

# OLR FEBRUARY 2025

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



## School Information

**Area South Superintendent: L. Sawlky**

**Principal: W. H. Kwon**

**Secretaries: J. Palermo (Senior Secretary), K. Sferopoulos (2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

February's Virtue of the month is **WISDOM**

I will use this gift of the Holy Spirit to help me make good choices.

I will use my knowledge and skills in a way that uplifts others.

I will act after listening to my heart.

March's virtue is **PERSEVERANCE**

### BLACK HISTORY MONTH BEGINS



February 2-8

- White Cane Week (public awareness of vision loss and its impact on Canadians)
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February 4

- JUBILEE MASS (the only one in all of YORK region) @ St. Padre Pio Parish, 7pm

February 5

- Winter Walk Day



□	February 6, 13, 20, 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MYSA KIDS Lunchtime program at OLR DRAWING &amp; CARTOONING VOL.2</li> </ul>	
□	February 7, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Due Date for Gr. 8 students to complete course selections in MyBlueprint</li> </ul>	
□	February 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International Epilepsy Day</li> <li>• Tim Holland French Ventriloquist @ 10:30</li> </ul>	
□	February 10-14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carnaval at OLR</li> </ul>	
□	February 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OLR 100th Day celebration-SK/1 (Ms. Bromley)</li> <li>• Term 1 Report Cards, ESL Appendices, Special Education Report Card Addendums available to parents via the parent portal after 4 pm at <a href="https://olr.ycdsb.ca/parents/">https://olr.ycdsb.ca/parents/</a></li> <li>• Topic: Get It in Gear (Scientists in the School)- Gr. 3/4 Ms. Sciulli and Gr. 4/5 Ms. Lauriola</li> </ul>	
□	February 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Valentine's Day (Heart Cookies go on sale)</li> <li>• Mad Science Workshop-Gr. 5/6 Ms. Chung</li> </ul>	
□	February 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Flag of Canada Day</li> </ul>	
□	February 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Family Day (School is closed)</b></li> <li>▪ Louis Riel Day</li> </ul>	
□	February 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Love of Dance Showcase 2025 registration due date</li> </ul>	
□	January 28, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>	
□	February 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Day of Social Justice</li> <li>• Hot Dog Lunch Program Day # 4</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	
□	February 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rosary Apostolate</li> </ul>	
□	February 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OLR Black History Month Liturgy of the Word</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	
□	<b>February 28</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SAVE THE DATE!!!! (Grade 8 Graduation <u>RE-TAKE PICTURE</u> at OLR for any students who were absent. Clear Images photographers will be onsite!</b></li> </ul>	
	Term 2 Hot Lunch Program Reminders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mondays: Gino's Pizza</b></li> <li>• <b>Tuesdays: Mr. Greek</b></li> <li>• <b>Wednesdays: Ciao Raggiuzzi</b></li> <li>• <b>Thursdays: Eggsmart</b></li> <li>• <b>Fridays: Just Catering for Kids</b></li> </ul>	

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

Warm February greetings to all of the OLR community. With new registrations now in full swing at Our Lady of the Rosary CES, it is truly astonishing to see our school community grow in size with many new students in all grades scheduled to start in September 2025! Thank you to the parent volunteers and staff who continue to ensure that our students are engaged in a variety of new learning opportunities whether in the form of STREAM related workshops, nutritious lunch program offerings in Term 2 and cheering on our Eagles at various athletic competitions. February will be a short and hectic month for sure. Just a reminder to our families that OLR is a scent aware and scent free safe environment and for students and visitors to not wear scented products. We look forward to the warmer weather with a predicted early spring.

God bless!

Mr. W. H Kwon



Principal

### 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

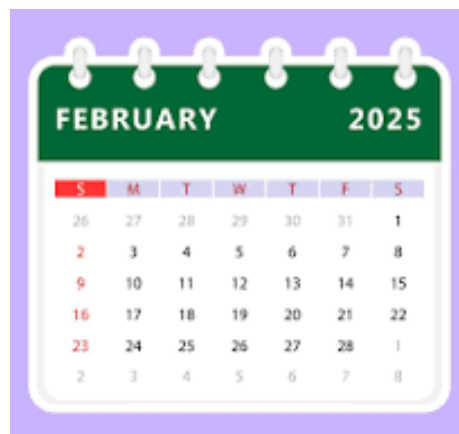
The following is a list of responsibilities for parents. The information will be listed on our website as a guide to ensure students safe travel to and from school.

- 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 FEBRUARY 2025 CALENDAR**

The updated February 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."



## SAFE ARRIVAL



# 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](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.



**Virtue of the Month Recipients for the month of January: Unity!**

Congratulations to all of the OLR students who demonstrated in word and deed the following:

- I will make everyone feel welcomed and appreciated as members of God's family.
- I will take some time to learn about the similarities and differences in my community.
- I will empower people with words that build them up, not put them down

*FDK 1 (Ms. Ecclestone): Nathan C. (Year 1), Isaiah H. (Year 1), Emilia S. (Year 1), FDK 2 (Ms. Margie): Hayla B. (Year 1), Samara G. M. (Year 1), Jaden R. (Year 1), SK/1 (Ms. Bromley): Cara K.(Year 2), Brayden M. (Year 2), Gr. 1 (Ms. Petrolo): Mia C., Carmelo C., (Ms. Iaboni): Ayomide O., Patricia A., Andreas C., Gr. 2/3 (Ms. Ali): Bomane O. (Gr. 2), Kane O. (Gr. 2), Gr. 3 (Ms. Gurrieri): Jesse L., Leon S., Princess C., Gr. 3/4 (Ms. Sciulli): Bernize V. (Gr. 4), Blane M. (Gr. 3), Thiago G. P., (Gr. 4), (Gr. 4/5 (Ms. Lauriola): Alina C. (Gr. 4), Fabian C. (Gr. 4), William J. (Gr. 5), (Gr. 5/6 (Ms. Chung): Johnces F. (Gr. 6), Ethan S-C. (Gr. 5), Nicolas C. (Gr. 6), Gr. 6 (Ms. Prechner): Deborah A., Ethan C., Anjola O., Gr. 7 (Ms. Skenderis): Julianne L., Zoe M.G., Carter C., Gr. 7/8 (Ms. Kazemi-Arbat): Nini J. (Gr. 8), Tristan Q. (Gr. 8), Liam C. ((Gr. 7), Gr. 8 (Mr. Federici): Raven D., Joseph R., Dante S.*

## 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](http://www.ycdsb.ca)
- School Website
- Official YCDSB social media accounts
- Student Transportation Services website [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://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.

## **JUNIOR BOYS AND GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**

Jr. Boys volleyball wrapped up on Monday, Jan. 20 at OLR with a pool of 5 teams: The Jr. Boys volleyball team did an amazing job playing in their tournament against four local schools: Blessed Scalabrini, St. Michael Academy, St. Rene Goupil and St. JW. Out of the 8 games that the boys played, they won 4 and lost 4-one of the games was a nailbiter and the boys eventually became victorious winning 29 to 27. Their coach, Mrs. Prechner is extremely proud of the team and can't wait for the next year! Thank you to Mrs. Guida for convening yesterday's tournament.

Jr. Girls volleyball wrapped up on Tuesday, Jan. 21 at OLR with a pool of 5 teams: OLR, Blessed Scalabrini, St. Michael Academy, St. Rene Goupil and St. JW. Results: Thank you to coaches Ms. Iannetta and Ms. Guida.





## STREAM CENTRE VISIT TO DIVINE MERCY CES

Visits to the STREAM Centre of Excellence at Divine Mercy continue this month and beyond with Ms. E. Chung's Gr. 5/6 class who took part on Tuesday, Jan. 21, and Ms. Lauriola's class attending on May 22, 2025- Design An Aid for Activities of Daily Living - AADL (Grade 5): Students will work through the design thinking process to solve problems related to healthy, independent living. At the STREAM Centre, students will use Lego Spike Prime to design an assistive living aid. Ms. Sciulli's Gr. 3/4 class will attend on April 28, 2025.

Gr. 5/6 teacher, Ms. E. Chung and the teacher-librarian, Ms. Puopolo are currently collaborating in teaching the novel, **A Rover's Story**, during the grade 5/6 library block.

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## MR. KARL SUBBAN VISITS OLR

Karl Subban's visited OLR on Wed. Jan. 15, 2025 to great acclaim.

The day presentations went well. The older grades really appreciated it. I understand that Trustee J. Wigston also attended. I think what resonated with the students was the candid revelation of the how Mr. Subban transitioned to life as a teenager in Canada in the 1970s as a Jamaican immigrant, drawing inspiration and using strength in the face of adversity and leveraging hockey as the constant to carve his way in life, with the eventual large family of 5 and raising three NHLers, P.K., Malcolm and Jordan. Younger students enjoyed the humorous story, **The Hockey Skates.**

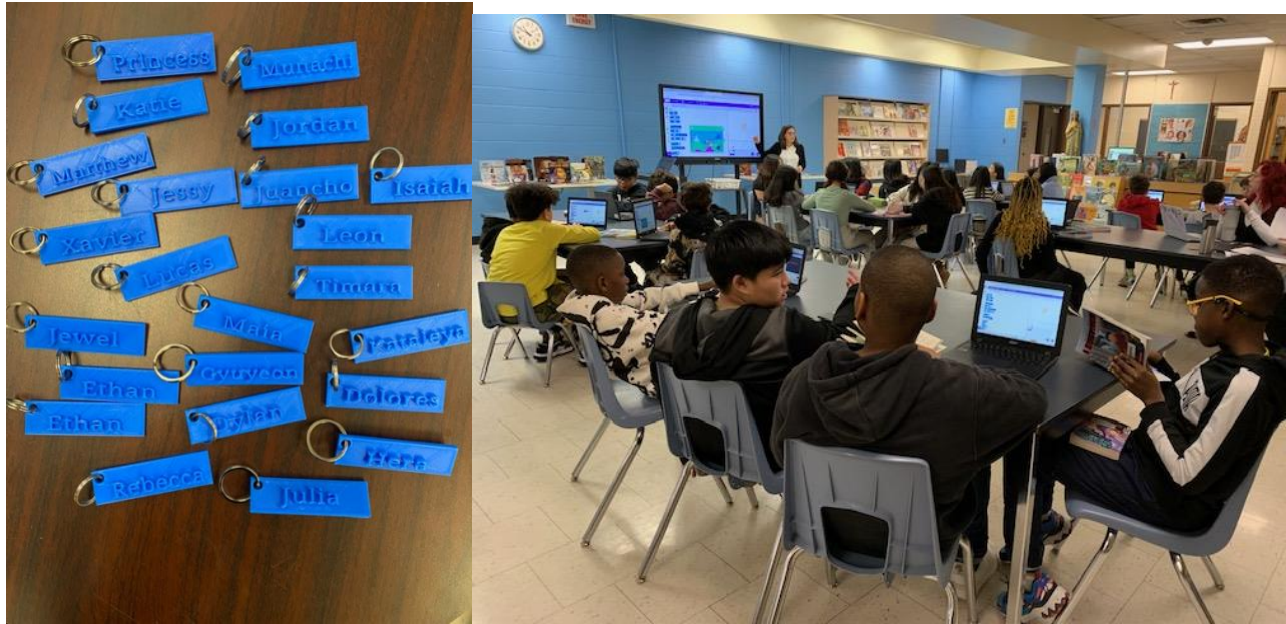


## BLACK HISTORY MONTH RESOURCES

Thank you to our wonderful teacher-librarian, Ms. M. Puopolo for showcasing all our resources by Black North American authors and about notable and everyday Black Canadians for our students at OLR!



## 3-D PRINTING AND CODING AT OLR



Here are some examples of 3-D printing and the final student product at OLR, as well as, students manipulating sprite effects via code!

## ROSARY APOSTOLATE

As always, it was a delightful to welcome back our friends from the Rosary Apostolate on January 23, 2025. We greatly appreciate their commitment to modelling the importance of prayer. 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.



# DISCOVERING MATH CAMP

## WHAT IS IT?

Discovering Math Camp is a **virtual** program for Ontario students in **grades 6 to 8**, held during **March break**. Led by experienced educators, it offers interactive lessons and activities to build math skills and problem-solving abilities.

With a focus on prioritizing students from underserved communities, this initiative aims to inspire a lifelong appreciation for math while building confidence and skills in a fun and enriching setting.



## INTENDED AUDIENCE

- ▶ Students in **grades 6 to 8** from Ontario.
- ▶ We will prioritize students who have limited access to resources at home and in their community.

## DATES + LOCATION

- ▶ Daily online lessons over the March Break (Monday, March 10 to Friday, March 14, 2025) from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

## FEES

- ▶ **No fees.**
- ▶ Discovering Math Camp is a completely free program offered by the CEMC!

## WHAT TO EXPECT

- ▶ Participants will be presented with materials and problem sets at each session.
- ▶ Possible topics include counting problems with permutations and combinations, ratios and musical scales and introduction to computer science.

## LEARN MORE



*Interested students are required to fill out the Discovering Math Camp application form on the CEMC website by **February 10, 2025**.*

# YORK REGIONAL POLICE

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Paulo Da Silva  
Deputy Chief  
of Operations

Cecile Hammond  
Deputy Chief  
of Administration

Kevin McCloskey  
Deputy Chief  
of Support

January 21, 2025

Dear William ,

What does it mean to truly make a difference? For the 2024 Holiday Heroes Campaign, it meant delivering more than we ever imagined – hope where there was uncertainty, joy where there was despair, and connection where there was isolation. Thanks to your extraordinary generosity, lives across York Region were profoundly changed. This year's campaign asked a bold question: What does it take to be a hero? Your answer came not in words but through actions. Together, we shattered our fundraising target, raising over \$415,000 in monetary and gift card donations – nearly tripling our original goal.

But the numbers only tell part of the story. The impact of your support was monumental. It was felt in the smiles of children holding their first holiday gifts, in the relief of parents who found unexpected support, and in the gratitude of seniors who realized they weren't alone. Your support enabled us to: bring personalized gifts and vital supplies to more than 22,000 families and individuals, distribute hundreds of backpacks filled with winter essentials and hygiene products, and provide flexible resources like gift cards and transit tickets, ensuring people had what they needed most during their toughest days.

We were deeply moved by the dedication of students and schools like Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Elementary School, who rallied together to raise funds and donate vital items. Your energy, creativity, and compassion brought new momentum to the campaign, showing the power of young heroes making a difference.

These acts of generosity didn't just meet immediate needs, they reminded people that someone cared deeply about them and their future. But your impact doesn't stop there. Beyond the holiday season, your support fuels vital community programs through our partners – the Salvation Army, Victim Services of York Region, and local food banks. These partnerships extend the reach of your generosity, turning compassion into sustained action.

As we reflect on the success of the 28th annual Holiday Heroes Campaign, we recognize that it wasn't just a campaign – it was a movement. And at the heart of that movement were heroes like you. On behalf of York Regional Police and every life touched by your kindness, thank you. Your decision to step forward reminds us all that we each have the power to transform hardship into hope, uncertainty into stability, and moments into miracles.

We look forward to standing with you again, united in compassion and driven by the belief that together, we can create a better future.

With deepest gratitude,

**Alvaro Almeida #654**


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# CARNAVAL 2025




## Carnaval Week 2025

### le 10- 14 février

lundie 10 février Monday	mardie 11 février Tuesday	mercredi le 12 février Wednesday	jeudi le 13 février Thursday	vendredie 14 février Friday
<p>Tim Holland Bilingual Ventriloquist/ Puppet Show for staff and students.</p> <p>10:30am in gym</p> 	<p><i>Sunshine Tuesday</i></p> <p>*Students are to dress in sunny weather wear.</p> 	<p><i>Colorful Wednesday</i></p> <p>*Bonhomme's favorite colour is RED. What is yours? Students are encouraged to wear their favourite colour.</p>	<p><i>Tuque Thursday</i></p> <p>*Students are encouraged to wear unique hats or tuques.</p> 	<p><i>Py jama Day</i></p> <p><i>Hot chocolate and karaoke in gym in morning for students.</i></p> 



- Bonhomme and Snowy friend daily class visits
- Daily Carnival Fun Facts and number draw on the announcements
- Many faces of bonhomme contest
- Mask making in French classes



## WINTER TIME FUN AND FROLIC

What does one do with fresh snow? Build snow structures, snow people and snow angels of course!

