

# OLR OCTOBER 2024

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



## School Information

**Senior Secretary: J. Palermo**

**Superintendent: J. Chlutsi**

**Trustees: J. Wigston, A. Grella**

**Parish: St. Joseph the Worker Parish (Pastor: Fr. Augusto Menichelli)**

**CSC Chair: TBD**

**Enrollment: 335**

**Hours: 8:50 am-3:20 pm**

**Supervision Begins: 8:35 am**

**Lunch: 11:45 am-12:45 pm**

October's Virtue of the month is...

COMPASSION

I will seek to understand others by listening.

I will be willing to forgive others. I will give of my resources to help others.

November's virtue is JUSTICE



<input type="checkbox"/>	September 30- Oct. 11, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Administration of Gr. 4 CCAT Testing (PACE Program)</li> <li>Safety Awareness Week</li> </ul>	
	Friday, October 4, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Re-scheduled Fire Drill</li> </ul>	

□	Saturday, October 5, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>World Teacher's Day</li> </ul>	
□	Monday, October 7, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Feast Day of Our Lady of the Rosary CES</li> </ul>	
□	Wednesday, October 9, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thanksgiving Mass at St. Joseph the Worker Parish @ 10 am</li> <li>Inaugural Catholic School Council Meeting/Executive Elections at 6-7:30 pm. Location: Library</li> </ul>	
□	Friday, October 11, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Arts &amp; Athletics Camp 2025 Application Due Date for Schools</li> </ul>	
□	Monday, October 14, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thanksgiving Day (No School)</li> </ul> 	
□	Tuesday, October 15, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gr. 6 STREAM Centre Visit (H. Prechner)-Design A Device that Reduces Marine Pollution (Grade 6)</li> <li>OLR Lunch time Glee Performing Arts Program begins-MYSA KIDZ</li> </ul>	
□	Wednesday, October 16, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rosary Apostolate Visit</li> </ul>	
□	Wednesday, October 17, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Board Wide YCDSB International Day of Eradication of Poverty - Loonie/Toonie Civvies Day Fundraiser at OLR</li> </ul>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OLR Gr. 7, 8 Immunization Clinic for Hep B, HPV, Meningococcal</li> <li>OLR Lunch time Drawing and Cartooning Program begins-MYSA KIDZ</li> <li></li> </ul>	
□	Friday, October 18, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Winter Coat Drive in Support of Neighbours in Need-Due Date and Pick up</li> </ul> 	
□	Monday, October 21, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PA Day (No School)</li> <li>ECE/Childcare Worker Day</li> <li>YCDSB Highschool Online registration available starting today</li> <li>New registrations (non-YCDSB)</li> <li>Transitional (YCDSB gr. 8 to 9) registrations</li> </ul>	

		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tuesday, October 22, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fire Drill # 2</li> </ul> 
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tuesday, October 21- Friday, October 25, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dance Learning Experience from St. Elizabeth CHS grade 12 dance students for Grade 2/3, 3, 3/4, 4/5</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Thursday, October 24, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hot Dog Lunch Program date for students who have paid</li> <li>• OLR Dental Screening</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Friday, October 25, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lockdown Drill # 2</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Monday, October 31, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Halloween (More information about School Events to Follow...)</li> </ul> 
<input type="checkbox"/>	Friday, November 1, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All Saints Day</li> </ul>

## From the Desk of Mr. W. H. Kwon

Dear Parents/Guardians:

With students who have now fully settled into their respective classes, it has been an eventful month of September with many positive memories to note, such as, Cross Country at Bruce's Mill, the start of Jr. Volleyball tryouts and choir, a successful Terry Fox Run around the outskirts of our school, accompanied by Trustee A. Grella, and a total of \$1245 raised in the name of cancer research, a busy and well attended Curriculum Night, and a first mass with Fr. Augusto at St. Joseph the Worker Parish. These learning experiences are what comprise Our Lady of the Rosary CES' identity, a welcoming, safe, spiritual and inclusive environment for everyone! In the words of Fr. Augusto, new pastor, OLR is a community that is truly "BLESSED." We look forward to what the autumn season and what the month of October may bring...

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mr. W. H. Kwon

Principal

## 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 assistance to ensure the safety of all of our children. The expectation is that drivers will respond to traffic signs, observe posted speed limits, and remain cautious when approaching the school area. As parents, it is reasonable to expect a safe "drop-off" zone for the children. Hence the questions: "Where can I stop in order to offload my children?" At OLR, parents are expected to drop off their children on Glen Shields Ave. The City of Vaughan has placed signs directing parents that the area is a no-parking zone between 8:00 to 9:30 am and 3:00 to 4:30 pm., Monday to Friday. The staff parking lot is restricted to staff parking only. Please also be mindful of ongoing construction along Glen Shields Avenue. Please remember not to block any driveways and do not park too close to school driveways. Buses 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 am and 3:00 pm. As we are preparing for student arrival and dismissal. The **bus loop** is easily distinguishable, as it has been marked with clear signage at each end. Please do not park there, as this area is for the students to safely disembark from the bus. Thanks for your time and assistance in creating a safe school.



## BUS TRANSPORTATION REMINDERS

In terms of students who are eligible to use bus transportation, parents/guardians are encouraged to visit <https://bp.schoolbuscity.com/TransportationEligibility> to verify and confirm their child's bus stop location, bus route # in the morning and in the afternoon and the pickup and drop off time at the designated bus stop. Please note that any service disruptions, including route delays, will be posted daily to the <https://bp.schoolbuscity.com/Alerts>. Parents/guardians and students are encouraged to review the late bus report prior to leaving for the bus stop in the morning and in the afternoon.

## **PARENT/GUARDIAN RESPONSIBILITIES**

The following is a list of responsibilities for parents. The information will be listed on our website as a guide to ensure students safe travel to and from school.

- Parents and/or students are reminded to refer to the online COVID 19 transportation resource to properly prepare your child for the school bus. To access this information, please use the “COVID-19” link at [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com). Parents and/or students are encouraged to check the website regularly for updates.
- Parents should review the STS Late Bus Report each morning and understand the need to make alternative arrangements for their child/children if the school bus is late or cancelled.
- Parents and/or students should arrive at the bus stop 5 minutes prior to the regularly scheduled pick-up and drop-off times. During the first week of school, it is recommended parents and/or students arrive at the bus stop 10 minutes prior to the regularly scheduled pick-up and drop-off times.
- Parents should ensure their child/children's safety and conduct while walking to, from and waiting at a designated bus stop.
- Parents should make alternate arrangements for their children if they are unable to meet them at a bus stop. To help ensure student safety, Student Transportation Services recommends students in grades JK - 1 are met at their bus stop by a parent/guardian, and age-appropriate arrangements made for all other grades.
- Parents should know their child/children’s route number.
- Parents should know their child/children’s bus stop location.
- Parents should know the school and bus company phone number in the event of an emergency.
- Parents are reminded to refer to the Late Bus Report on the Student Transportation Services website at [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com) prior to leaving for the bus stop in the mornings and afternoons.

## OLR OCTOBER 2024 CALENDAR

The updated October 2024 school calendar is available. Please visit <https://olr.ycdsb.ca/>. Please click on “View Full Calendar” under the side banner, located to the right, which is entitled “Upcoming Events.” Please consider following OLR on X (formerly Twitter) @OLRosary.



## SAFE ARRIVAL



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### 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](https://go.schoolmessenger.ca)

Mobile App: SchoolMessenger App 



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 by visiting **go.schoolmessenger.ca** Parents are asked to bring/drop off their children 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 while at school, all current YCDSB and York Region Public Health related protocol will be followed.

The student will be supervised in a separate health room and parents will be contacted immediately to make pick up arrangements accordingly. In terms of students who arrive late, as per past practice, students are to pick up a late slip which will be issued at the main office. Late arrivals and absences will be noted accordingly by secretarial and teaching staff using our digital attendance procedures in real time.

## LUNCH HOUR (11:45 AM-12:45 PM)

All students will eat lunch in their own classrooms. All students are asked to bring a nut-free lunch and a refillable water bottle, which can be refilled at the school's designated water bottle filling stations. Parents/guardians are permitted to drop off lunches/snacks during the school day on the table in front of the main office; however, students are encouraged to have their lunch ready at the start of the day. All students and their families must adhere to our Nut Safe Plan (This will be reviewed with all classes). If a student is going out for lunch, they will need to be signed in and out by a parent or guardian inside the main office. This process will be monitored and facilitated by office staff. Please note that Tim Horton's, McDonald's, other fast food restaurants where cross contamination with nut products can occur, are NOT permitted at the school due to students who have severe, life-threatening allergies to nuts, tree nuts, etc... Should a parent need to drop off a lunch, please check in with the main office and we will assist in calling the student down to pick up their lunch.

## SCHOOL DAY ONLINE PAYMENT SYSTEM



OLR will continue using School-Day, an online cashless system for use by parents, teachers and office administrative staff.

School-Day can be accessed from any web-enabled device at [school-day.com](http://school-day.com), and mobile users can find an enhanced version at [school-day.app](http://school-day.app). This system gives parents real-time, secure access to up-to date information, and the ability to:

- Complete on-line payments for trips, other activities, products or services
- Approve permission forms instantly on-line
- Minimize the risks associated with sending money to school with your child (“backpack delivery”)
- Reduce the environmental impact of photocopying permission forms and announcements

We are sure that you will find School-Day easy to use, and we appreciate your help in improving our communications and significantly reducing the amount of paper our school consumes.

To participate in this exciting initiative, please take a moment to register by following the steps outlined below.

1. Please go to the school website home page and click on the School-Day button. Or, go to [www.school-day.com](http://www.school-day.com) (or [school-day.app](http://school-day.app) for mobile users). Click **Log In**, then **Register**. Complete your information, making sure to include a valid email address (a personal email address if you are also an employee of YCDSB), as important information and reminders are forwarded from the school to the email you provide.
2. Once you make a School-Day account, you need to add a child:
  - a. Click **Add Student**
  - b. In the Secure-Match™ field, enter your Secure-Match™ Key which is: <<secure match key>> and then click **Register**.
  - c. Confirm you are the legal parent or guardian of the child.

Please protect your Secure-Match™ Key as it ensures the security of your School-Day profile. Contact your school if this key is misplaced and a replacement key will be provided. Up to two parents/guardians can use the same Secure-Match Key to add a child to their account. If you require an additional key so that another parent/guardian can add a child to their account, please contact your school administrator to have another Secure-Match™ key issued.

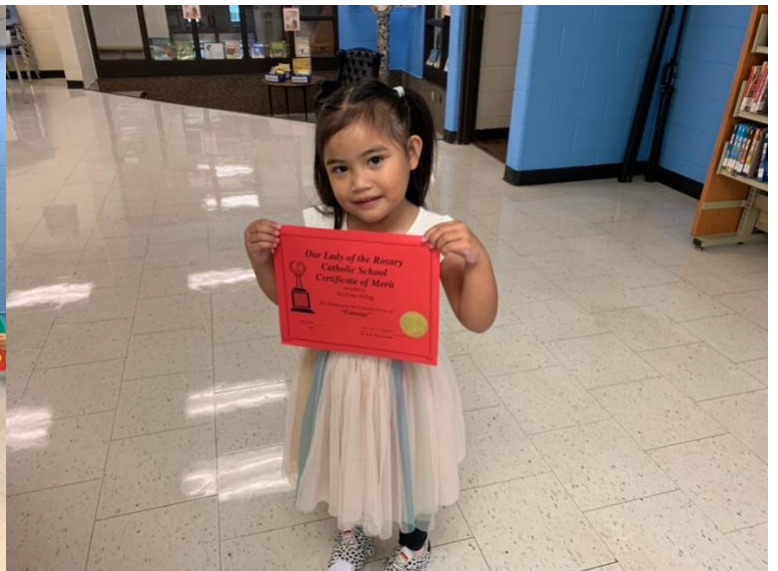
1. If you have multiple children, click **Add Student** again, and follow the steps outlined above using the second Secure-Match™ key. You will be able to view all of your children from a single account.

If you require assistance, please contact the School-Day Support Team. You can submit a ticket from within the School-Day system or email [support.ticket@school-day.com](mailto:support.ticket@school-day.com). You may also call 1.855.253.1731 to leave a voicemail and request a support ticket be opened on your behalf. If you have questions about how to use School-Day, please search the articles found in the School-Day Support Centre and Knowledgebase at <http://support.school-day.com/en/home>

**Some Highlights from September 2024:** *Living the virtues, one day at a time! Congratulations to all of our recipients for September's virtue of the month: COURAGE! We are definitely courageous at OLR!*

### **Virtue of the Month Recipients for the month of September: Courage!**

*FDK 1 (Ms. Ecclestone): Avelene A (Year 1), Marley A. (Year 1), Samuel O. (Year 1), Katalinah R. (Year 2), FDK 2 (Ms. Margie): Emily C. (Year 1), Divina R. (Year 2), Sofia S. (Year 2), Gr. SK/1 (Ms. Bromley): Mateo D. (Year 2), Milana G. (Year 2), Gr. 1 (Ms. Petrolo): Kevin D., Mia C., Gr. 2 (Ms. Iaboni): Victoria G. V., Ayomide O., Julia R. B., Gr. 2/3 (Ms. Ali): Santiago A. (Gr. 2), Eva F. (Gr. 2), Gr. 3 (Ms. Gurrieri): Rebecca P., Jordan G., Gr. 3/4 (Ms. Sciulli): Danyl M. (Gr. 3), Abraham C. (Gr. 3), Brian T. (Gr. 4), Gr. 4/5 (Ms. Giunta): Alyssa M. (Gr. 4), Somi W. (Gr. 4), Obaloluwa A. (Gr. 4), Gr. 5/6 (Ms. Chung): Jaxith P.(Gr. 5), Theo R. (Gr. 6), Nolan D. (Gr. 5), Gr. 6 (Ms. Prechner): William K., Juan Jose Z. J., Gr. 7 (Ms. Skenderis): Adwoa B., Blandine N., Gr. 7/8 (Ms. Kazemi-Arbat): Kelly F. (Gr. 8), Gr. 8 (Mr. Federici): Gabriella M., Iretomiwa T., Quincee V.*

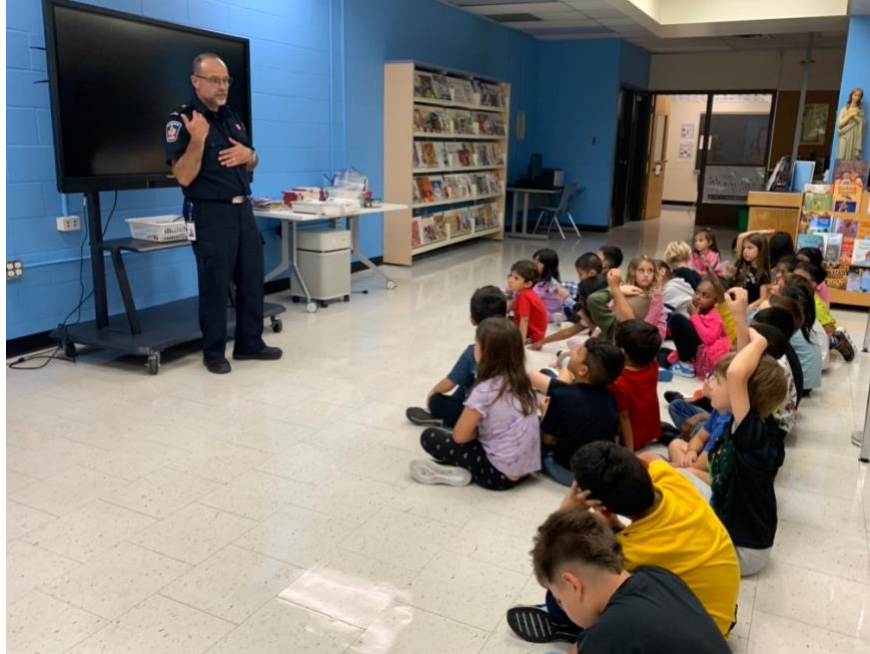




## FIRE PREVENTION MADE EASY

Sam D'Elia, fire inspector with Vaughan Fire and Rescue Service dropped by OLR on September 24<sup>th</sup> to deliver the Grade 1 *Safety with Sparky* program. The initiative involved a brief 15 to 20-minute presentation and a fire safety scrapbook project for the SK/1 and Gr. 1 classes. During the presentation, Sam emphasized the importance of regularly checking smoke alarms and creating effective escape plans. Following the session, students took turns bringing the scrapbook home and completed a page with their families. Additionally, each student received their own "Flat Sparky" to further engage in fire safety education at home.

On behalf of the OLR community, I would like to thank Sam for making a lasting impact on the safety and well-being of our community.



## NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION/ORANGE SHIRT DAY

There was only

At OLR, we will always remember Phyllis from the Stswecem'c Xgat'tem First Nation, as well as all Indigenous peoples who were impacted by the residential school system because **Every Child Matters!**



## TERRY FOX RUN 2024!

NO MATTER WHAT! OLR staff members and students walked for Terry Fox and in the name of cancer research in the hopes of finding a cure one day. OLR was able to raise \$1245 in support of this important cause. Thank you everyone for staying true to Terry's dream, and thank you to Trustee Grella for joining us this year!



## CROSS COUNTRY OCTOBER 2, 2024

The weather could not have been more perfect for a Cross Country meet! Thank you to all of our coaches: Ms. S. Guida, Ms. S. Marinelli, Mme. L. Colarossi, Ms. L. Giunta and of course our dedicated students for doing OLR proud at Bruce's Mill today!



## FIRST MASS OF THE YEAR WITH FR. AUGUSTO

OLR'S first mass of the year, the start of a year filled with hope! Thank you, Fr. Augusto, new pastor of St. Joseph the Worker Parish for re-energizing our staff and students, connecting them to the power of prayer and readying them to receive the Holy Eucharist! Cheers to our intermediate teachers: Mr. J. Federici, Ms. K. Skenderis and Ms. U. Kazemi-Arbat for an outstanding first mass!



### **CURRICULUM NIGHT 2024**

Opening classroom doors, beginning new parent and teacher partnerships. Thank you to our wonderful staff members at Our Lady of the Rosary CES for engaging our families and showcasing the great work that we do at OLR during Curriculum Night 2024!



### **HEALTHY MINDS AND MENTAL WELLBEING**

Thank you to Mental Health Lead Teacher, Mme. L. Colarossi for getting OLR's "Take Care of Our Mental Health Board and its therapeutic resources! Also, thank you to Special Education teacher, Ms. S. Marinelli and Mental Health Worker Ms. V. Schirripa for helping our Jr. and Int. students to build their self-esteem through the Confident Me Workshop series on Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024!





# CONFIDENT ME

BUILDING SELF-ESTEEM FOR STUDENTS WITH DIFFERING ABILITIES



## WORKSHOP SUMMARY

THE WORKSHOP AIMS TO CREATE A SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT WHERE EACH STUDENT CAN EMBRACE THEIR UNIQUE STRENGTHS AND ABILITIES. THROUGH ENGAGING ACTIVITIES AND INTERACTIVE DISCUSSIONS, WE WILL FOCUS ON HELPING STUDENTS DEVELOP A POSITIVE SELF-IMAGE, RECOGNIZE THEIR INDIVIDUAL TALENTS, AND BUILD RESILIENCE. OUR GOAL IS TO EQUIP STUDENTS WITH THE TOOLS THEY NEED TO THRIVE BOTH ACADEMICALLY AND PERSONALLY.

### Understanding Our Differences

Someone's body or mind may work differently than others. Sometimes we can see these differences, while other times we can't.

It's important to remember we all have differences.



**It's OK to Ask Questions**  
If you're curious about someone's differences, it's okay to ask politely. They might have a different way of doing things, and that's okay!

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### Building Healthy Self-Esteem



**PRACTICE SELF-CARE.**  
IDENTIFY AND CHALLENGE NEGATIVE SELF-TALK & REPLACE IT WITH POSITIVE, REALISTIC AFFIRMATIONS ABOUT YOURSELF.

RECOGNIZE AND CELEBRATE YOUR STRENGTHS AND ACHIEVEMENTS.

REFLECT ON PAST SUCCESSSES AND HOW YOU OVERCAME CHALLENGES.

SURROUND YOURSELF WITH POSITIVE INFLUENCES: BUILD A SUPPORTIVE NETWORK OF FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND MENTORS WHO UPLIFT YOU.

Faith and Wellness - A Daily Mental Health Resource Guide  
<https://smho-smso.ca/fw/>

Noticing Mental Health Concerns for Your Child  
<https://smho-smso.ca/online-resources/noticing-mental-health-concerns-for-your-child-worksheet/>

Mental Health Resource Handout  
[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mJCjZH\\_jAiH19zrh6q3HtwYbTx1XLZnQ/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mJCjZH_jAiH19zrh6q3HtwYbTx1XLZnQ/view?usp=sharing)



DATE	ACTIVITY
<b>Registration opens for all programs:</b> October 21, 2024	Online registration available as of Oct. 21 for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New registrations (non-YCDSB)</li> <li>• Transitional (YCDSB gr. 8 to 9) registrations</li> </ul>
<b>Open House Events:</b> Nov. 1 - Nov. 29, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open House events including specialty programs (<i>parents/guardians to visit school websites for details and event information links</i>)</li> <li>• <b>Open House for St. Elizabeth Catholic High School is Thursday, November 28, 2024 @ 6:30-7:30</b></li> </ul>
<b>Speciality Program Applications accepted:</b> Dec. 2 - 13, 2024	Speciality Program applications accepted at schools from December 2 - 13th: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For YCDSB and non-YCDSB students</li> </ul>
<b>Registration Deadline - YCDSB grade 8 students:</b> Dec. 4, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A note will be published on <a href="http://ycdsb.ca">ycdsb.ca</a> and school websites: <i>“Grade 9 registrations for YCDSB grade 8 students should be submitted by Dec. 4th for planning purposes.”</i></li> <li>• Grade 8 teachers will support the Dec. 4th deadline.</li> </ul> <p><i>Note: Registrations will be accepted beyond Dec. 4th (via paper form), however course availability may be impacted.</i></p>
<b>Specialty Program application assessments</b> Dec. 13 - 19, 2024	Tests/auditions administered and assessed and acceptance lists compiled by Dec. 19th
<b>Specialty Program offers/acceptances:</b> A. Dec. 20, 2024 B. Jan. 6, 2025	A. Offers sent electronically to parents/guardians on Dec. 20th B. Applicants accept/decline offers by Jan. 6th
<b>Continual Intake of Registrations:</b> January 6 - September, 2025	Continue to process registrations for both YCDSB and non-YCDSB students
<b>Grade 9 Course Selection:</b> January 13 - February 7, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• YCDSB students: To be completed through myBlueprint</li> <li>• Non YCDSB students: Forms emailed to parents/guardians to complete</li> </ul>

**Registration Deadline - New students (non-specialty program registrants)**

March 6, 2025

- Note on [ycdsb.ca](http://ycdsb.ca) and school websites: "Registrations for Grade 9 students new to YCDSB should be submitted by March 6th for planning purposes."

Registrations will be accepted beyond March 6th, however course availability may be impacted.

**Step-by-Step registration process:**

1. Oct. 21: (i) Online registration form made available on [ycdsb.ca/admissions/](http://ycdsb.ca/admissions/) for new students and (ii) S.1B form links distributed via Schoolmessenger to grade 8 parents
2. Oct. 21 - Dec. 4th: Registrations submitted by **YCDSB grade 8 students** entering grade 9, including any TCH19A's
3. Oct. 21 - Mar. 6th: Registration process completed at school for **new** students, including document verification (*students may register beyond this date, and course selections will be based on availability*)
4. Dec. 2 - 13th: Speciality program applications accepted at schools
5. Dec. 13 - 19th: Specialty program tests/auditions are administered and assessed
6. Dec. 20th: Specialty program offer letters are distributed (with link to specialty program online reg. form)
7. Jan. 6th: Responses to specialty program offers due back to schools



# York Catholic District School Board

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Tel: 905-713-1211, 416-221-5051, 1-800-363-2711  
Fax: 905-713-1272

September 6, 2024

Dear York Catholic District School Board families,

At the end of the first week of the 2024-25 school year, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your ongoing support and trust in Catholic education. The beginning of a school year is always a time filled with excitement, anticipation and sometimes a little anxiety. But it is also a time of renewal — including York Catholic's renewed commitment to nurturing your child's spiritual, academic and personal growth.

At this school year's first Regular Board Meeting, we were honoured to have Bishop John Boissonneau, the Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Toronto's Northern Region, celebrate Mass for all in attendance. In his homily, Bishop Boissonneau told us:

*We are women and men of faith, hope and love. That's what defines Christianity ...  
Every day we should be seeking the opportunity to deepen our faith, to strengthen our  
hope and, most importantly, we should be able to show our love. And in doing that, the  
Lord will take care of the rest.*

These words are a powerful reminder of the values that guide our mission at York Catholic. As a Catholic learning community, we strive to create an environment where students can develop a strong relationship with the Lord, where they will develop skills that will allow them to be hopeful for their future and where they know they are loved as a child of God.

We hope this week has been a wonderful start to the year. That it was a time full of learning, fellowship and the beginning of new friendships. York Catholic staff are excited to journey with your child as they grow into the individual God has called them to be.

May God bless you and your families throughout this school year.

Yours in Catholic Education,

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Jennifer Wigston  
YCDSB Trustee  
Vaughan Area 3: Wards 3,4,5



Handwritten signature of Angela Grella in cursive.

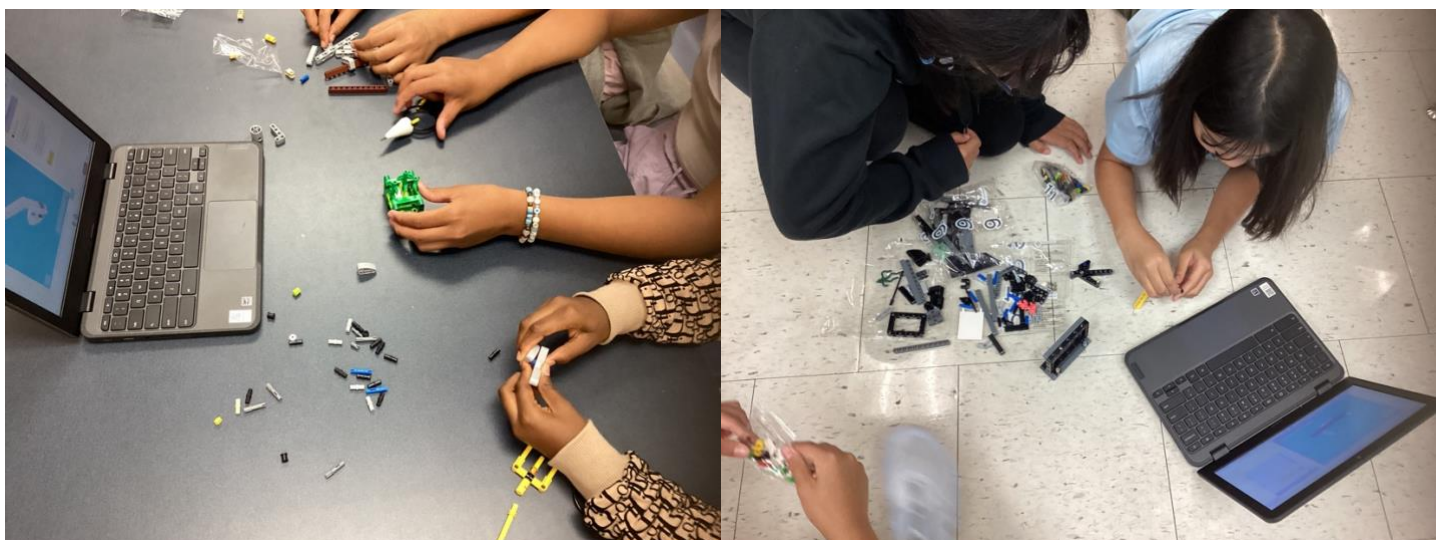
Angela Grella  
YCDSB Trustee  
Vaughan Area 3: Wards 3,4,5





## FIRST ROBOTICS AT OLR

Thank you to Ms. E. Chung (Gr. 5/6) Teacher and Ms. M. Puopolo, Teacher-Librarian at OLR for laying down the foundation to nurture a love of all things robotic for our interested students who will make up our Robotics club on Mondays and Wednesdays. Thank you also to Ms. N. Galatianos for his assistance in securing Frist Lego League Class Action Packs. We look forward to witnessing the learning and experimenting that will no doubt ensue in the weeks and months to come. Here are some pictures of OLR students familiarizing themselves with the mission models of the Submerged Robotics class action packs.





**EAGLES** Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Elementary School



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

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Monday, September 30, 2024

**RE: Winter Coat Drive—2024**

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The York Region conferences of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Society (SSVP) along with the Salvation Army are working together again this year to make sure this important project continues.

This fall, Our Lady of the Rosary CES will be participating in the Winter Coat Drive. For over 17 years SSVP has been organizing this initiative to help families in York Region who struggle to make ends meet through the long winter months. Our school community has been a big supporter of this initiative.

We hope that you can help us out by looking through your closets and donating any coats that are no longer needed by you or your family and your neighbours. **We need coats in good condition for men, women and children...all sizes!**

**Coats will be accepted until October 18th, 2024 at our school. Please send all coats tied up in plastic bags for ease of transport.**

Thank you for sharing and for your ongoing support of the work of Saint Vincent de Paul in our community!

Yours in Catholic Education,

*W H Kwon*

Mr. W. H Kwon  
Principal  
Our Lady of the Rosary CES



# DRAWING & CARTOONING VOL.1

We welcome the students of Our Lady Of The Rosary C.E.S. on our journey into Drawing & Cartooning Vol.1. Learn how to draw animals, landscapes, figure drawings, cartoons and animation. Step into the creative world of Drawing & Cartooning as our instructors will go through a step by step program and encourage student's creative imaginations with detailed lesson plans and new drawing project creations each week. We believe our supportive and noncompetitive environment will help fuel our students' artistic abilities. All students receive their own sketchbook to take home at the end of the session.

Our Lady Of The Rosary C.E.S.  
Thursdays October 17<sup>th</sup> – December 5<sup>th</sup> 2024 (8 wks)  
12:05pm-12:45pm  
Grades 1-6  
\$165 per student  
Location: Library

Please register through [www.mysakidz.com/registration](http://www.mysakidz.com/registration) & send payment through email e-transfer to [marc@mysakidz.com](mailto:marc@mysakidz.com) to reserve your spot today!

For any questions please call us (416) 834-6394 or email us at [info@mysakidz.com](mailto:info@mysakidz.com)



# GLEE PERFORMING ARTS

We are excited to partner with the students of Our Lady Of The Rosary C.E.S. and present our incredible Glee Performing Arts program. This program will make every student shine on stage. Whether you are a beginner or an intermediate performer, this program is for you. We are dedicated to helping students learn and adapt their singing, performing and dancing skills through a detailed weekly lesson plan. Our program has been created to help improve communication skills, concentration, teamwork and memory as well as focus on pop/musical theater music and contemporary dances. Glee performing arts will be instructed and supervised by a trained M.Y.S.A. Kidz music/dance teacher. There will be a fun and interactive concert on week 8 for all family and friends to enjoy!

Our Lady Of The Rosary C.E.S.  
Tuesdays October 15<sup>th</sup> – December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2024 (8 wks)  
Lunch Time Period  
Grades 1-6  
\$165 per student  
12:05pm-12:45pm

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## 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.

## SUPERVISION:

Supervision begins from 8:35 a.m. until 8:50 a.m. every day. In the interest of students' safety, **NO students should be arriving before 8:35 am**

## DRESS CODE:

- All student attire must be in keeping with our Catholic teachings and beliefs, and reflect principles of modesty and shall not include the following:
- Halter tops, tank tops, spaghetti strap tops (narrower in width than 3 fingers) or tube tops
- Tops, pants, shorts and skirts must cover the entire midriff.
- Half t-shirts, tops with cut-outs, tops made of mesh or netting type material
- Short shorts or skirts
- Low necklines, front or back
- Language and/or representation (pictures) on attire that indicates gang affiliation and/or depicts violence, profanity or discrimination of any kind whatsoever or that otherwise demeans an identifiable individual or group
- Accessories not in keeping with the spirit of the Dress Code as determined by OLR.

Please visit our website for more information: <https://olr.ycdsb.ca/our-school/dress-code/>

## BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM:

For more information about the St. Joseph the Worker Before and After School Programs and Contact information, please visit: <https://olr.ycdsb.ca/our-school/child-care/>