

Our Lady of the Rosary CES Newsletter



DEC 2021

Principal's Message

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

As everyone attends to the many competing priorities that often characterize the month of December with continuous challenges that the ever-present pandemic brings, it becomes all the more important that we take the time to celebrate this time of the year. Now, in the first week of Advent, we light the first purple candle in recognition of the "Hope" that the people who "walked in darkness" felt prior to the birth of Jesus, as chronicled by the prophet Isaiah. It is precisely this type of hope that we are trying to cultivate for our students and staff at Our Lady of the Rosary during this month and beyond, as many of the learning opportunities and offerings this month have been purposely planned with this goal in mind. This will indeed be a busy month in which the school's efforts will converge around the hope that the Messiah's birth brings, as we do our utmost to assist our local community's most vulnerable populations through our Holiday Heroes Campaign and supporting our Advent Families. Thank you to all our generous families who have taken part in this important initiative. We are excited to finally celebrate mass in person at St. Joseph the Worker Parish on December 7th with Monsignor Keenan, our students from the Grade 6, 7 and 8 classes and staff, observing all COVID-19 health and safety protocol and parish capacity limits to usher the start of the Advent Season. Without a doubt, this is a wonderful time of the year when many generous hearts, minds and hands come together to celebrate what makes us a vibrant Catholic community, acknowledging the many acts of kindness and gratitude via our Luke 4:18 campaigns: "Big Shout Outs", "Gratitude Wall" and "Sending Sunshine" cards to local senior residents. We also look forward to continued rich learning during the Hour of Code, our Community Safety Village/York Region Police presentations for FDK-Gr. 1, and French performances of Otter Dream and Magic Lake. On behalf of the OLR school community, we wish everyone a safe and joyful Christmas and a Healthy and Happy 2022!

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: 307

Hours: 8:50am-3:20pm

Lunch: 11:45am-12:45 pm



Multi-Year Strategic Plan

Mission Statement	Vision Statement	Core Values	Strategic Commitments
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.	Our students will become creative and critical thinkers with Imagination, Curiosity, Openness and their own voice as socially responsible global citizens.	Respectful, Equitable, Collaborative, Innovative, Integrity, Resilient	Improve Quality of Learning, Increase Student Achievement, Support Well-being of All, Engage the Community

ADVENT PRAYER WEEK 1: WAITING IN HOPE



God of Hope;
We praise you during this season
of Advent and always.
Draw us into your light as we journey.
May we be filled with trust.
May our anticipation of the joyful coming
Of your Son ever increase.
May our hope grow with each passing moment.
We ask this through your Son,
Who was born in a stable in Bethlehem.

Amen

OLR DECEMBER 2021 CALENDAR

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

The updated December 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. Also please exit the school using the exit closest to Glen Shields and Quaker Ridge Road.**

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

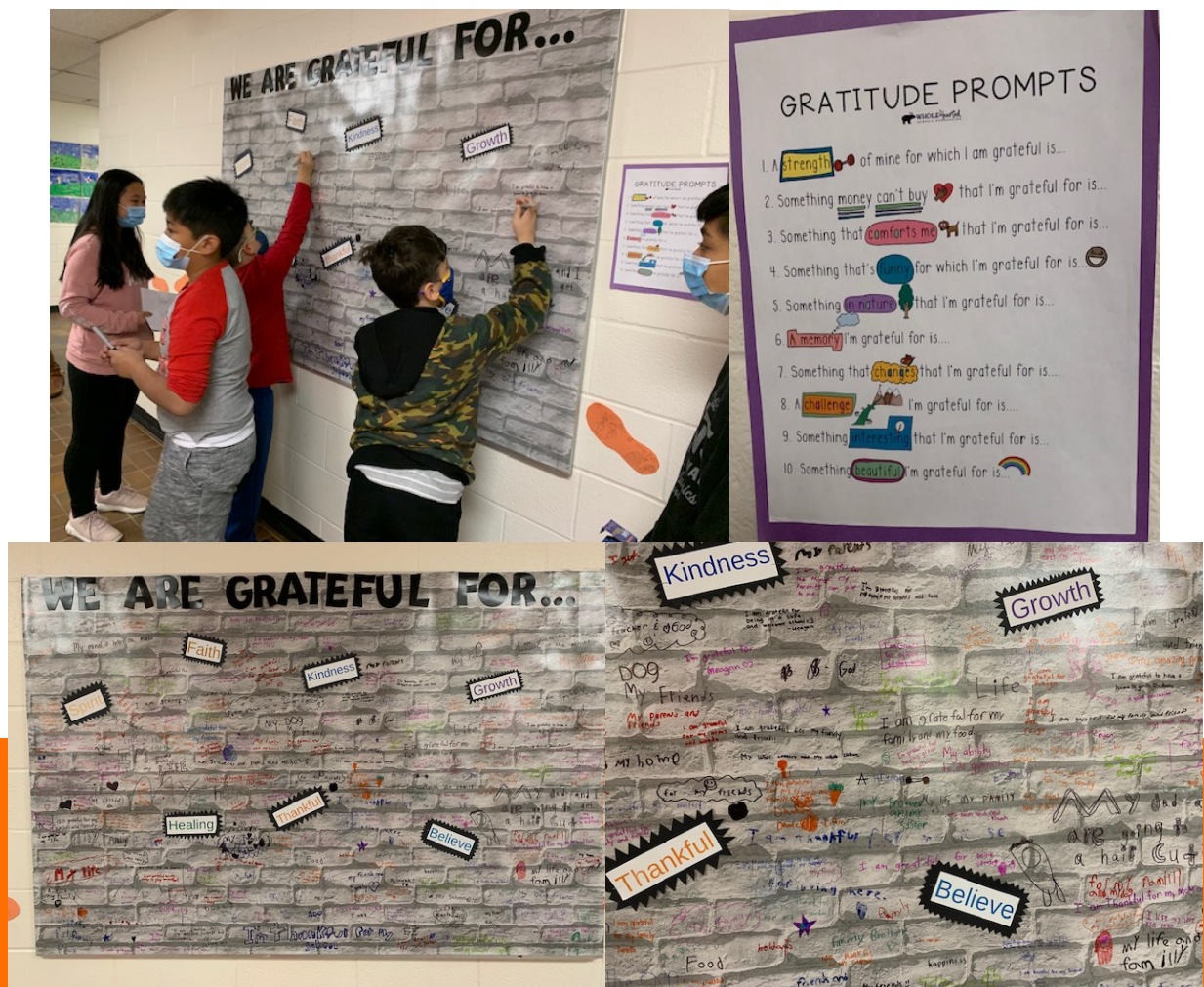


LUKE 4:18 STUDENT LEADERSHIP

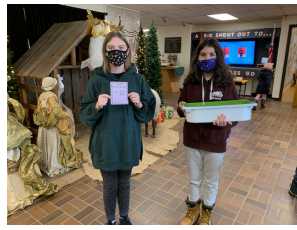
As one of the many layers of our Anti-Bullying and Kindness Week campaign, with the intent to sustain this initiative for the remainder of the year and many years to come, the “Gratitude Wall” was unveiled by student and staff members of OLR’s Luke 4:18 committee.

- For their first visit to the gratitude wall on November 30th, members of Luke 4:18 used a peer teaching model to inform the classes about this initiative.
- Classes signed up for their initial visit, to contribute their messages and expressions of gratitude centred around the themes of “Spirit,” “Faith,” “Kindness,” “Healing,” “Thankful,” “Growth,” and Believe”.
- Student leaders help the students understand through explanation and modelling the function of the wall and the available prompts, i.e., **“A strength of mine that I am grateful for...”**

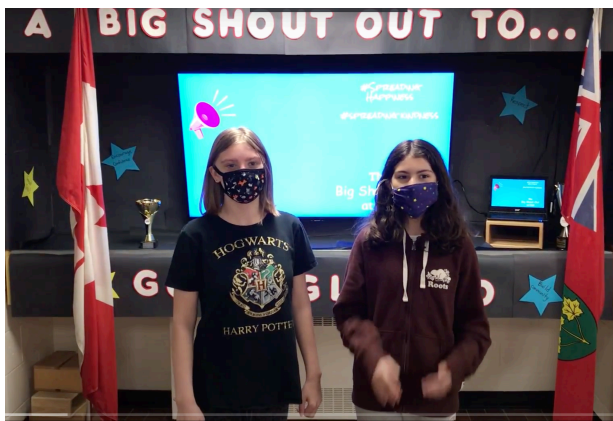
Examples of finished wall:



BIG SHOUT OUTS!



OLR is fast becoming a noisy place with the Big Shout Outs that keep on occurring... This initiative is also the brainchild of Luke 4:18 with an overall objective of celebrating and recognizing all actions of kindness from our everyday saints across the grades in the form of a publicized “Big Shout Outs” which are communicated weekly and put on our interactive display.



The Big Shout Out at OLR



- **Idea:** Teachers, you can complete the first one together as a class to show them the area where they can continue to put their shoutouts through the year.
- Envelopes with purple slips given to each classroom teacher.
- When any student has a shoutout to write, they can request a slip.
- Filled out slips get placed in the box in the front foyer when filled out.
- Every two weeks, Luke 4:18 students will draw at random 3-5 names and video the shoutouts for all to view in morning announcements.
- All other shoutouts will be placed on display for all to read.

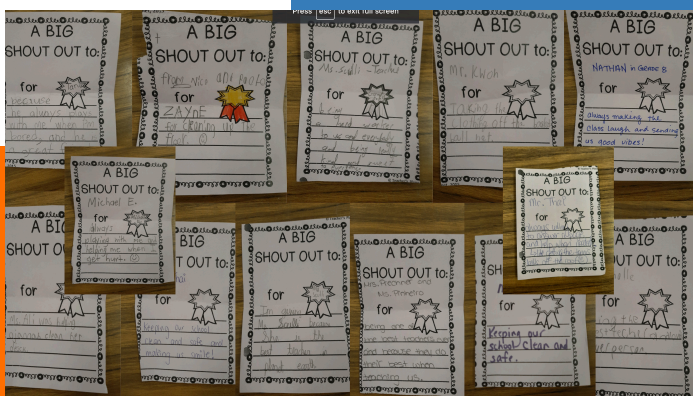
#SPREADINGHAPPINESS
#SPREADINGKINDNESS

The Big Shout Out at OLR

Week 1 Shoutout Video



#SPREADINGHAPPINESS
#SPREADINGKINDNESS





HOLIDAY HEROES CAMPAIGN

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

This year marks the 25th time the Holiday Heroes Campaign has been able to change the lives of families who have come into hard times. Each year York Regional Police Services ask individuals, businesses, community groups and schools to partner with them to help support these families in need. With the 2021 holiday season quickly approaching and with plans underway for the Holiday Heroes campaign the York Regional Police Services is hoping that they can count on your generous support.

COVID-19 has impacted us all tremendously over the last 19 months, and we know the greatest impact has certainly been felt by our most vulnerable populations. The York Regional Police Services understand this year has been very different for everyone; however, they are still depending on donors like you to make this year a success.

For the past 24 years, through the inception of the Holiday Heroes campaign, York Regional Police Services has been able to raise more than \$2 million in monetary donations, new toys, new children's clothing and food.

This year's campaign will run from **November 15 to December 17, 2021**, and 100% of the donations will directly support families from our community who are in need.

Our Lady of the Rosary CES has partnered up with York Regional Police Services to take part in the Holiday Heroes Campaign for 2021-2022.

Here are some ways that we are encouraging our OLR families to get involved in this important campaign for this year:

We are asking for your donations of the following which can be dropped off at the school anytime between November 15 to December 16, 2021:

- Toy Drive: Contribute new unwrapped toys for all ages
- Children's Clothing Drive: Donate new warm clothing, pajamas, coats, hats and mitts
- Gift Card Drive: Collect grocery and department store gift cards

A one-day pick up date has been arranged for the morning of Thursday, December 16, 2021 to pick up all donated items at Our Lady of the Rosary CES.

Thank you for your assistance in this important joint initiative.

SENDING SUNSHINE

SUNSHINE CARDS at OLR

Today, we kickstart this initiative. But, this is an ongoing project for the year, and cards will continue to get delivered. They are being delivered to an elderly home.

Sending positive messages to those in our community who are in need of a little bit of sunshine!

Teachers, collect the cards as students finish. Someone will be by to collect before December 17th.

YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE

BE THE REASON SOMEONE SMILES!

Sunshine Cards

<https://www.sendingsunshine.ca/>

Sending Sunshine is a not-for-profit corporation with a mandate “to connect seniors living in Canada with people from around the globe through the power of the written word, while promoting volunteerism among youth.”

Thank you to the students and staff of Luke 4:18 for organizing and kickstarting this initiative which will involve:

- Sending cards to seniors who feel lonely
- Each class will have a dedicated 30-45 minute period during the week (religion, art, language) to start their cards.
- The Grade 8s will be linking up through google meet with the kindergarten classes to coordinate their cards together with kindergartners designing the front art cover and the 8s writing the message inside and adding more artwork to complete the card.

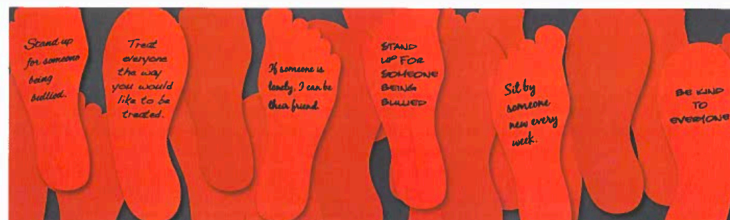
A special thanks to Mme. Colarossi, Ms. Guida and Ms. Giunta for overseeing “Sending Sunshine.” We look forward to seeing our finished cards and better yet learning of their impact on our senior residents in the local community.

ANTI-BULLYING PREVENTION AND KINDNESS WEEK

OLR is very proud to have provided additional Anti-Bullying and Kindness Week initiatives, such as, “Every Step You Take” in which all students from FDK to Grade 8 specified actions that they will take to create their vision of a world without bullying.



Every Step You Take



- EVERY** — Complete, entire, all. When each individual or action is included without exception.
- STEP** — An action or movement often occurring as one in a series, such as the advance or movement made by raising the foot and bringing it down elsewhere.
- YOU** — A person, or people in general, being directly spoken to or acknowledged.
- TAKE** — Lead, guide, do. To move somebody or something from one place or situation to another.
- (MATTERS)** Have important or significant effect on somebody or something.

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.



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 

2021 GRADE 6 EXIT SURVEY RESULTS

The Grade 6 Exit Survey was administered in Spring 2021 to support the continued success of all students enrolled in the York Catholic District School Board and as part of the Board's strategy to ensure that the school system is working effectively to meet the needs of all students.

The survey was completed anonymously online and was intended to identify students' perceptions of their school experiences and their plans after graduating from Our Lady of the Rosary CES.

Highlights of the findings from the Grade 6 Exit Survey include the following:

- Nearly all of the students surveyed indicated that their school helped them:
 - Learn how to treat everyone with dignity and respect (85%);
 - Understand how their skills and strengths will help them be successful in school and later on in life (92%);
 - Know what skills they need to be successful (91%).
- A majority of the students surveyed indicated that their school had also helped develop their interests (76%), apply what they were learning to real problems (78%), and develop a plan for achieving their goals (79%).

Nearly all (95%) of the students surveyed indicated that they will be attending Our Lady of the Lake Catholic College. The top three reasons students provided for choosing to enrol in Our Lady of the Lake Catholic College after grade six are as follows: their friends are going to the school; the location of the school; and it was a family decision.

We will use student feedback from the Exit Survey and other school information at Our Lady of the Rosary CES to support further improvements in student achievement, faith development, equity and well-being.

2021 GRADE 8 EXIT SURVEY RESULTS

The Grade 8 Exit Survey was administered in Spring 2021 to support the continued success of all students enrolled in the York Catholic District School Board and as part of the Board's strategy to ensure that the school system is working effectively to meet the needs of all students.

The survey was completed anonymously online and was intended to identify students' perceptions about their experiences in elementary school and their plans for high school.

Highlights of the findings from the Grade 8 Exit Survey include the following:

- Over half of the Grade 8 students surveyed stated that they attended an open house at their nearest York Catholic high school (57%) and more than two-thirds of Grade 8 students indicated that their class had been visited by a representative of the nearest York Catholic high school (77%).
- Most of the students surveyed indicated that they planned to enrol in a York Catholic secondary school (86%).
- Grade 8 students surveyed indicated that their elementary school helped them:
 - Learn how to treat everyone with dignity and respect (97%);
 - Develop their interests (72%);
 - Understand how their skills and strengths will help them be successful in school and later on in life (88%);
 - Know what skills they need to be successful (88%);
 - Apply what they are learning to real-life problems (63%).
- Most of the students surveyed indicated that they had developed a plan that will help them be successful in school and later on in life (63%).

Students indicated that their top 3 reasons for enrolling in a York Catholic high school were as follows: location, brother/sister attending another high school, and distance to home.

We will use student feedback from the Exit Survey and other school information at Our Lady of the Rosary CES to support further improvements in student achievement, faith development, equity and well-being.

WALKING CLUB AT OLR:

I would like to extend an expression of gratitude to our OLR Walking Club Team for engaging our students in the primary, junior and intermediate grades on available Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesday when the weather was kind to participate in a brisk one-kilometre walk. We are hoping to keep this much enjoyed and appreciated initiative going throughout the year in the interest of promoting safe physical activity and an additional support to safeguard student well-being.

Healthy mind, healthy body, healthy life.



IMPORTANT YCDSB UPDATES AND REMINDERS

Dear YCDSB Families,

On behalf of Trustees and the senior staff team, I would like to once again extend our appreciation for your patience, understanding and support as we continue to navigate the changing realities of the COVID-19 pandemic within our school communities.

As a follow up to the updates shared yesterday from York Region Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Richard Gould, I have a few additional updates to share.

Travel Guidance For Families

In the lead up to the Christmas break, I would like to take a moment to remind all parents/guardians of the travel guidance requirements outlined in the [School Re-entry Plan](#) on our Board website.

Students and their families who choose to travel over the holidays - or at any time - **must follow all federal and provincial travel restrictions and guidelines**. These can be found on the federal [COVID-19: travel, testing and borders](#) website and Ontario's [Travelling during COVID-19](#) website.

It is also important to note that unvaccinated children under the age of 12 who travel with fully vaccinated adults may be exempt from quarantine rules, however, following direction from York Region Public Health, they are **NOT** allowed to attend school or childcare for 14 days after returning home. During this time, students would **NOT** qualify for hybrid learning; all learning would be asynchronous.

Take Home Rapid Antigen Test Kits

The [Ministry of Education has just announced](#) that, prior to the winter break, all students will receive a Rapid Antigen Test kit. These kits will include five tests with instructions for students to voluntarily complete the testing prior to returning to the school. We will provide more information on this initiative as it is received.

Secondary School Timetables

The [Ministry of Education also announced](#) that, with approval from local Public Health Units, school boards may transition secondary school timetables to a traditional semester model as soon as they can do so, or for February 2022. This would mean returning to 75-minute periods. We are currently in discussion with York Region Public Health and will continue to share updates with you. Once approved, we will make the transition to the traditional semester model as soon as possible.

COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics for 5-11 year olds

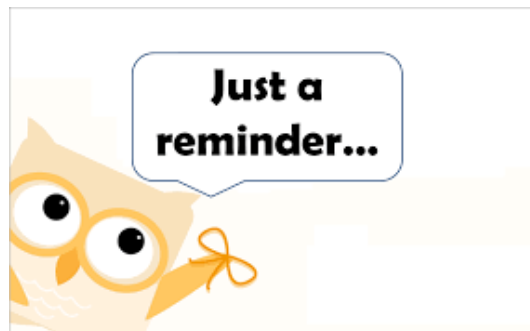
The Board continues to work in partnership with York Region Public Health to provide access to COVID-19 vaccines for all those eligible. Pending approval for vaccines for 5-11 year olds, the Board is actively working

with public health to facilitate in-school clinics. More information on school community-based vaccine clinics and other options will be provided to families as it becomes available.

Once again, thank you for your continued support and for all you do to help keep our school communities safe.

Yours in Christ,

Dom Scuglia
Director of Education



- A friendly reminder for parents/guardians to go through and complete the UPDATED Provincial COVID-19 School and Childcare Screener **every day** with their child prior to coming to school! Please also provide additional face masks for your child. <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>
- Students who are ill are to stay home until symptoms have resolved. Students can access posted asynchronous work via their teacher(s) Google Classrooms.

UPDATED

**2021-2022 Inclement Weather Procedure
Message for Families**

Dear Families,

As the winter weather approaches we wanted to update you regarding our Inclement Weather procedure for the 2021/2022 school year.

Once again this year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our Inclement Weather procedures will be based on direction from York Region Public Health (YRPH). During inclement weather days in the past, it was necessary to combine classes due to reduced staffing levels. This practice is not permitted under current YRPH guidance.

As a result, if buses are cancelled due to inclement weather:

- **All schools will be closed. Students cannot come to school.**
- Student learning will pivot to asynchronous remote learning. This means students will work on tasks previously assigned such as long term projects or spend time reviewing material previously covered.
- **No new work will be assigned.**
- Tests, quizzes and in-person parent meetings will be cancelled and rescheduled.
- B&A programs will not run.
- Child Care Centres may remain open at the discretion of the operator.

In our effort to ensure equity and inclusion, students will not be assigned new work, given that many students will not have a device to learn remotely.

As a reminder, the decision to cancel school transportation service is region-wide, meaning all school buses, vans and taxis will not be operating.

The decision will be made by 6 am in the morning and will be communicated to all standard media outlets, posted on the Board [website](#) and [Twitter account](#), as well as updated on the [SchoolBusCity](#) website and hotline 1.877.330.3001.

We recognize the short notice parents will have to make child care arrangements when an inclement weather day occurs, and therefore ask that parents plan in advance for the potential of such early morning notifications. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Yours in Christ,

Dom Scuglia
Director of Education

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINICS FOR YORK REGION CHILDREN AGES FIVE TO 11 AND ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBERS

Wednesday, November 24, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

On Friday, November 19, 2021, [Health Canada authorized the Pfizer-BioNTech \(Comirnaty\) COVID-19 vaccine](#) for use in children ages five to 11. In preparation for this announcement, York Region Public Health has been working diligently with our school board partners to launch school-based vaccination clinics in convenient locations across the Region.

We are pleased to invite children aged five (or turning five in 2021) to 11 and their eligible family members to book an appointment for their first dose, second or third dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech (Comirnaty) COVID-19 vaccine. Appointments must be made for children aged five (or turning five in 2021) to 11. Bookings opened Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at 8 a.m. at york.ca/COVID19Vaccine.

SCHOOL-BASED CLINICS

School clinics were chosen based on a needs-based data analysis including COVID-19 vaccination and infection rates and location availability. York Region Public Health has identified 13 schools for the initial rollout of the school-based clinics with additional locations may be added as the rollout is expanded.

The school-based clinics will operate on a rotating schedule. Please visit york.ca/COVID19Vaccine for current operating times and locations.

Both the adolescent/adult and paediatric Pfizer-BioNTech (Comirnaty) vaccines will be available at these clinics.

COMMUNITY CLINICS

Community clinics and pop-up clinics are also available for children aged five to 11 to receive the vaccine at other locations in York Region.

HOW TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT

Vaccination for children aged five to 11 are by appointment only.

To book an appointment, see a full list of clinics currently operating and available at york.ca/COVID19Vaccine or call Access York at 1-877-464-9675.

PUBLIC HEALTH

1-877-464-9675

TTY 1-866-512-6228

york.ca/COVID19Vaccine



Important: Available appointments will be booked 10 days in advance and clinic locations and dates are subject to change. It is important to check york.ca/COVID19Vaccine to confirm your appointment time and location prior to attending the clinic.

PARENTAL CONSENT

Children aged five to 11 will require [parental consent](#), while children born in 2009 and earlier can provide consent for themselves. Please note, **children aged five to 11 will NOT be vaccinated without a parent or legal guardian present or without a signed consent form.**

[Consent forms](#) are available for parents of legal guardians to complete if they are unable to attend the clinic with their child.

GETTING THE FLU SHOT OR OTHER VACCINES

At this time, the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) recommends children receive the paediatric Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine **at least 14 days before or after another vaccine including the flu shot.** This precaution will help determine if a side effect that may arise is from the COVID-19 vaccine or another vaccine. There may be circumstances when a dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and another vaccine need to be given at the same time; your healthcare provider can help with this decision.

Please note, there will be an **eight-week interval between first and second doses of COVID-19 vaccines for children aged five (or turning five in 2021) to 11.** Emerging evidence in adults suggests longer intervals between the first and second doses result in a strong immune response and higher vaccine effectiveness that is expected to last longer.

PREPARING FOR YOUR VISIT

In advance of you or your child's vaccine appointment, please visit [preparing for your COVID-19 vaccine](#).

Every effort is being made to reduce anxiety and vaccine-related fears for children, including:

- Additional dividers between immunization stations
- Longer appointment times
- Child-friendly incentives such as stickers will be offered at the clinics

Please remember to bring the following to the clinic:

- Ontario Health Card (OHIP) if you have one, or have it available
- A face mask or covering
- Proof of age
- Completed consent form, if required
- A comforting toy, or a phone/game to offer a form of distraction for children

For added comfort, parents and caregivers may also choose to use numbing cream or patches prior to attending the clinic. These are available at most pharmacies as an over-the-counter purchase and a pharmacist can explain how to use them prior to vaccination.

For children with needle phobias and tips on how to improve your child's vaccination experience, you can learn more about the [CARD system from Immunize Canada](#). More information on how to prepare for your

appointment and videos of what to expect at the clinic are also available at york.ca/COVID19VaccineBeforeYouGo

WHY GET VACCINATED?

COVID-19 infection can have serious consequences for all age groups, including children, particularly given the circulation of new variants of concern. We encourage all residents who are eligible to get a vaccine, but we understand parents, caregivers and children may have questions.

If you have questions about the COVID-19 vaccine and your child, SickKids has a [COVID-19 Vaccine Consult Service](#). This service provides a safe, judgement-free space to have an open conversation about the COVID-19 vaccine for children and youth. It is available in multiple languages using over-the-phone language interpretation. Parents and caregivers can also speak to a York Region Public Health Nurse by calling York Region Health Connection at 1-800-361-5653 or speak to your family health care provider.

We encourage you to have discussions with your children about the COVID-19 vaccine. You and your child can visit [Max the Vax](#) for child and family friendly resources and to learn more about the vaccines together.

Vaccinating all residents who are eligible, including children, will help to reduce the number of cases of COVID-19 in our community and allow everyone to get back to the activities they enjoy. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to stop the spread of COVID-19.

For more information, please visit york.ca/COVID19vaccineinfo.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- High School Applications due on Grade 8 students currently attending a YCDSB elementary school are asked to complete and submit the Transitional Registration Form (S.1B) by **December 9th**. The form is available by [clicking here](#).
- **School is closed for Christmas Break from Dec. 20-31.**
- Last day of Holiday Heroes campaign donations is the morning of Thursday, Dec. 16th.
- Dec. 7: OLR Advent Mass @ 10 am
- Dec. 9: Rosary Apostolate Visit
- Dec. 9: Gr. 6 Board wide Indigenous Wampum Presentation
- Dec. 6-10: Hour of Code
- Dec. 8, 9: Community Safety Village/York Region Police virtual presentations for Gr. 1 (Introduction to 9-11), FDK (Community Helpers)
- Dec. 14: Confirmandi Confessions-10 am
- Dec. 15: Picture Re-Take Day at OLR
- Dec. 17: Gr. 1-2/3: Virtual Otter Dream French presentation (Gr. 1-2/3) and Magic Lake (Gr. 3-4)
- Jan. 10: York Region Police VIP program begins for Grades 6-8 (Constable Jermaine Jarvis)

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE AND LITURGY OF THE WORD

On Thursday, November 11, the OLR community came together to remember in faith all who have served, and continue serving our armed forces, especially those who have died and those who were wounded. Prayers were offered for all civilians and peacekeepers who have been caught up in conflict with additional prayers for healing and peace; that one day, all peoples will lay down their arms and embrace as one human family.

Great attention was paid to honouring the family and friends of our school community who have given themselves in service to their country. Also, students and staff learned about the contributions of many brave men and women from Indigenous communities, such as, Noel Lockwood, Indigenous Veteran Soldier from Brook First Nations in Shubencadie, Nova Scotia who fought in the Korean War.

At this time, on behalf of the Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic School community, I would like to thank Lieutenant Commander Kevin Hastey, an active member of the Trinity Detachment, which is the Intelligence Unit of the Royal Canadian Navy who visited with us virtually from Halifax, Nova Scotia. I thank him for being a part of our Remembrance Day service and sharing his stories of service as a member of Canadian Armed Forces.





**Royal Canadian Legion
MacKenzie Branch 414**

60 Legion Court Road
Woodbridge, ON L4L 2B4

Tele: (905) 851-0032

Email:
secretaryBr414@gmail.com

Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic School
206 Glen Shields Ave
Concord, On L4K 1T8

November 28, 2021

Your donation to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 414 Woodbridge, going to the Poppy Trust Fund helps to fund local Veteran Programs and supports Veterans and their families in need.

Your donation of \$100.00 has been deposited into our Poppy Trust Fund to facilitate Veterans' requirements throughout the year.

At this time RCL Branch 414 cannot issue tax receipts due to our not-for-profit status.

We thank you for your kind donation.

Yours in Comradeship

Dianne Scaturchio
Secretary
Branch 414

"They serve till death! Why not we?"

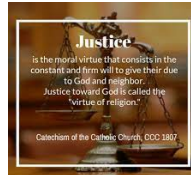
VIRTUAL VISIT FROM ROSARY APOSTOLATE

Students and staff continue to be blessed with our virtual visits from our friends at the Rosary Apostolate, specifically, Ms. Ammendolia, Ms. Ferreira and Ms. Rinaldi. Students prayed the rosary together and remembered the stories behind the second joyful mystery and the visitation when Elizabeth visited Mary. Ms. Ammendolia retold the story with the help of some special friends as students were reminded of the Mary's visit from the angel sent by God prior to praying the Hail Mary.

We look forward to having our intermediates lead decades of the Rosary during our December visit. Thank you, Rosary Apostolate, and see you next time!



OLR November 2021 Virtue of the Month: Justice



With God’s grace, I will never give up hope.

I will...

- Maintain a positive attitude.
- Look for the brighter side of situations.

Teacher	Grade	Students
Ms. Ecclestone	JK/SK	Ben A.-SK James L.-SK Jessy L.-SK Aaliyah R.-JK
Ms. Battel	JK/SK	Michael M-JK Jihoo J.-SK Matthew AL.-SK
Ms. Bromley	1	Danielle C Sofia RV
Ms. Petrolo	2	Chloe S. Aidan S.
Ms. laboni	2/3	Hart M.-Gr. 3 Julia S-Gr. 2
Ms. Ali	3	Eliot K. Elizabeth I.
Ms. Prechner	3/4	Maximus C. Gabriel P.
Ms. Sciulli	4	Angelica A. Bernard S.
Ms. Gurrieri	5	Sabrina C. Liam P-C.
Ms. Amato	6	Marienette MI. Tobi O. Andrew P.
Ms. Di Vincenzo	7	Mariel D. Tristan I.
Ms. Giunta	8	Lemuel M. Carina G. Erhold Kanye A.
Ms. Martire	8	Anita O. Stefano C.

Congratulations to all of our November 2021 Virtue of the Month recipients!

December’s virtue is “Hope.”



School Picture Re-Take Day:

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Please note that an opportunity for students to have picture retakes will take place on **Wednesday, December 15th** starting the morning after announcements. A reminder that any students who wish to have their "individual" photos taken are to dress accordingly.

- In alignment with all York Region PH and YCDSB COVID-19 health and safety protocols, students from one cohort at a time will be permitted access to the gym for the purpose of picture retakes.
- Only one student at a time will advance in front of the camera while maintaining a safe physical distance. Students may remove their mask during the time that the photo is to be taken, putting the mask back on when finished and returning to class.
- Information regarding your child's online access code to order pictures from the retake day will be sent home with your child.
- Grade 8 Graduation Proofs will be distributed before the Christmas break. Grade 8 students will have the opportunity to order their grad photos over the holiday break.

Please note that students will also have the opportunity to have a Christmas themed photo for a nominal cost of \$5. Please see the attached flyer for more information and note that all Christmas Photo requests should be submitted to your child's homeroom teacher by Friday, December 10, 2021 with exact cash payment OR cheque made payable to "Our Lady of the Rosary CES." In adherence with all COVID-19 health and safety protocol, member(s) of OLR's Catholic School Council will distribute to homerooms nut-free candy canes which students can enjoy at home.

Santa's Coming to O.R!

On December 15th, you will get opportunity to a photoshoot. Santa provided Clearimages photography! you want photo taken. Santa will have to bring \$5.00. you can jingle all way to gym. Santa also gift a candy for your festive poses! don't forget, wear your festive attire!

MERRY CHRISTMAS

TEACHER: _____
CHILD NAME: _____
AMOUNT: _____

Please return your forms to your teacher no later than Friday December 10, 2021.

We will also accept monies on the day of the event.

INDIGENOUS LEARNING FOR PARENTS



YOU ARE INVITED TO A VIRTUAL EVENT

Over the past few years, the YCDSB has taken significant steps toward improving education for Indigenous students and engaging all students in learning about the cultures, experiences, and perspectives of Indigenous people.

This event will help to foster support, increase opportunities for knowledge sharing, and collaboration.

Thursday, December 2, 2021

Guests include:

- Todd Jamieson, Indigenous Partner
- Mim Harder, Indigenous Partner

@ 7:00 pm

Learn more about the Indigenous learning happening as part of the work the YCDSB is doing to meet the educational calls to action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Register at:

<https://bit.ly/FNMI-Parent-Learning>

During this meeting, you will have an opportunity to ask any questions you might have regarding the work on Indigenous education that is happening in schools.



Parent Council Presentation

The Mental Health Team, together with the York Catholic Parent Involvement Committee, invite you to:

Surviving the Holidays:

^{stressful}
The most ~~wonderful~~ time of the year?

Presented by

Pine River Institute's Centre for Family Initiatives

Thursday, December 9th

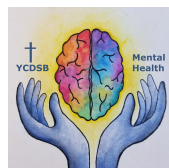
7:00-8:00 p.m.

Everyone needs a break after the year we've just had, yet for many of us, the holidays become another stressor, rather than a time for us to relax and enjoy time with family. Expectations of yourself and others can create tensions in the family, and poor sleep, diet, and lack of routine, can escalate the anxiety felt around the home.



Presenter:
Amanda Lamb
CFI Director

Recognizing that things may look different this year, we can cultivate peace and wellness over the holidays so we can focus on what is really important, spending time with the people we love. Learn about expectations vs. reality, managing stress in children, and yourself, and navigating difficult family dynamics.



[Register here](#)

STJW PRESENTS

"O COME
EMMANUEL"

ADVENT CONCERT



Saint Joseph the Worker Parish is hosting
an Advent concert on

Sunday 19 December 2021

from **3pm to 5pm.**

(also to be live-streamed)

We invite you to join us in-person or
online for a festive afternoon of song and
fellowship! Registration for attendance
begins **Sunday 12 December 2021** on STJW's
Eventbrite!

- Perform as a soloist or in a group!
- Submit a proposed **Advent-themed song list** by **Sunday 5 December 2021**.
Submissions are **first come, first served**.
- **A mandatory rehearsal will be held on Saturday 11 December 2021 at 6:30pm in the Church.**

For more info or inquiries, or to submit a
song list, contact arlene@stjw.ca

- St. Joseph the Work Parish is inviting anyone who wishes to sing or play Advent hymns/music to join us as we bring our parish together for some praise and fellowship. Please contact the Parish for more information.
- Our Lady of the Rosary CES (Students and staff from Grades 6-8 will be celebrating Advent Mass on Wednesday December 7 @ 10 am. The mass will be livestreamed for the remainder of the school. More information to follow.
- First Holy Communion Meeting # 2: Saturday, January 8, 2022 @ 11-11:30 am
- Confirmandi Confessions/Advent Day of Reconciliation: Tuesday, December 14, 2021: 10-12 pm, 2-4 pm, 6-9 pm.



EAGLES Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Elementary School



206 Glen Shields Ave., Concord, L4K 1T8 Tel: (905)-669-9520,
Fax: (905) 669-9520

Tuesday, November 30, 2021.

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Select classes at Our Lady of the Rosary CES will be having a series of Christmas performances that, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, cannot be in person. We will be having these Christmas performances virtually.

In compliance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA), and with the authority of the Education Act Section 169.1 (1)(a), we are providing notice to all parents/guardians of students.

We will be sharing a Google Meet Stream link to all parents/guardians in the school to view our Christmas performances. This link will need to be accessed via your child(ren's) Google Classroom, and will be shared using School Messenger. We ask that you do not share this link with anyone and not to post this link on any social media. In addition, you are not permitted to take video or photographs of the Christmas performances.

The Christmas performances will be a Google Meet Stream that will contain a pre-recorded video of your child(ren's) class and their performance that will be visible to all other families. We will be showcasing the following:

- [activity 1 - a pre-recorded video that consists of the following, recorded during music class:]
 - Ms. Battel-FDK: S-A-N-T-A (F Major)
 - Ms. Ecclestone-FDK: Oh, What a Special Night (C Major)
 - Ms. Bromley-Gr. 1: Silent Night (1 verse) a cappella
 - Ms. Petrolo-Gr.2: We Wish You a Merry Christmas, clapping and song
 - Ms. Iaboni-Gr. 2/3: I Hear the Bells-song
 - Ms. Ali-Gr. 3: Prince of Peace with piano accompaniment
 - Ms. Prechner-Gr. 3/4: Il Est Né le Divin Enfant, song
 - Ms. Sciulli-Gr. 4: Sing Noel, Boomwhackers and song

- Ms. Gurrieri-Gr. 5: Deck the Halls, body percussion, song
- Ms. Amato-God Ye Merry Gentlemen, xylophone, song
- Ms. Di Vincenzo-Gr. 7: Winter Wonderland, xylophone, song
 - Ms. Giunta-Gr. 8: Stomp, body percussion
 - Ms. Martire-Gr. 8: Stomp, body percussion

If you do not want your child(rens) to be in the Google Meet Stream please contact your classroom Teacher by Friday, December 3, 2021.

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.

On behalf of OLR's Catholic School Council, we wish everyone a Blessed Advent Season, a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year filled with good health and many blessings!

UPCOMING MEETING DATES

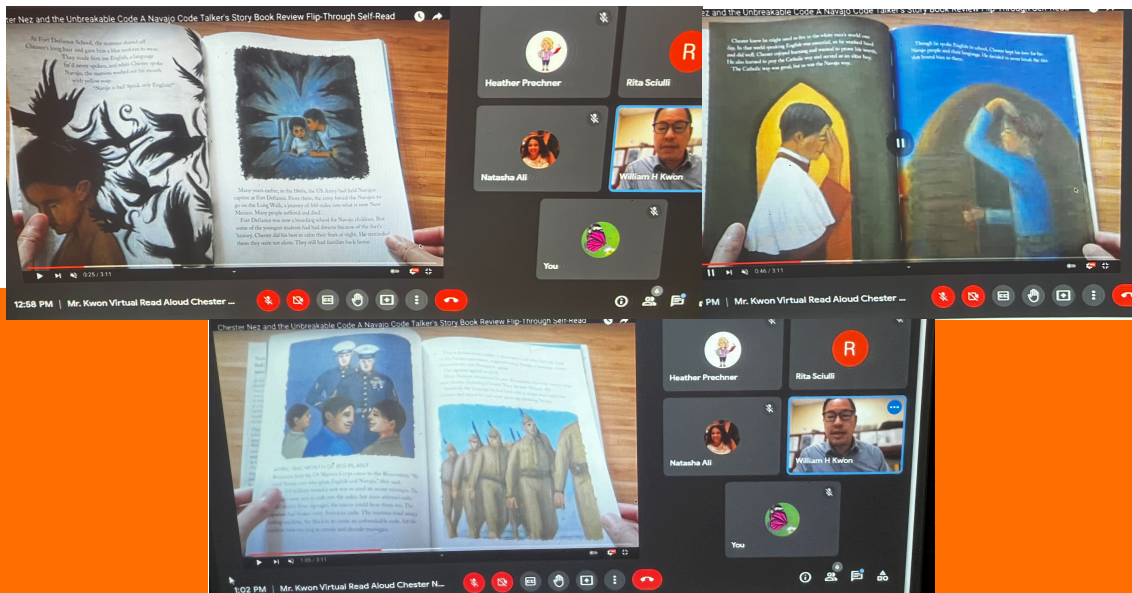
- CSC meeting # 3 will take place on Wednesday, January 12, 2022
- The final CSC meeting # 4 will take place on Wednesday, April 20, 2022
 - Video stream for all interested parents:
- <https://stream.meet.google.com/stream/60d37708-5117-418d-97f0-1fa956ced833>

ANTI-BULLYING AND KINDNESS THEMED VIRTUAL PRINCIPAL READ ALOUD SERIES

- Through the story, “Stick and Stone” by Beth Ferry, our students in kindergarten to Grade 2 learned about the impact of bullying, how friendship involves being available to assist in times of need, as well as, the importance of forgiveness.



- The second scheduled read aloud was enjoyed by an audience of students from Grades 2-4 in a virtual read aloud of the story: “Chester Nez and the Unbreakable Code, A Navajo Code Talker” by Joseph Bruchac. Students learned about these previously unknown stories about the contributions during wartime efforts of these important code talkers from the Navajo nation.



CURRICULUM CORNER



Grade 6 students in Ms. Amato's class produce some important and poignant work in the form of perspective poetry on the topic of anti-bullying, taking on the perspective of the victim and the bystander.

Students also created and populated their own Personal Identity Wheel, further exploring "Identity" and the writing form, known as a "Book Review" for the class novel, *The Barren Grounds* by Cree author, David A. Robertson.



From Ms. Bromley's Grade 1 class, students have been busy exploring and communicating about different 3-D shapes and their properties, creating Nativity scenes in celebration of Advent and putting their personal touches on "Being Kind to Your Mind" and explaining what activities they currently engage in to promote good mental health.

Academic Updates:

OLR has finalized its SILC-SAW goals for 2021-2022 and its intended actions.

School Innovation & Improvement Learning Cycle for Student Achievement and Well Being (SILC SAW)

Numeracy School Goal for 2021-2022:

Through the use of direct instruction and/or descriptive feedback we will identify gaps to support and improve student learning (with 2 marker students) in mathematics.

Literacy School Goal for 2021-2022:

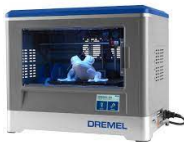
Through a use of a variety of texts that reflect a multitude of identities and lived experiences, we will provide appropriate reading strategies (i.e. comprehension, reading for meaning, etc...) to support and improve student learning (with 2 marker students) in literacy.

Catholic Faith, Well-Being and Equity School Goal for 2021-2022:

With a focus on the Catholic Social Teachings of Human Dignity and Solidarity and using lessons learned in Religious Education & Family Life students will contribute to the safe and supportive school and classroom communities that celebrate all people as unique and beloved children of God.

Student Engagement, Creativity and Innovation School Goal for 2021-2022:

By the end of June, 80% of students in all grades will have exposure to technological tools and/or processes (e.g., coding, robotics, 3D design, design thinking etc.) to engage in STREAM related learning experiences.



STREAM:

3-D Printer News:

OLR has been approved to borrow and use the YCDSB's Dremel 3D45 printer from **March 14, 2022 - April 8, 2022**

The Dremel 3D45 printer will be delivered to OLR during the week of March 7, 2022.

Thank you to teacher-librarian, Ms. Puopolo for putting forward the application to borrow this piece of highly coveted equipment.

Purpose:

The 3D printing project OLR would like to oversee at the school is to design and create keychains and/or bookmarks with direct links to the theme of Catholic Education Week. The project will be implemented across many grades but will be facilitated by the Library Learning Commons. The students will focus on developing 3D design skills to create a product with a specific purpose. Together we will utilize the design thinking process to identify a problem or need within our class, school or the larger community. Students will follow the stages of design thinking to create a product that addresses the need(s) that was identified. (100 students, meaning Grades 6-8)

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.