

# OLR MARCH 2025

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



## School Information

**Area South SuperIntendent: L. Sawicky**

**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**

March's Virtue of the month is  
**PERSEVERANCE**

I will continue to trust in God's plan for me.

I will stick to the goals I have set for myself..

I will be patient.

April's virtue is  
**REVERENCE**

## DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH



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March 4

- Shrove Tuesday



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March 5

- Ash Wednesday mass at St. Joseph the Worker Parish @ 10 am (Parents are welcome to attend)
- St. JW Exhibition Basketball Girls game- After school



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March 6

- St. JW Exhibition Basketball Boys game- After school

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Elder Todd Jamieson to visit OLR-Gr. 5s (Ms. Chung, Ms. Lauriola) @ 10:40 am</li> </ul>	
□	March 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scientists in School - Booking your Sense of Wonder-FDK (Ms. Ecclestone, Ms. Margie)</li> <li>World Day of Prayer</li> </ul>	
□	March 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Women's Day</li> </ul>	
□	March 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Daylight Savings Time Begins</li> </ul>	
□	March 10-14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>March Break (School is closed)</li> </ul>	
□	March 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Classes resume at OLR</li> <li>St. Patrick's Day</li> <li>Term 3 Hot Lunch Program begins</li> </ul>	
□	March 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Int. Boys Basketball-St. Mary Immaculate</li> </ul>	
□	March 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Int. Girls Basketball-Fr. John Kelly</li> <li>Rosary Apostolate</li> </ul>	
□	March 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination</li> <li>World Down Syndrome Day</li> </ul>	
□	March 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vaughan Earth Hour Event</li> </ul>	
□	March 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Purple Day for Epilepsy</li> <li>Fire Drill # 4</li> </ul>	
□	March 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Board wide Lenten Mass of Reconciliation and Renewal @ 1:15 pm</li> </ul>	
□	March 31-April 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OLR Lenten Food and Sock Drive</li> </ul>	
	Term 3 Hot Lunch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Mondays: Gino's Pizza</b></li> <li><b>Tuesdays: Mr. Greek</b></li> </ul>	

- **Wednesdays: Ciao Raggazzi**
- **Thursdays: Eggsmart**
- **Fridays: Just Catering for Kids**

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

March is typically a short yet very frenetic month, accented by the start of some new activities and initiatives, such as, our intermediate For the Love of Dance team, Jays Care club, Oral Communications competition preparation, Science and Stream workshops, Shrove Tuesday observances, Ash Wednesday masses and intermediate boys' and girls' basketball exhibition games and practices, just to name a few... This past Sunday, regional Bishop, His Excellency, Bishop Boissonneau reminded the faithful that during our Lenten journey, our pilgrimage, any individual only needs to look to God for the hope that is needed to seek salvation. These words of wisdom, coupled with our focus on the Catholic virtue of "Perseverance" will guide us through the challenges that we may face as a school community. I would like to thank Trustee Wigston, Superintendent Sawicky, Father Augusto, the Catholic School Council and parent volunteers, OLR staff, students and their families for their continued support at this juncture in our new year. Finally, let us keep in our prayers, Pope Francis, Cardinal Francis Leo, Father Augusto, and all the leaders of our Church; that they may be devout in their prayers and courageous in their service to God's people!

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 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 MARCH 2025 CALENDAR**

The updated March 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.”

<div>March</div> <div>is dedicated to Saint Joseph</div> <div></div>						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						Saturday in the 7 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time 1
8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 2	St. Barbara, Doctor 3	St. Casimir 4	Ash Wednesday 5	St. Callixtus 6	Sts. Purgatius & Felicity 7	St. John the Baptist 8
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent 9	Monday in the 1 <sup>st</sup> Week of Lent 10	Tuesday in the 1 <sup>st</sup> Week of Lent 11	Wednesday in the 1 <sup>st</sup> Week of Lent 12	Thursday in the 1 <sup>st</sup> Week of Lent 13	Friday in the 1 <sup>st</sup> Week of Lent 14	St. Lawrence, Deacon 15
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent 16	St. Patrick 17	Tuesday in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent 18	St. Joseph, Husband of Mary 19	Thursday in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent 20	Friday in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent 21	Saturday in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent 22
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent 23	Monday in the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent 24	The Annunciation of the Lord 25	Wednesday in the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent 26	Thursday in the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent 27	Friday in the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent 28	Saturday in the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent 29
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (Maundy Thursday) 30	Monday in the 4 <sup>th</sup> Week of Lent 31					

## 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](https://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 February: Wisdom!**

Congratulations to all of the OLR students who demonstrated the virtue of Wisdom when making decisions, facing challenges and helping others.

- *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.*

FDK 1 (Ms. Ecclestone): Thalia A. (Year 1), Ximena C. (Year 1), Adenike S. (Year 1), FDK 2 (Ms. Margie): Zara A. (Year 1), Ian A. L. (Year 1), Cielle B. (Year 1), Edward N. (Year 1), SK/1 (Ms. Bromley): Elliott L. (Gr. 1), Karigan M., (Ms. Petrolo): Ava E., Orion F., (Ms. Iaboni): Theo GP, Thomas K., Gr. 2/3 (Ms. Ali): Leo M. (Gr. 2), Nikolaos K. Gr. 2, (Ms. Gurrieri): Munachi A., Jordan G., Gr. 3/4 (Ms. Sciulli): Juan J. E. T. (Gr. 3), Andrii Z. (Gr. 4), Yuvin P. (Gr. 4), (Gr. 4/5 (Ms. Lauriola): Annamaria F. (Gr. 4), Ava A. (Gr. 5), Kolbe M. (Gr. 5), Mia S-C. (Gr. 5), (Gr. 5/6 (Ms. Chung): Sierra C. (Gr. 5), Isabelle B. (Gr. 6), Elizabeth I. (Gr. 6), Gr. 6 (Ms. Prechner): Matteo B., Madison C., Kristine P., Gr. 7 (Ms. Skenderis): Haven M., Mattheus G., Kristine E., Gr. 7/8 (Ms. Kazemi-Arbat): Raphael T. (Gr. 7), Brandon S. (Gr. 8), Gabriella G. (Gr. 7), Gr. 8 (Mr. Federici): Lia I., Liam T., Dima K.

# 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.

## **CARNAVAL AT OLR AND TIM HOLLAND-STUNT VENTRILOQUIST**

Carnaval at OLR kicked off with French Stunt ventriloquist, Tim Holland who wowed the OLR students and staff with some high intensity juggling, unicycling and humorous conversations in French and English with his turtle and parrot. Thank you for showcasing your talents and gifts, while promoting the French language. Carnaval concluded with an enjoyable day of karaoke singing, visits from Bonhomme and his sidekick, and of course many cups of hot chocolate. Thank you to Mme. Colarossi, Ms. Guida and Luke 4:18!





## GRADE 7 SCIENCE DESIGN CHALLENGE

For the cottage, for the home, for your bedroom or basement, for relaxing or studying, uniquely inspiring and at times ergonomic, here are some photos of the winning teams for the Intermediate Design Challenge from Ms. Skenderis, Ms. Kazemi and Mr. Federici's grade 7 and 8 classes.

The following are the winner for the Grade 7 Chair Project in Science:

Julianne, Chenielle, Haven for the Heel Chair

Gabriella, Audrina, and Abigail for their Cottage Living Chair

The following are the winners of the Grade 8 Systems Design Project in Science:

Juan, Dima, and Mark for their water collecting Shoe Rack

Tristan, Jayna, and Mira for their handmade Posture Buddies design.





## CELEBRATING 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL

How can we celebrate 100 days of school? Let us count the ways! Thank you to Ms. Bromley's SK/1 and Ms. Petrolo's grade 1 classes for sharing their learning with visiting classes on February 11<sup>th</sup>!





## **BLACK HISTORY MONTH LITURGY**

A huge thanks is in order for both Ms. H. Prechner and her Gr. 6 class, Ms. E. Chung and her Gr. 5/6 class, Teacher-Librarian, Ms. M. Puopolo and Tech squad members, Quincee V. and Lia I.

OLR's Black History Month liturgy was a genuine occasion for prayer and recognition of how Black Canadians, past and present, enrich our every day lives and provide models of hope and inspiration. Thank you also to Trustee J. Wigston for visiting the OLR community and praying together with us



## **SHROVE TUESDAY**

Thank you to our hot lunch program coordinators, Ms. De Sousa, Ms. Cutrone, and CSC members, Ms. O and Ms. Luchetta for the organization and distribution of this year's Shrove Tuesday pancakes. The OLR community is grateful! Shrove Tuesday reminds us of the importance of obtaining absolution for our sins through penance, and traditionally, it is a time that Catholics consumed eggs, sugar, items which are traditionally restricted during the Lent.



## **ASH WEDNESDAY MASS**

Thank you to Fr. Augusto at St. Joseph the Worker Parish for helping Our Lady of the Rosary students and staff begin their Lenten journeys this year with Ash Wednesday mass on Wednesday, March 5, 2025. Also, OLR would like to thank Ms. Ali's gr. 2/3 class, Ms. Iaboni's gr. 2 class, the OLR choir, Ms. Chung and music teacher, Mr. C. Bove for their preparations.

## **JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT (MRS. PRECHNER'S GR. 6 CLASS)**

On Wednesday, February 26th, Mrs. Prechner's Grade 6 students had a visit from a Junior Achievement volunteer to learn about starting up a business and being an entrepreneur. The theme of the day was "Our Business World". The students learned strategies on starting up a business and pretended to run a "Lemonade Stand" business where quick thinking decisions had to be made with day-to-day operations. They also learned about Income and Expenses and how to keep track of them. They played a board game and learned more business terminology as well. The class would like to thank Ashley Paltrinieri for volunteering in our classroom that day.





## FOR THE LOVE OF DANCE

OLR is delighted to announce that our Intermediate Dance Team has been registered for competition for May 6<sup>th</sup> at St. Elizabeth Catholic High School. We look forward to seeing and hearing about this talented group's adventures. Thank you to coaches, Ms. Iannetta and Mme. Colarossi.



## PINK SHIRT DAY

OLR stands up to all forms of bullying! It is not okay, and we will report! Standing tall **and wearing pink on PINK SHIRT DAY!**

