

OLR JANUARY 2024

Please review the following important upcoming dates and events that are happening in the month of January 2024.



School Information

Senior Secretary: J. Palermo

Superintendent: J. Chiutsi

Trustees: J. Wigston, A. Grella

Parish: St. Joseph the Worker Parish (Pastor: Fr. V. Amole)

CSC Chair: J. Cutrone

Enrollment: 313

Hours: 8:50am-3:20 pm

Supervision Begins: 8:35am

Lunch: 11:45am-12:45pm

Virtue of the month is

JUSTICE

I will treat others in a just, equitable and unbiased manner.

I will play by the rules, take turns and share.

I will be open-minded and listen to others.

IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS IN JANUARY 2024



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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Jan. 7 | Julian Christmas-Orthodox Christianity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Jan. 8 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classes resume at OLR New student registrations for 2024-2025 begin at OLR |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Jan. 15 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Martin Luther King Jr. Day-U.S.A. Scientists in the School-Gr. 7 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Jan. 15-Feb. 9 | Gr. 9 Course Selection |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Jan. 17 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> St. Elizabeth CHS Social Justice Production: "Closing the Gender Gap (Gr. 6-8) For all OLR Parents and Guardians! Aubrey Noronha's Colour Blind 1.0 Presentation at OLR. (Location: Gym, Time from 7-8 pm) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Jan. 18 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stream Centre of Excellence visit # 4: Gr. 3/4 |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rosary Apostolate Visit |
| □ | Jan. 19 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PA Day (YCDSB Elementary Schools only) • Online French Immersion Applications close • Timkat-Ethiopian Orthodox Christians |
| □ | Jan. 23 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scientists in the School-Gr. 8 |
| □ | Jan. 24 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last Just Catering For Kids Hot Lunch Program Day • OLR Catholic School Council Meeting # 3 (Location: Library, Time: 6-7:30 pm). All are welcome! |
| □ | Jan. 25 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lottery for French Immersion by 5 pm if required. • Jr. Boys Volleyball Tournament at Blessed Scalabrini CES • Virtual Early Facilitations Parent Information Evening from 7-8:30 pm |
| □ | Jan. 26 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jr. Girls Volleyball Tournament at St. Rene Goupil CES • Last Brettone's Hot Lunch Program Day |
| □ | Jan. 27 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Holocaust Remembrance Day |
| □ | Jan. 29 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last Gino's Pizza Hot Lunch Program Day |
| □ | Jan. 30 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last Gino's Pizza "Non-Pizza Items" (i.e. Boneless Chicken nuggets, wings, fries, etc...) Hot Lunch Program Day |
| □ | Feb. 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black History Month begins |
| □ | Feb. 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PA Day • Groundhog Day |
| | | <p>Important dates for students who are receiving the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation this year:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Sat. Jan. 13, 2024-All Communicants-First Holy Communion Preparation Classes begin at St. Joseph the Worker Parish from 10 am-12 pm 2) Sat. Jan. 20, 2024-All Communicants-First Holy Communion Preparation Class # 2 at St. Joseph the Worker Parish from 10 am-12 pm 3) Sat. Jan. 27, 2024-All Communicants-First Holy Communion Preparation Class # 3 at St. Joseph the Worker Parish from 10 am-12 pm 4) Sat. Jan. 13, 2024-All Confirmandi-Confirmation Preparation Classes begin at St. Joseph the Worker Parish from 3-5 pm 5) Sat. Jan. 20, 2024-Confirmation Preparation Class # 2 at St. Joseph the Worker Parish from 3-5 pm 6) Sat. Jan. 27, 2024-Confirmation Preparation Class # 3 at St. Joseph the Worker Parish from 3-5 pm |



On behalf of Our Lady of the Rosary CES, we wish all of our families a **HAPPY NEW YEAR!** May 2024 be a year filled with peace, happiness and continued blessings!

Some Highlights from December 2023:

Congratulations to all of our Virtue of the Month Recipients for December: Hope! January's Virtue is Unity!
FDK 1 (Ms. Ecclestone): Brayden M., Jonathan M.C. Braelynn S., FDK 2 (Ms. Prechner): Mary C., Kianah M., Oge M., Gr. 1 (Ms. Petrolo): Emily L., Ayomide O., Gr. 1/2 (Ms. Bromley): Karina M., Leo M., Gr. 2 (Ms. Iaboni): Hera H., Aiden S-C., Ethan M., Gr. 3 (Ms. Ali): Vivian I., Kara R., Gr. 3/4 (Ms. Gurrieri): Ethan S-C., Rocco R., Gr. 4 (Ms. Sciulli): Christian M., Sierra C., Gr. 5 (Ms. Spano): Lherdy Hart M., Caleb M., Gr. 5/6 (Ms. Turchiaro): Maximus C., Haven M., Gr. 6 (Mr. Martino): Raphael T., Abigail C., Gr. 7 (Ms. Skenderis): Joseph R., Sophia L., and Gr. 8 (Mr. Federici): Alyanna T. and Katerina A.

ADVENT MASS

Thank you to Fr. Victor, Adelina, Altar servers, Music Teacher, Ms. Chung, OLR's angelic voiced choir, Ms. Gurrieri and Ms. Ali's classes for a beautiful Advent Mass, enabling the OLR community to come together to celebrate the birth of Jesus!



Primary Division Christmas Concert and Christmas Spirit Week

It was an unforgettable and fun Christmas Spirit week (Dec. 18-22) of caroling and sing-alongs, a capacity filled evening Christmas concert for the ages on December 14, colourful Christmas and Advent themed days, a lot of merriment and let's not forget an action-packed volleyball exhibition match!





OLR Scholastic Book Fair: Books, Books and More Books!

As we reflect on the hectic month of December, a big thank you is in order for teacher-librarian, Ms. Puopolo who oversaw another successful Book Fair at OLR this year.



REMINDERS ABOUT INCLEMENT WEATHER DAYS (AS COMMUNICATED ELECTRONICALLY TO ALL PARENTS AND GUARDIANS ON NOVEMBER 24, 2023:



Dear York Catholic DSB Families,

Now that the winter season is here, we wanted to share some information about inclement weather days at the York Catholic District School Board. Please note that we are not currently anticipating an inclement weather day in the near future and this is just information to help our families prepare for the first inclement weather day – whenever that will be.

Cancellation of Buses and Inclement Weather

Occasionally, it may be necessary to cancel buses due to inclement weather or other emergencies. In arriving at this decision, we are focused on the safety of our students.

If road and/or weather conditions result in a decision to cancel buses, the information will be shared with parents/guardians starting at 6 a.m. Please refer to the following:

- Board Website www.ycdsb.ca
- School Website
- Official YCDSB social media accounts ([Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [Threads](#))

- Student Transportation Services website www.schoolbuscity.com; or
- Your local radio and television station

If buses do not operate in the morning, they will not operate in the afternoon. Therefore, any school excursions planned for that day are also cancelled on days when school buses are cancelled.

Additional information on Inclement Weather Days:

If school transportation is cancelled due to inclement weather and /or poor road conditions:

- **Schools remain open unless otherwise stated**

For Parent(s)/Guardian(s) with children in Elementary Schools:

- Please use the Safe Arrival System if your child(ren) is absent due to inclement weather. Students who cannot attend due to cancelled buses must still be reported absent using the Safe Arrival System.
- Hot Lunch programs at all **YCDSB Elementary Schools** are cancelled.

For Parent(s)/Guardian(s) with children in Secondary Schools:

- Cafeteria Services at all **YCDSB Secondary Schools** are closed.

For ALL Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Please exercise discretion in deciding whether to send your child to school on such days.

- The decision to cancel school transportation service is **region-wide**, meaning all school buses, vans and taxis are not operating.
- Schools are open, and parent(s)/guardian(s) can make alternate arrangements to transport their children to and from school.
- As school transportation is cancelled in the morning, it will not operate in the afternoon.
- Exams, tests, quizzes, excursions, charter trips, school programs, co-curricular activities, evening presentations, workshops, in-services and parent meetings (i.e., Identification, Placement, and Review Committee Meetings, IPRCs) are cancelled for that day and will be rescheduled.
- The Facilities Department will determine if permits for the evening can proceed by noon on the inclement weather day. The Facilities Department will contact permit holders.
- Before and After Programs and Childcare Centres in schools make every effort to remain open in inclement weather. However, the decision to open or to close early is up to the discretion of the Child Care Operator.

Yours in Catholic Education,
York Catholic District School Board



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Engaging. Enriching. Empowering.

Student Services will be hosting an
Information Session For:
Parents of Children with Exceptional Needs
Registering for Year 1/Junior Kindergarten
Entering School September 2024



YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND OUR VIRTUAL PARENT INFORMATION SESSION TO LEARN ABOUT OUR SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

VIRTUAL PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2024

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Please click on the link below to register.
Upon registration, a link to the virtual session will be provided.

To register click on:

<https://forms.gle/oRsiDpN8GUWyPssd6>

Deadline for Registration:

January 23, 2024

Mission Statement

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

Vision Statement

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

Core Values



Strategic Commitments

- Integration of Our Catholic Faith
- Continuous Improvement of Student Achievement
- Effective Use of Our Resources
- Engaging Our Communities

To register, visit: <https://forms.gle/oRsiDpN8GUWyPssd6>

World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser

The school would like to extend its sincerest thanks to all participating families in this year's major fundraiser at the school level. I am happy to announce that \$8440.79 was raised due to everyone's earnest efforts, perseverance and generosity. The school looks forward to receiving a brand-new fleet of 35 Lenovo computers that were ordered and getting them into the hands of our students. Congratulations to our students and their families who raised the most and won the three \$100 Gift cards: Gianluca M. (Gr. 5), Chenielle B. (Gr. 6), and Riyon W. (JK).



Holiday Heroes Campaign

OLR would also like to extend its thanks to our student leaders and staff from Luke 4:18 and the OLR families for their donations to the Holiday Heroes campaign (a joint initiative between York Region Police Services and the York Catholic DSB). Your donations will directly assist local families in need.




Divine Mercy CES-Stream Centre of Excellence Visit (Dec. 11th)-Grade 8

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Science Technology Religion Engineering Arts Mathematics

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Leadership Links Conference (Dec. 15th)-Intermediate Students and OLR's Mental Health Lead Teacher

