

OLR JANUARY 2025

Please review the following important upcoming dates and events that are happening in the month of January 2025.



School Information

Area South Superintendent: L. Sawlky

Principal: W. H. Kwon

Secretaries: J. Palermo (Senior secretary), K. Sferopoulos (2nd secretary)

Trustees: J. Wigston, A. Grella

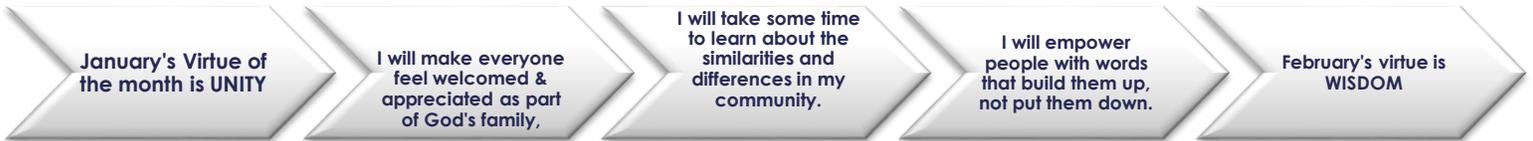
Pastor of St. Joseph the Worker Parish: Fr. Augusto Menichelli

CSC Chair: J. Cutrone

Hours: 8:50 am-3:20 pm

Supervision Begins: 8:35 am

Lunch: 11:45 am-12:45 pm



<input type="checkbox"/>	January 6, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classes resume at OLR Term 2 Hot Lunch program begins at Our Lady of the Rosary Epiphany JK/SK Registration begins for 2025-2026. Visit www.ycdsb.ca to register online. 	
<input type="checkbox"/>	January 7, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Julian Christmas Orthodox Christianity 	
<input type="checkbox"/>	January 11, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Course Selection Presentation for Gr. 8 at OLR @ 1:15 pm 	
<input type="checkbox"/>	January 13, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gr. 9 Course selection window begins until Friday, February 7, 2025. 	
<input type="checkbox"/>	January 15, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Former principal, hockey coach and father of NHL Star (P.K. Subban), Mr. Karl Subban at 	

	January 15, 2025	<p>OLR for a series of presentations starting at 9:15 am for Primary, Jr. and Intermediate students.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Engagement event with Karl Subban for all OLR parents/guardians at 6:30 pm in the gym. 	
□	January 17, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PA Day (No School) 	
□	January 19, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timkat – Ethiopian Orthodox Christians 	
□	January 20, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jr. Boys Volleyball-OLR Hosts • Martin Luther King Jr. Day – U.S.A. 	
□	January 21, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jr. Girls Volleyball @ Blessed Scalabrini CES • Gr. 5/6 class (Ms. E. Chung) to visit Divine Mercy Stream Centre: Design a Device that Reduces Marine Pollution 	
□	January 22, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catholic School Council Meeting at OLR (6 pm in the library). 	
□	January 23, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rosary Apostolate Visit at OLR 	
□	January 27, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Holocaust Remembrance Day 	
□	January 28, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAVE THE DATE!!!! (Grade 8 Graduation pictures at OLR. Clear Images photographers will be onsite! • Re-scheduled date for virtual Initial Identification Placement Review Committee-IPRC meetings at OLR 	
□	January 30, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tentative date for OLR CSC Bingo and Pasta Night for OLR Families. Information to be confirmed by School Messenger broadcast. 	
	Term 2 Hot Lunch Program Reminders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mondays: Gino's Pizza • Tuesdays: Mr. Greek • Wednesdays: Ciao Raggi • Thursdays: Eggsmart • Fridays: Just Catering for Kids 	

From the Desk of Mr. W. H. Kwon

On behalf of Our Lady of the Rosary CES, I would like to extend my sincerest greetings to you all and wish you a HAPPY NEW YEAR! I pray that 2025 will be a year filled with peace here at home and around the world, happiness and continued blessings for all of our OLR families! Let us celebrate the feast of the Epiphany and fill our lives with the hope that comes from “the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world”

(<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2025-01-05>).



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. 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 prior to leaving for the bus stop in the mornings and afternoons.

OLR JANUARY 2025 CALENDAR

The updated January 2025 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."

JANUARY 2025						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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

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.



Virtue of the Month Recipients for the month of December: Hope!

FDK 1 (Ms. Ecclestone): Felix M., (Year 1), Ruie S. (Year 1), Harmony V. (Year 1), FDK 2 (Ms. Margie): Kiyah A. (Year 1), Jayden A. (Year 1), Faizhan F. (Year 1), SK/1 (Ms. Bromley): Eddie C. (Year 2), Zaydan Z. (Year 2), Gr. 1 (Ms. Petrolo): Heitor A., Haileigh S., Gr. 2 (Ms. Iaboni): Jordan M., Emili L., Gr. 2/3 (Ms. Ali): Sienna S. (Gr. 3), Alondra L. (Gr. 2), Gr. 3 (Ms. Gurrieri): Ethan M., Princess C., Gr. 3/4 (Ms. Sciulli): Mason C. (Gr. 3) Marcus S. (Gr. 3), Margarida LB. (Gr. 4), Gr. 4/5 (Ms. Lauriola): Leon M. O-I (Gr. 4), Christian M.(Gr. 5), Julia S. (Gr. 5), (Gr. 5/6 (Ms. Chung): Maxim H. (Gr. 5), Shalom A.(Gr. 6), Nico L. (Gr. 6), Gr. 6 (Ms. Prechner): Michael A., Emilia S., Esteban U., Gr. 7 (Ms. Skenderis): Aaliyah B., Jonathan E., Seth P., Gr. 7/8 (Ms. Kazemi-Arbat): Omena O. (Gr. 7), Vlad S. (Gr. 8), Angelica A. (Gr. 7), Gr. 8 (Mr. Federici): Jayden D., Sophia L., Kyler M

Inclement Weather Reminders



With the reality of wintry weather in the weeks and months ahead, I would like to remind you of the YCDSB's inclement weather protocol.

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
- 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. On days when school buses are cancelled, any school excursions planned for that day are also 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**
- **Remote Continuing Education classes will continue to run**

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 (e.g 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.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR ENTRY TO SCHOOL IN 2025-2026

Please be advised that January 6, 2025, has been designated the start of Kindergarten Registrations. Visit www.ycdsb.ca to register online.



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- ✓ Guided by Gospel values, every child is celebrated
- ✓ Play-based environment nurtures a love of learning
- ✓ STREAM-inspired spaces for young problem solvers
- ✓ Build a strong foundation for academic success

REGISTER HERE

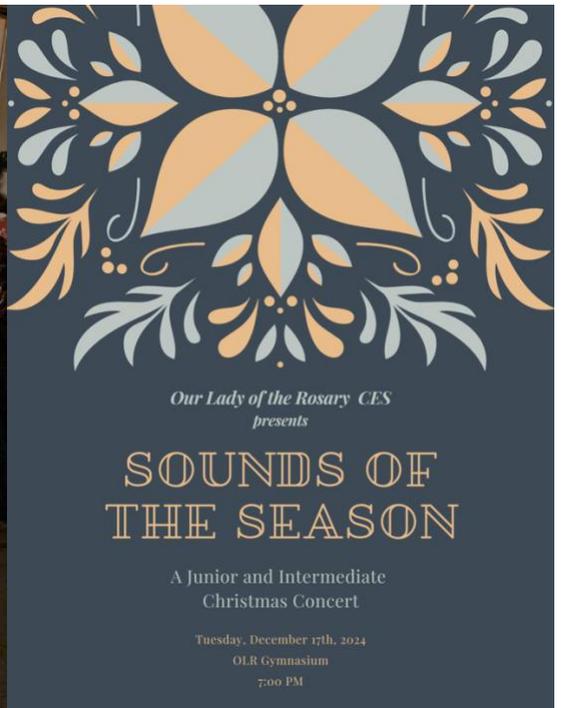


OR VISIT
WWW.YCDSB.CA

Children entering JK must be 4 years old by December 31, 2025. Children entering SK must be 5 years old by December 31, 2025.

JUNIOR/INTERMEDIATE DIVISION CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2024

Tuesday, December 17th provided all of our OLR families with a memorable opportunity to sample the sounds of the Advent season. It was standing room only, as our students in the Grade 3/4, 4/5, 5/6, 6, 7, 7/8 and 8 classes showcased their many artistic skills with a night of dancing, carolling, acting and comedy! Thank you to our dedicated teachers: Ms. Sciulli, Ms. Lauriola, Ms. Chung, Ms. Prechner, Ms. Skenderis, Ms. Kazemi, Mr. Federici, and music teacher, Mr. Bove for nurturing our students to spread holiday cheer and the miracle of the Nativity. Thank you also to Ms. Marinelli, Ms. Guida, Ms. Pupolo, Mme. Colarossi, our tech crew: Tyler, Kyler, Dante, our emcees: Caleb and Liam and of course the students for sharing their gifts.



HOLIDAY HEROES CAMPAIGN 2024

We appreciate the show of support and generosity from OLR families and staff during this year's Holiday Heroes campaign 2024. With boxes and bushel baskets teeming with donations, this year's toiletry drive was a great success, and we know that the collection of toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, body wash, bandages, face cloths, wet wipes, hand towels, shampoo, conditional, socks, slippers, deodorant and hair products will go to good use by those in need in our local community. THANK YOU to our selfless Luke 4:18 student leaders for assisting in this important endeavour at this time of the year! Until next year...!



WORLD'S FINEST CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER CAMPAIGN 2024

We are pleased to announce that OLR raised net proceeds of \$5926.82 during our World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser Campaign, which ran from November 8 to December 9, 2024. All proceeds will be used to further complement our computer inventory for students with the scheduled purchase of 15 additional new Lenovo 300e Gen4 300e G4 MT8186 4G 32G CRM-CTO Touch screen units.



Congratulations to all of our prize winners:

Ethan L. (Gr. 3): Sony PS5 Slim Disc Console

Juan H. (Gr. 8): Segway E-Scooter

Abigail T. (Gr. 2): McDonald's \$100 Gift Card and the 5 lb Chocolate Bar for the most chocolate cases sold.

Ms. E. Chung: Best Buy \$100 Gift Card

Kayla T. (Gr. 5): Indigo \$100 Gift Card

Gabriela M. (Gr. 8): Toys R' Us \$100 Gift Card

Angelica A. (Gr. 6): H & M \$100 Gift Card

Owen A. (SK): Lego City Jungle Kit

Emily C. (JK): Littlest Pet shop play kits (2)

Thomas K. (Gr. 2): 3-D Dodge Charger Puzzle

Victoria G. V. (Gr. 2): Princess Play Castle

ADVENT MASS

A special thanks to Father Augusto, Youth Minister: Alston Moras, Ms. Prechner and her Gr. 6 students, intermediate division altar servers, the OLR choir and choir leaders: Music Teacher, Mr. C. Bove and Gr. 5/6 teacher, Ms. E. Chung and our parents for a heartfelt Advent Mass on Thursday, December 12 at St. Joseph the Worker Parish.



ROSARY APOSTOLATE

Students and staff members always look forward to our monthly visit from our friends at the Rosary Apostolate. Thank you again to Ms. Cecilia Ferreira, Ms. Mena Machado, Ms. Linda Ammendolia, Ms. Debbie Boragina, Mr. John De Schutter, Ms. Anna Rinaldi, and Ms. Felisa De Los Santos. On Monday, December 9th, our younger students were reminded of the words that the archangel Gabriel spoke to Mary and how these very words begin the Hail Mary prayer. We look forward to our next opportunity for monthly rosary devotion on January 23, 2025.



NORTH POLE CAFE

With a little help from St. Nick and his elves, and let us not forget our happy and helpful Catholic School Council parent members, parent volunteers and staff, the North Pole Café delighted all who visited on December 13th!



OLR CHRISTMAS SPIRIT WEEK 2024

It was the wonderful week filled with fun and holiday cheer, as our grade 7 and grade 2 students collaborated to compete in a holiday themed online quiz game, facilitated by our very own FSL teacher, Mme. L. Colarossi.

Let's not forget the fun and sometimes fierce volleyball competition known as the OLR cup, as facilitated by Gr. 8 teacher, Mr. J. Federici.

Here is a photo of the OLR CUP 2024 Volleyball winners.

From left to right:

Anthony S, Bernard S, Tyler S, Mira B, Jayden D, Adwoa B, Daniel A.



VISIT TO THE STREAM CENTRE

Gr. 8 students in Mr. Federici's class visited the Divine Mercy CES Stream Centre of Excellence on Tuesday, December 10, 2024 with one objective: to design a video game about digital citizenship. Here are some pictures which highlight the day's results.

