 vaccine and other public health measures, everyone has been working together to help keep our schools and child cares safe and we are greatly appreciative of your collective efforts.

It remains critically important to continue to screen your children for symptoms each day to avoid bringing COVID-19 into the schools and child cares and to test them when required. Screening and testing help control the spread of COVID-19. Even if you or your child is fully vaccinated, you must continue with daily screening and testing if you or your child have one or more COVID-19 symptom.

Screening update

To provide parents and guardians with more options to screen , including the ability to share results electronically and complete screening in multiple languages, **effective Monday, October 18, 2021** York Region Public Health will require students, parents and guardians to use the provincial [COVID-19 school and child care screening tool](#).

The provincial screening tool was updated on Friday October 1, 2021 to **reiterate the need to stay home if you are sick with any COVID-19 symptoms**. This information was previously missing, suggesting children with mild symptoms like runny noses and sore throats were permitted to attend school. This change brings the provincial [COVID-19 school and child care screening tool](#) in line with the York Region school and child care screening requirements.

Students, parents and guardians will still be able to access the [link to the tool](#) through the York Region [Staying Safe at School](#) webpage. All staff and students must self-screen for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 **every day** before attending school or child care. Even if you or your child is fully vaccinated, you must continue with daily screening and testing if you or your child have one or more COVID-19 symptom.

MILD SYMPTOMS

As a reminder, anyone experiencing symptoms, including mild symptoms not included on the provincial screening tool (e.g., runny nose, sore throat, etc.) should **NOT** attend school or child care. If your child has mild symptoms not listed the screening tool, they can return to school or child care once their symptoms have improved for 24 hours. If your child does have symptoms listed on the screening tool, or their symptoms get worse, they are required to have a PCR COVID-19 test or stay home for 10 days.

PUBLIC HEALTH
1-877-464-9675
TTY 1-866-512-6228
york.ca/SafeAtSchool



Remote Learning Code of Conduct

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our teachers have been working hard to create inclusive, faith-filled, and safe learning environments for students. While some students have chosen remote learning, others may have to pivot to remote learning in the event that their class is directed by York Region Public Health to self-isolate.

To ensure the safety and privacy of students and staff working in a remote learning environment, we are highlighting expectations and code of conduct expectations for remote learners and for parents of remote learners.

The following are expectations for our remote students:

- The remote learning platform is a classroom;
- Students attending remotely are expected to show the same classroom preparedness and willingness to follow school and classroom rules, routines and expectations as if attending in-person (i.e. being presentable and dressed for learning, having learning materials ready and homework completed);
- Students are expected to be prompt and in attendance by the start of the school day. Any students who are late will be marked late and parents will receive a call from Safe Arrival.
- As in a regular classroom, remote learners are expected to show courtesy, respect and consideration for their teachers and peers. The school's code of conduct and progressive discipline apply in instances of inappropriate behavior; and,
- Where there is inappropriate behavior, the teacher will report the incident to the principal for further investigation and follow-up with parents.

Parents of remote students should note the following:

- All student absences must be reported via the Board's Safe Arrival procedures;
- The remote class is imbued with the same sanctity as a regular classroom;
- The teacher is the person of authority in the classroom and is responsible for establishing and maintaining class order and management;
- When there is any concern (i.e. live feed is not working), the parent will call the school office to report the occurrence and wait for the school administrator to respond;
- At all times, where there is concern about content, the parent will contact the teacher through established teacher-parent communication protocols including a phone call or email to the teacher. Additionally, the parent can also contact the office with any concerns. **Parents are not to use the chat feature to address concerns.**
- Taking pictures, video or audio recording of the live proceedings is strictly forbidden to ensure the privacy of staff and students.
- Providing unwelcome feedback/comments about the proceedings of classroom lessons on social media is inappropriate. Any comments should be addressed directly with the teacher.
- **Under no circumstance during synchronous live teaching will a parent or guardian interrupt the proceeding of the classroom. As outlined in the Education Act s.212 (1), 'it is an offense for any person to wilfully interrupt or disquiet the proceedings of a school or class.'**

We must work together to ensure a safe and productive learning environment for all students. This requires the commitment of all stakeholders during this difficult and unprecedented time.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support as we work together as a community.

Eugene Pivato
Associate Director of Education

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Treaties Recognition Week: November 1-7
- Nov. 1: All Saints Day
- Nov. 2: All Souls Day
- Nov. 11: Remembrance Day (Service and Liturgy at school)
- Nov. 16 @ 4 pm: Progress Report Cards will be available on the Maplewood Connected Parent Portal <https://olr.ycdsb.ca/parents/>
- Nov. 17: Catholic School Parent Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm.
- Nov. 18 and 19: Progress Reports Parent-Teacher Interviews
- Nov. 19 (PA Day)
- Nov. 24: Rosary Apostolate Visit
- Oct. 20: Catholic School Council 1st meeting @ 6:30 pm.

INDIGENOUS VIRTUAL AUTHOR VISIT

Ms. Amato's will be taking part in the YCDSB initiative in-services to further engage the Grade 6 class in the Indigenous themed read aloud book "The Barren Grounds." As part of the initiative, there will be 2 virtual guest speakers for the Grade 6 class led by Indigenous community members on topics related to the text.

Nov 4 Todd Jamieson @1:15 p.m.

Nov 24 Mim Harder @1:15 p.m.



REMEMBRANCE WITH THE MEMORY PROJECT

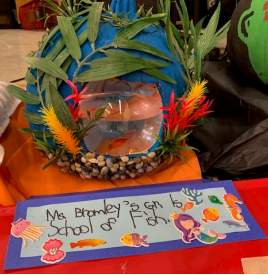
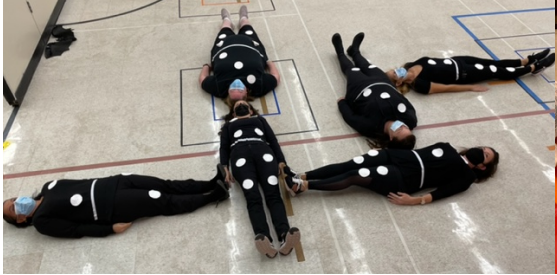
*The Grade 7 and 8 classes will participate in Vaughan Public Libraries free virtual presentation on November 2nd from 10:30am to 11:30am. The program is called **Remembrance with the Memory Project**. An initiative of Historica Canada, The Memory Project is a volunteer speakers bureau that arranges for veterans and Canadian Forces members to share their stories of military service at school and community events across the country. This program will be presented by Captain Janet Ericson. Thank you to **Rosa Convertini**, Youth Services Librarian, at Dufferin Clark Library for making this learning opportunity possible!*

HALLOWEEN SPOOK-A-THON 2021

Something was definitely amiss at OLR during the week of October 25th, as OLR experienced countless eerie transformations, shrieks, laughs of terror and things that go bump in the day. Thank you to everyone who made OLR's annual Halloween Spook-a-thon a great success, as the school has raised upwards of \$5000 which will go towards special programs, workshops and STREAM and music related resources for our students! We are pleased to announce that this translates to an extended recess on a future sunny and warmer day, as well as, an afternoon Game Day for our students.

A huge thanks to our staff, Ms. Guida, Mme. Colarossi, Ms. Marinelli, intermediate teachers and of course our Grade 8 students who took on "DJ" duties during our long-awaited dance for JK/SK to Grade 8 on Friday, October 29th. Thank you to all our students and families for getting into the Halloween Spirit and taking part in our different theme days throughout the week, from Scary hair, Orange and Black attire, Halloween face masks to Halloween Bingo! Congratulations are in order to our winning Pumpkin carving and decorating contest winners: Ms. Bromley's, Ms. Amato's and Ms. Giunta's classes. We will be announcing the winners of our Lenovo Chromebook, Fujii Film Instax Camera Kit, Indigo, Amazon, Virtual Sting, Ultimate Dining, President's Choice, Pizza Pizza gift cards, gift basket and more shortly! Stay tuned...





OLR October 2021 Virtue of the Month: Compassion



I will:

- Seek to understand others by listening.
- Be willing to forgive others.
- Give of my resources to help those in need.

Teacher	Grade	Students
Ms. Ecclestone	JK/SK	Alice B.M. (SK) Aryan K. (SK) Sienna S. (SK)
Ms. Battel	JK/SK	Lia C. (JK) Alivia P. (JK) Matthew A.L. (SK)
Ms. Bromley	1	Vivian I. Fabian C.
Ms. Petrolo	2	Ava A. Sebastian C.
Ms. Iaboni	2/3	Sophia S. (Gr. 3) Jacob J P. (Gr. 3)
Ms. Ali	3	Emmanuel R.
Ms. Prechner	3/4	Carter C. (Gr. 4) Mattheus G. (Gr. 4)
Ms. Sciulli	4	Chenielle B. Anthony S. Raphael T.
Ms. Gurrieri	5	Kyler M.
Ms. Amato	6	Vesuvia V.
Ms. Di Vincenzo	7	Natalie L. Sofia P.
Ms. Giunta	8	Lemuel M. Erhold A.
Ms. Martire	8	Meaghan C. Reign D.

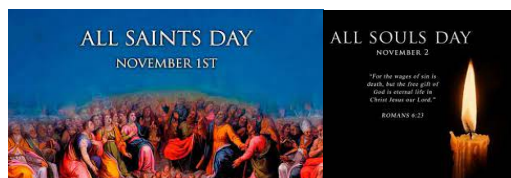
**Congratulations to all of our October 2021 Virtue of the Month recipients!
November's virtue is "Justice."**



School Picture Re-Take Day:

- Please note that there will be a ONE DAY Picture Re-Take Day on **Wednesday, December 15, 2021** for any students who were absent, for those who did not have the opportunity to have their individual photos taken, and for students who desire a re-take. There will be strict adherence to all YCDSB and York Region Public Health COVID-19 protocols.

PARISH CORNER



SCHOOL, SACRAMENTAL & LITURGICAL EVENTS – 2021/2022

SPECIAL DATES:

First Sunday of Advent	28 November 2021
Ash Wednesday	2 March 2022
Easter	17 April 2022
Pentecost	5 June 2022
Corpus Christi	20 June 2022

CELEBRATION OF HOLY MASS WITH FIRST COMMUNION:

Saturday	30 April 2022, 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	1 May 2022, 11:00 a.m.
Sunday	1 May 2022, 1:00 p.m.
Saturday	7 May 2022, 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	8 May 2022, 11:00 a.m.
Sunday	8 May 2022, 1:00 p.m.

CONFIRMATION MASSES:

O.L. Rosary	7 May 2022, 10:00 a.m.
St Joseph's:	14 May 2022, 10:00 a.m.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SCHEDULE FOR 2021

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - PARENTS' MEETING #1:

Wednesday, 7 October 2020 – 7:00 p.m.

- Schools have Google Form link
- Registration Forms, with selected date and time, to be submitted through Google
- Parents to come to Church with necessary documentation/fees at their convenience, on or before 12 December 2021.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - PARENTS' MEETING #2:

Saturday 8 January 2022, 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

FIRST CONFESSION:

Thursday 24 March 2022: 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Church

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - PARENTS' MEETING #3:

Saturday 5 March 2022, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Saturday 8 May 2021, 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9 May 2021, 12:00 p.m.
Saturday 15 May 2021, 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 16 May 2021, 12:00 p.m.

CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE FOR 2021 - 2022

CONFIRMATION - PARENTS' MEETING:

Wednesday 7 October 2021, 7:00 p.m.

- School and parish have provided Registration link on Google Forms
- Registration Forms to be available on-line;
- Registration Forms, to be submitted in person at the Church, with the necessary documentation/fees at the convenience of the parents.

- Note that a Confirmation prep course for ALL *Confirmandi* will be offered at the parish this year. Attendance is mandatory for all *Confirmandi*.

CONFIRMATION - PARENTS' MEETING #2:

Tuesday 15 February 2022: 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Attendance for Parents and Proposed Sponsors is expected

CONFIRMATION - PARENTS' MEETING #3, WITH REHEARSAL:

Tuesday 26 April 2022: 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Attendance for Parents and Proposed Sponsors is expected

CONFIRMANDI CONFESSIONS:

Advent Day of Reconciliation - Tuesday 14 Dec 2021:

- 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Lenten Day of Reconciliation – Thursday 31 March 2021:

- 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

SCHOOL MASSES

BEGINNING OF THE YEAR MASS / IN-CLASS PRAYERS*

- Obviously subject to gathering / social distancing protocols
- Masses will be celebrated in the Church, with Gr 6, 7 and 8 Students, livestreamed for other classes.

School	Day	Date	Time
O.L. Rosary			
St Joseph's			
St Elizabeth C.S.S.*			

- Note that the number of St Elizabeth year-opening Masses depends on school schedule; we may require fewer if days or classes aren't staggered, if we are allowed larger numbers in the pews.

ADVENT MASS

School	Day	Date	Time
O.L. Rosary	Tuesday	7 Dec	10:00 a.m.
St Joseph's	Thursday	9 Dec	10:00 a.m.
St Elizabeth C.S.S.	Tuesday	TBD	8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

ASH WEDNESDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2021

School	Day	Date	Time
O.L. Rosary	Wednesday	2 March	10:00 a.m.
St Joseph's	Wednesday	2 March	1:30 p.m.
St Elizabeth C.S.S.	Wednesday	2 March	8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

YEAR END MASSES

School	Day	Date	Time
O.L. Rosary	Tuesday	21 June	10:00 a.m.
St Joseph's	Thursday	23 June	10:00 a.m.
St Elizabeth C.S.S.	Thursday	TBD	8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

GRADUATION MASS

School	Day	Date	Time
St. Aloysius C.S.S.	Mon or Tue	28 or 29 June	8:30 a.m.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE, SCHOOL MASSES, LITURGY OF THE WORD



We look forward to our scheduled virtual Remembrance Day service and para-liturgy to be held on Thursday, November 11, 2021 at 10:30 am for JK/SK to Grade 8. We look forward to our upcoming school masses with Monsignor Owen Keenan. School visit dates TBD.

WHY GRATITUDE?



Quite simply, to make you **feel happier!** Research shows that expressing gratitude can help us feel happier, healthier, and more productive. Noticing **good things** around you, thanking others for the little things they do, or keeping a **hopeful** attitude are just a few examples of expressing gratitude.

Find out more at:
[jack.org/covid](https://www.jack.org/covid)



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CSC CORNER

The Catholic School Council is an advisory body whose mission is to enhance the education of our children in a faith-centered environment in partnership with the school, parish, community and home.

Congratulations and Best Wishes for a Successful School Year!

Members for 2021-2022

Executive

- Chair: Isabel De Sousa
- Treasurer: Dennis Justin
- Secretary: Elizabeth O
- Teacher Rep: Heather Prechner
- OAPCE Rep: Geoffrey Paterson
- Community Rep: Christopher De Sousa
- Non-Teaching Rep: Koula Sferopoulos
- Principal: William H Kwon

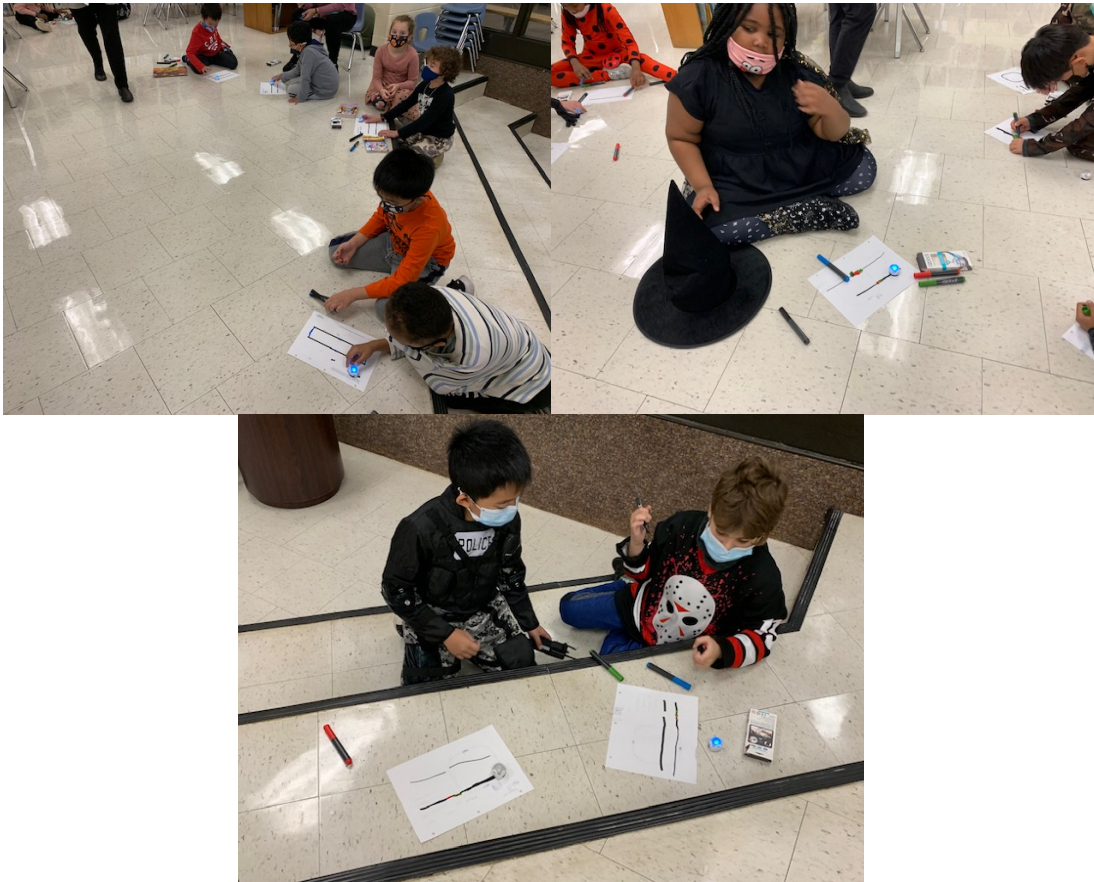
Council Members

- Loretta Bernard
- Spomenka Koledin
- Elizabeth O
- Marie Myrie
- Geoffrey Paterson
- Isabel De Sousa
- Jessica Cutrone
- Dennis Justin
- Heather Prechner-Teaching Rep
- Christopher De Sousa-Community Rep
- Koula Sferopoulos –Non Teaching Rep

MEETING DATES

- First CSC meeting for 2021-2022 will take place on Wednesday, October 20, 2021.
- CSC meeting # 2 will take place on Wednesday, November 17, 2021
- CSC meeting # 3 will take place on Wednesday, January 12, 2022
- The final CSC meeting # 4 will take place on Wednesday, April 20, 2022
 - Video stream for all interested parents:
 - <https://stream.meet.google.com/stream/60d37708-5117-418d-97f0-1fa956ced833>

LET'S GET CODING!



Thank you to our teacher-librarian, Ms. Puopolo for opening more doors to the world of coding for our younger students with our Code and Go Mouse Kits and our Ozobots. Our Grade 3 students enjoyed experimenting and discovering the “colour codes” that allow Ozobots to move faster and slower along various paths.

BLASTFEST: DIVERSITY IN STEM WORKSHOPS

These workshops will be re-scheduled for Ms. Amato’s Grade 6 and Ms. Gurrieri’s Grade 5 classes. As soon as more details become available, they will be shared with students and their families.



PATHWAYS & CAREERS

GRADE 7 & 8



PILLARS OF THE PROGRAM

- ✓ Pathways
- ✓ Digital Citizenship
- ✓ Financial Literacy
- ✓ Design Thinking

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Pathways and Careers teachers will present lessons to help transition our intermediate students into high school. Students will be investigating 4-guiding questions:

- Who Am I?
- Who do I want to Become?
- What are my Opportunities?
- What is my Plan for Achieving my Goals?

During this year, students will explore courses and opportunities in high school, creating a plan for secondary transition while continuing to explore various careers and post-secondary destinations.



York Catholic District School Board Education and Career/Life Planning

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The York Catholic District School Board is pleased to offer *myBlueprint* access to grade 7 and 8 students and their parents/guardians. This letter is intended to provide you with information about this educational tool.

Students from grades 7–12 have a **digital portfolio**, called the *Individual Pathways Plan (IPP)* in Ontario schools, that can be supported by the self-assessment surveys, career exploration, educational pathways research, and secondary/post-secondary planning found in *myBlueprint*.

Students can reflect upon and showcase the results of activities they complete within *myBlueprint* using the IPP. *myBlueprint* features:

- **Who Am I** – 6 unique assessments for self-exploration and discovery (including Learning Styles, Myers-Briggs Personality, Holland Interests, Knowledge, Motivations, and Compatibility)
- **High School** – a tool to visually plan courses, track progress toward graduation, and instantly identify post-secondary eligibility for opportunities in all pathways
- **Post-Secondary** – a database to explore post-secondary opportunities and compare detailed information on apprenticeships, college programs, university programs and workplace sectors across Canada
- **Goals** – an interactive goal setting tool to set S.M.A.R.T. goals and action plans
- **Occupations** – A database of over 500 occupations to compare comprehensive information on jobs
- **Resumes & Cover Letters** – interactive tools to record personal experiences, build resumes and write cover letters
- **Money** – an engaging budget-making tool to help students track income and expenses and develop financial literacy
- **Job Search** – a tool to explore real-world job postings that relate to occupations of interest
- **Portfolios** – a portfolio builder to create multiple portfolios and share them with parents, teachers, or future employers

In addition to the educational components supported by the platform, *myBlueprint* will be used extensively:

- by the Pathways and Careers Teachers in grade 7 and 8,
- by Guidance teachers for Careers in grade 10,
- and will be used for secondary course selection from grade 8 to 11.

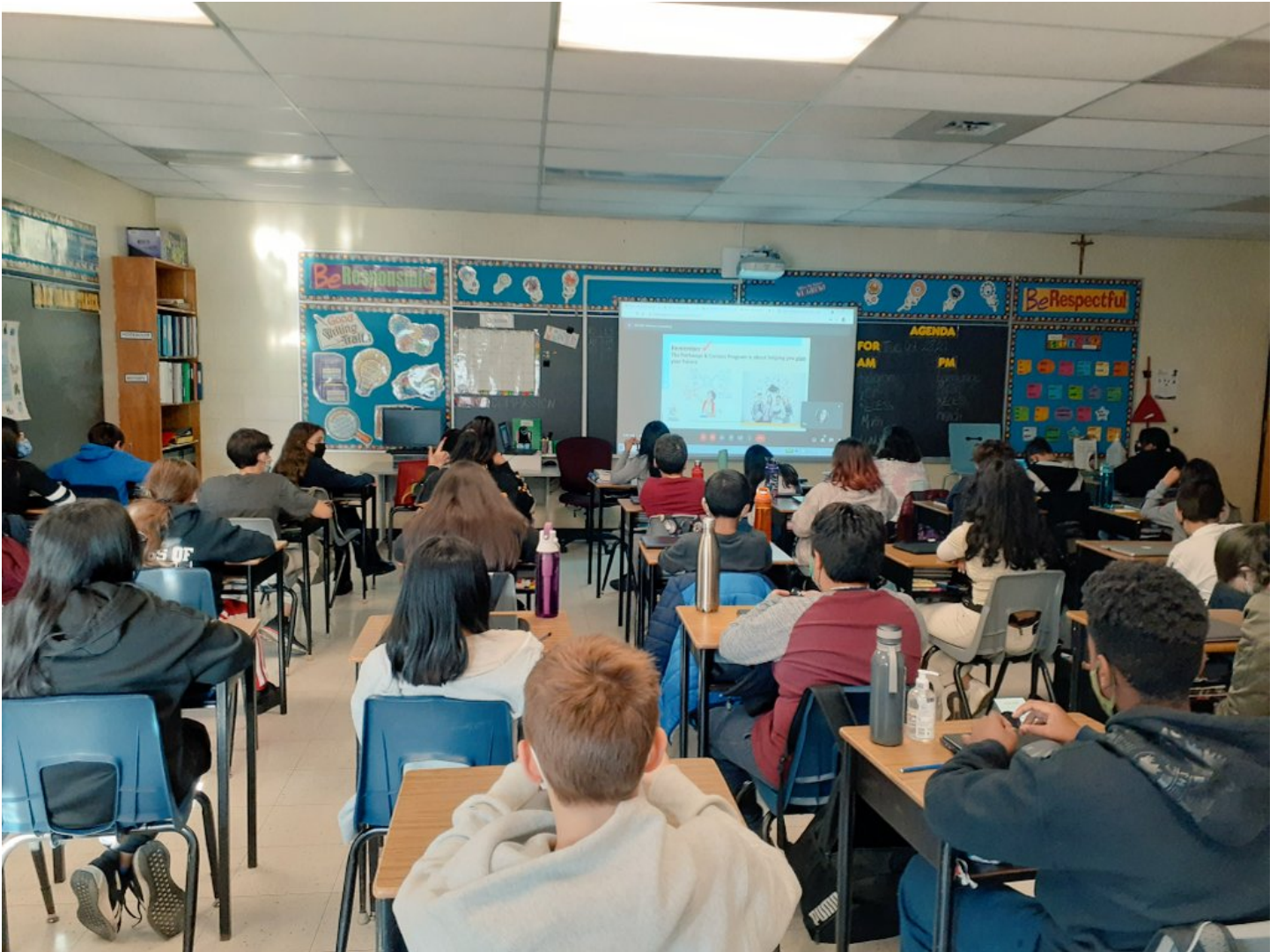
How does my child log into *myBlueprint*?

1. Visit destination high school website under “Students” or click [HERE](#) for login instructions
2. Follow the login instructions
3. Enter username and password as instructed

Thank you so much and we thank you for your support as we walk this path together with you and your son/daughter.

INDIVIDUAL PATHWAYS PLANS

Students in Ms. Di Vincenzo's Gr. 7 class spent some dedicated time to learn about the IPP (Individual Pathways Plan) and how to set up their Google Drives in preparation for the gathering of personal artifacts! Thank you to PCT teacher, Ms. M. Solimine for visiting with OLR and getting our Grade 7s and 8s started!



ANAPHYLAXIS

The York Catholic District School Board has a comprehensive policy to help protect students with life threatening allergies. Protecting anaphylactic students from exposure to life threatening substances poses a major challenge for all elementary schools. As outlined in the policy, parents are asked to inform the school of such allergies immediately and are required to complete S15 and S15a forms which are available in the office. Each form must have two passport size pictures attached so that the student is easily identifiable to staff. Parents are also asked to ensure that students for whom Epi-Pens are prescribed, have two Epi-Pens at school. One Epi-Pen should be worn by the student in a waist pack at all times, which includes on the bus and on all other school related activities. The other Epi-Pen must be stored in the school office for emergency use only.



PEDICULOSIS (HEAD LICE)

The following is the annual reminder to parents about Pediculosis. Please, routinely check your child's head for live lice and/ or their nits (eggs). If you find head lice, please ask a family physician, pharmacy personnel and use a recommended treatment to destroy the lice and remove all the nits from your child's hair before they return to school. For further information,

you may contact the school or call the Public Health Nurses at Health Connection, 1-800-361-5653.

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

Our schools do not have a school nurse. Therefore, whenever possible, have your doctor schedule medication to be administered outside of school hours. If, in extremely unusual circumstances, your child must take medication during the school day, please contact the school office to obtain and complete the required form S16 and S16a. These forms must also be signed by your physician. Students cannot have medication in their bags or desks at school. All medication must be kept in its original container with your child's name clearly visible and will be safely secured by school personnel in a designated area within the office.