

OLR MAY 2024 Updates

Please review the following important upcoming dates and events that are happening in the month of May2024.



School Information

Senlor Secretary: J. Palermo

SuperIntendent: J. Chlutsi

Trustees: J. Wigston, A. Grella

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

CSC Chair: J. Cutrone

Enrollment: 315

Hours: 8:50 am-3:20 pm

Supervision Begins: 8:35 am

Lunch: 11:45 am-12:45 pm



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Catholic Education Week – May 5, 2024 — “We Are Called To Love”

During Catholic Education Week (May 5 – 10, 2024), we give thanks for the gift of publicly funded Catholic Education in our province. Catholic schools foster supportive communities where children can experience the joy of God’s love and understand the Christian mission in the world. Together, our parishes, educators and families sow and nurture the seeds of faith with the next generation of Catholics, encouraging them to live lives of holiness and Christian witness as one body in Christ. To indicate your support of Catholic education and sign-up for email updates, visit: www.togetherinfaith.ca

At OLR during Catholic Education Week:

Monday, May 6: (Day 1: *As people of hope*)

- Daily morning student-lead prayer based on today’s subtheme.
- Use of Elementary Book List Kit and lesson plans. Luke 4:18 Intermediate students to engage in class visits with primary students to read CEW stories and oversee a Q and A.
- Visit from St. Joseph the Worker Parish Youth Minister, A. Moras.

Tuesday, May 7: (Day 2: *As people of faith*)

- Daily morning student-lead prayer based on today’s subtheme.
- Use of Elementary Book List Kit and lesson plans. Luke 4:18 Intermediate students to engage in class visits with primary students to read CEW stories and oversee a Q and A.
- Visit from St. Joseph the Worker Parish Youth Minister, A. Moras.
- First Holy Communion Photos at OLR

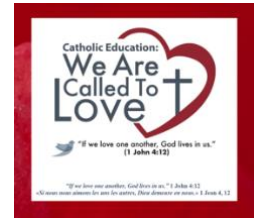
Wednesday, May 8: (Day 3: *As people of mercy*)

- Daily morning student-lead prayer based on today’s subtheme.
- Use of Elementary Book List Kit and lesson plans. Luke 4:18 Intermediate students to engage in class visits with primary students to read CEW stories and oversee a Q and A.
- Visit from St. Joseph the Worker Parish Youth Minister, A. Moras.
- Catholic Education Week Province Wide Mass at 11 am

Thursday, May 9: (Day 4: *As people of justice*)

- Daily morning student-lead prayer based on today’s subtheme.
- Use of Elementary Book List Kit and lesson plans. Luke 4:18 Intermediate students to engage in class visits with primary students to read CEW stories and oversee a Q and A.
- Visit from St. Joseph the Worker Parish Youth Minister, A. Moras.
- OLR Staff Appreciation Day
- Rosary Apostolate Crowning of Mary celebration (Featuring a drama by the primary grades on the Story of Our Lady of Guadalupe)
- Jr. Boys Basketball Tournament at St. JW CES

May 5-10



		<p><u>Friday, May 10: (Day 5: As people of joy)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daily morning student-lead prayer based on today's subtheme. Use of Elementary Book List Kit and lesson plans. Luke 4:18 Intermediate students to engage in class visits with primary students to read CEW stories and oversee a Q and A. Visit from St. Joseph the Worker Parish Youth Minister, A. Moras. OLR hosts Jr. Girls Basketball Tournament at St. JW CES 	
<input type="checkbox"/>	May 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Day of Awareness of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirit People 	
<input type="checkbox"/>	May 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student Holocaust Education Day 	
<input type="checkbox"/>	May 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First Holy Communion Photos at OLR 	
<input type="checkbox"/>	May 8	<p>Catholic Education Week 2024 Province Wide Mass at 11am celebrated by the Most Rev. Gerard Bergie, Bishop of St. Catharines and President of the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario. The Mass will be live-streamed from the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria. Please click HERE to access the live stream. (click on "Live Video" screen). All OLR families are encouraged to take part.</p>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	May 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children's Mental Health Week-Parent Panel at CEC- 7 pm 	
<input type="checkbox"/>	May 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jr. Boys Basketball Tournament at St. Joseph the Worker CES 	
<input type="checkbox"/>	May 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jr. Girls Basketball Tournament at Our Lady of the Rosary CES 	
<input type="checkbox"/>	May 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> L'Arche Daybreak-Walk With Hope 2024 Fundraising Walkathon 	
<input type="checkbox"/>	May 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mother's Day 	



□	HOT LUNCH SCHEDULE for TERM 2	Mondays: Gino's Pizza Tuesdays: Nonna's Oven Wednesdays: Just Catering For Kids Fridays: Gino's Pizza Non-Pizza Items
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On behalf of Our Lady of the Rosary CES, I would like to wish all mothers and those who take on this very important role a very Happy Mother's Day!

Some Highlights from this month:

Congratulations to all of our **Virtue of the Month Recipients for April: Reverence!** May's Virtue is Responsibility!
 FDK 1 (Ms. Ecclestone): Sofia S. (JK), Desire O. (SK), Ezrynn R. (SK), FDK 2 (Ms. Prechner): Nathan A-L. (SK), Kiara N. (SK), Gr. 1 (Ms. Petrolo): Thomas K., Noah H., Gr. 1/2 (Ms. Bromley): Matthew A-L. (Gr. 2), Sophia B R. (Gr. 1), Gr. 2 (Ms. Iaboni): Juan J E T., Gr. 3 (Ms. Ali): Alina C., Alyssa M., Gr. 3/4 (Ms. Gurrieri): Aidan S. (Gr. 4), Yuvin P. (Gr. 3), Gr. 4 (Ms. Sciulli): Aryana O., Stefano A., Christian M., Gr. 5 (Ms. Spano): Emilia S., Michael B., Gr. 5/6 (Ms. Pellegrino): Madison C., Carter C., Gr. 6 (Mr. Martino): Michael E., Bernard S., Gr. 7 (Ms. Skenderis): Jayna R S-R., Mark R B., Gr. 8 (Mr. Federici): Andrew P, David P.



ONPARA (ONTARIO PARA SPORT) WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL

On April 17th, OLR welcomed Mr. Elliott Williamson. Elliott, a wheelchair basketball phenom, Ontario Paraspport ambassador, & Junior Team Canada Member kept our students asking for more. Thank you for inspiring us with your passion, explaining how you play the game and keep yourself safe!



2024 ORAL COMMUNICATION COMPETITION

It was a day of laser focused & effective oral communication on April 18th followed by a remarkable effort by our two eagles on the 25th at St. Cecilia! Thank you to the students, parents, judges, coaches (Ms. Guida, Ms. Marinelli and Mr. Federici) & staff for a memorable competition. We would like to acknowledge Sebastian C. and Tristan Q. on their amazing accomplishments on April 25th, as they delivered their speeches with poise, integrity and confidence!



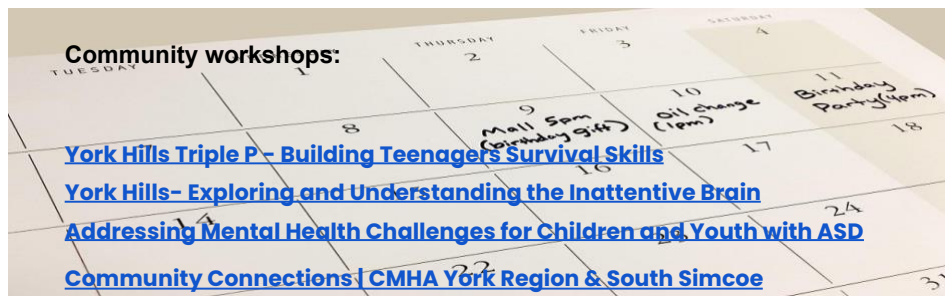


MENTAL HEALTH WEEK 2024

In the month of May we acknowledge Mental Health week and Mental Health Awareness Month. This year's Mental Health Week is centered on the healing power of compassion. Compelling scientific evidence suggests that giving compassion, receiving compassion, and allowing ourselves to experience self-compassion are all very beneficial to our mental health.

There are many school and community initiatives and events planned, focused on kindness, compassion, and awareness with the goal to increase understanding of mental health and wellbeing.

Join us May 8, 2024 at 7:00 pm for
Finding the Balance: Navigating Conversations Around "Healthy Eating" with Children and Youth
Register [here](#)



Things to try at home:

[Feelings Flashcards](#)

[Easy and fun mental health activities for home](#)

[Self Care 101](#)

[Read Aloud Videos](#)

[Reaching Out](#)

Visit [Mental Health Week - CMHA National](#), [Parents and caregivers - School Mental Health Ontario](#) and [Mental Health and Well-Being - York Catholic District School Board](#) for more information and resources

Click Here to Register:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdCEF1XnLPSA9XviaNK9DMwwP-9hM0Jqpmal9QyCeie_MmuWA/viewform

Finding the Balance: Navigating Conversations Around "Healthy Eating" with Children and Youth

Hosted by:

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National Eating Disorder
Information Centre

In this evening panel discussion, we will hear from parents, clinicians, and youth with lived experience of an eating disorder as they share their experience and strategies for supporting your family's relationship with eating, exercise, and body image.

Words & Hub

Date: Wednesday May 8, 2024
Time: 7:00-8:30 pm
Place: Catholic Education Centre



THE ANNUAL FAMILY FITNESS NIGHT AT OLR IS BACK!!

Join us for our **Family Fitness Night on Wednesday, May 29th from 6:15 – 8:00pm** at the school. We will have a variety of activities for the whole family to enjoy. It's a great opportunity to get active together and have fun!

Theme: Summer Olympics in honour of the Summer Olympics being hosted in Paris this year. Support your favourite country by wearing team jerseys or country colours.

WHEN? Wednesday, May 29th, 6:15pm – 8:00pm



WHAT TIME?

- ① 6:15pm – 7:00pm: Warm-up and stretching
- ② 7:00pm – 8:00pm: Activities and games

WHERE? School playground

WHO? All families are invited to attend. We encourage everyone to bring a friend or family member to make the evening more enjoyable.

COST? Free of charge.

What to bring:

- A water bottle
- A torch
- A bag
- A torch
- A torch

Please complete the form below and return it to the school by Tuesday, May 21st. We will provide healthy snacks for everyone to enjoy.

Registration:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Wednesday, May 29th** _____

Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

SCHOOL IMMUNIZATIONS

York Region Public Health is returning to your child's school for an immunization clinic for Hepatitis B, Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) & Meningococcal vaccines. Vaccines are available for free to students in grades 7-8.

The Scheduled clinic day is **MAY 16, 2024**

A new consent submission **IS NOT** required for students who received vaccines at school in fall of 2023 as consent submission remains valid for 2nd doses of the same vaccine series (as indicated) unless consent is withdrawn.

For students who did not receive vaccines at school in the Fall of 2023, it's not too late to submit a consent form. **CLICK HERE TO ACCESS THE ELECTRONIC CONSENT** to complete a school clinic immunization consent form.

For more information about the school immunization clinics or eligibility for vaccines click here to visit [our webpage](#) or call York Region Public Health at 1-877-464-9675

1-877-464-9675
TTY 1-866-512-6228
york.ca/immunization



Click Here to Access Electronic Consent: <https://www.york.ca/form/immunization-consent>

May 1, 2024

Dear School Staff, Parents, Guardians and Caregivers:

Re: Ensuring a safe school environment: What happens if there is a case of measles in school

The COVID-19 pandemic disrupted routine vaccinations, leading to increased measles cases globally. We recently had a confirmed measles case in York Region and other confirmed measles cases in surrounding regional areas. Measles is a very contagious viral infection. It spreads easily through the air and close contact when a person infected with measles breathes, coughs or sneezes.

If a measles case is identified at school, under-vaccinated/unvaccinated staff and students (without documented immunity) may be excluded for 21 days after the last measles exposure to prevent the virus from spreading further. This highlights the importance of ensuring your and your child's measles vaccinations are up-to-date to protect them and the school community.

Please check your and your child's vaccination status. If you are unsure about you or your child's vaccination history, check your or your child's Ontario Immunization Record (yellow card), [Immunization Connect Ontario \(ICON\)](#) (for students in York Region) or speak with your primary health care provider.

You or your child are considered protected against measles and can attend school if there is a measles case if one of these applies to you:

Year of Birth	Are you protected against measles?
Born before 1970	<ul style="list-style-type: none">You are considered immune and protected as measles was widely spreading before 1970If you are unsure if you had measles as a child, you can get one dose of the measles vaccine (MMR)
Born in 1970 or later	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Received two doses of the measles vaccine on or after the first birthday. A vaccination record (such as a yellow card) or health record is needed as proof of vaccination, ORA blood test result showing measles immunity: A blood test may take some time to complete if you don't know your status, ORA record of confirmed measles infection

Where to get vaccinated

Measles vaccines are free for all Ontarians.

Students: Students can catch up on their routine vaccinations, including measles, by visiting their primary health care provider, a walk-in medical clinic, or a York Region Public Health (YRPH) community vaccine clinic (by [appointment](#) only).

YORK REGION PUBLIC HEALTH

1-877-464-9675
TTY 1-866-512-6228
york.ca/measles



MH LUNCH AND LEARN

Thank you to YCDSB Mental Health Lead Instruction Teacher, Renee Jordan for visiting OLR and engaging our staff in conversation about neurodiversity and equipping our staff with some additional social emotional learning and mindfulness tools and strategies to optimize wellness. It was a day of excellent learning and camaraderie!



PAUSE TO PLAY CAMPAIGN 2024

Our students and staff enjoyed plenty of sunshine during YRPH's "Pause to Play" campaign! It was a perfect day for a 1 km walk with some track and field preparations also underway!



RETURNING/NOT RETURNING TO OLR FOR 2024-2025:

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

We thank you for choosing your community Catholic school for your child's spiritual, academic, emotional and physical development. We have a dedicated staff that makes every effort to meet the individual needs of all our students.

We trust that your child(ren) will continue their Catholic education in September 2024 with us. Our YCDSB Mission states that "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." With all of us working together--home, school and parish--we are confident that we will be successful in achieving this goal.

As we start to plan for the next school year, we look to you for your continued cooperation. Please inform the school regarding your child(ren)'s return to OLR or whether your child(ren) will not be returning by contacting the main office at 905-669-6690, option # 2 or by email at olr@ycdsb.ca. Accordingly, should you know of anyone who has moved into the area and would like to attend Our Lady of the Rosary CES, please have them contact the school for any registration related inquiries.

We look forward to our continued partnership in providing your child with a valuable faith-based education that is student centered and focused on inclusion. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic School



ARE YOU MOVING?

If you are planning to move please fill out this sheet and return it to the **MAIN OFFICE** as soon as possible.

This will assist us in setting up the classes for next year.
Thank you

Name of student: _____
Current Teacher's Name: _____
Date of Move: _____
School you're moving to: _____
Parent/Guardian Signature: _____