September 2023



Holy Jubilee CES



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September

12th to 21st- CSC Nomination Forms accepted in the office

21st—Open House/Meet the Teacher 7:00 p.m. at HJE

22nd—PA Day—no school for students. Faith Day for YCDSB staff.

25th —CSC Elections and Meeting—7:00p.m.

25th—Terry Fox Run

26th— Terry Fox Rain

29th- Orange Shirt Day

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Thanksgiving Mass October 17th @ 1:30 pm in the gym

From The Principal's Desk:

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your warm welcome as well as for a very successful and smooth beginning to the school year. I feel blessed to be part of such a wonderful school community. I would like to thank Mrs. Albanese for her years of dedication and hard work and wish her well as she continues her journey at Pope Francis CES. In this newsletter is a list of changes to our staff. We welcome all those returning to HJE and wish those who have transferred or retired all the best for the future.

Finally, a warm welcome to a new school year, for both our new families who have recently joined our community and for our returning families. A new school year brings with it new hopes and goals for the year ahead. Our staff, both returning and new have been preparing for the new school year. Thank you to the staff of teachers, secretaries, SEIs, EAs, and ECEs for their time and commitment to ensuring a safe and successful start. Also, a big thank to our dedicated team of caretakers who worked tirelessly throughout the summer months to ensure the school was ready for September.

Even though the school year has just begun, we are already planning events, teams and activities full of rich learning opportunities, experiences and challenges. Together in partnership with parish and parents we will continue to strive to teach our students to become responsible, respectful, successful global citizens who are life-long learners able to meet the challenges of their world. Your contribution to the success of your children cannot be overemphasized. We encourage you to continue to be an active participant in your child(ren)'s education.

We invite you to join us throughout the year to attend all of our events, assemblies, activities and trips—become involved as a volunteer or member of Catholic School Council (CSC), a nomination form is included with this newsletter. There will be a CSC meeting including elections on September 25th @ 7 pm. Please join us on Open House/Meet the Teacher Night on Thursday, September 21st, at 7:00 p.m. for an opportunity to meet teachers and support staff, see the school and learn more about Holy Jubilee.

Please note that after this newsletter, I will be sending weekly email updates (What's Up @ HJE) to provide you with timely information including the upcoming week's events. Additional newsletters may be sent seasonally. Information should also be available on the school's website (see above for the web address). Please ensure that we have your correct email address. Looking forward to a promising and successful new school year working together in partnership with school, home and parish.. In closing, I would like to share the following prayer:

God of wisdom and might, we praise you for the wonder of our being, for mind, body, and spirit. Be with our children as they begin a new school year. Bless them, their families, their teachers and staff. Give them the strength and grace as their bodies grow; wisdom and knowledge to their minds as they search for understanding; and peace and zeal to their hearts. Amen.

Yours in Catholic Education, Ms. C. Sandig

Mission Statement

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.

Vision Statement

Our students will become creative and critical thinkers who integrate Catholic Values into their daily lives, as socially responsible global citizens.

Strategic Commitments Integration of Our Continuous Improvement of Student Achievement Effective Use of Our Resources Engaging Our Communities

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In the Month of September we celebrate the virtue of

Courage

Our three "I Will" statements are: I will stand up for what I know is right and just.

I will face challenges, fears and difficulties with fortitude.

I will take responsibility for reaching my potential.



Bell Times:
8:35-Supervision begins
8:50-School begins
10:10-10:25 First Recess
11:45-12:45 Lunch 12:05-12:45 outdoors unless it is inclement weather
2:05-2:20 Last Recess
3:40 Dismissal

RECESS: Each division has a designated area where they can interact with their peers in a safe and socially appropriate way. Students in grade 4-8 may play soccer on the new field (once it is open) on assigned days of the week. Footballs are banned. Basketballs can be used on the pavement. Primary students can use soft soccer balls on the pavement. Please remind your child about how to play safely and to always be kind. We need to ensure that all of our students are safe.

PUNCTUALITY & ATTENDANCE: Students are expected to arrive at school before 8:50 AM and line up with their classes. Students arriving late in the morning must enter through the front doors and **must stand outside the office until announcements are over** and they are directed by the secretary to make their way to class. Please encourage your child to attend school regularly to ensure success.

SAFE ARRIVAL:

It is vital that the Student Absence reporting number is called BEFORE 8:50 am for the current day if your child(ren) will be absent. Please call 1-855-7862 or visit go.schoolmessenger.ca before the bell rings on



the day of your child(ren)'s absence. Planned absences can be reported in advance.

Lunch Drop-off/Item Drop-off

Children should arrive at school with everything that they need for the school day. This includes a change of clothes, shoes, lunch, a reusable water bottle and all homework. Items should not be dropped of during the day. Thank you for your cooperation. We discourage McDonald's for lunch as it is a potential source of allergens.

Going Home For lunch

Students going home for lunch are to be picked up at the front doors of the school only. Please ensure that you have completed the Lunch Routine Form which is included with this newsletter and return it to the school. This will inform us of what your child will be doing for his/her lunch time routine.

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A. Ricco-Coppola B days	A. Jaha	
Gr. 1 L. Ciardullo		
Gr. 1/2 D. Moretti (B. Stamegna)	SEIs A. Meisn	er
Gr. 2 M. Moscone	P. Velen	
Gr. 3 B. Sutchy	K. Vega-	Almeda
Gr. 4 J. Pagliaroli	-	
Gr. 4 M. Marzano	E.C.E. T. Chia	ppetta
Gr. 5 M. Iaboni		
Gr. 5/6 S. D'Alessandro	L.T.S. E. Lom	bardo
Gr. 6 J. Gialanella	J. Cors	aro
Gr. 7 P. Tarea-Barbato am	S. Smer	
A. D'Agostino pm	M. Cert	ıllo
Gr. 7/8 K. Anderson	P. Morr	a
Gr. 8 L. Nalli	C. Borb	a
I.LIT S. Marrone am	S. Mole	ent
Sp.Ed. T. Serrao (Core/APT)	P. Cam	pbell
TeacherLibrarian D. Meleca	Custodians	
French L. Sedran	F. Runo	co

Leaving Early: If a student must leave school early, a note from a parent or guardian is requested. We strongly discourage calling 10-20 minutes before the end of school to pick up children early. Not only does this impact their learning but is disruptive to the class as well. If you are picking up your child, let the secretary know when you ring the doorbell, sign the child (ren) out in the book in the door entrance and wait for your child in the door entrance or outside the doors.

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Please be advised that if your child is returning to school after an illness, they will be required to go outside for all recesses, unless they have a note from a Doctor.

Supervision At School

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The safety of your students is of paramount importance. Now that the first few weeks of school are over and routines are becoming more established, we ask that parents drop off their children without entering the school yard in the morning (with the exception of FDK) as well as not remain in the school yard after pick up at the end of the day. Once FDK parents drop off their child(ren) to the FDK team, they too should leave the school yard.

Supervision begins at 8:35a.m. Please ensure that your child does not enter the playground prior to the 8:35 a.m. supervision. After school, please pick up students promptly at 3:40 p.m.. The doors will be locked after 8:50 am and if your child(ren) are late, they should enter through the front doors and report to the office. Should you be late in picking up your child(ren), they are to report to the office to wait for you there.

Parents are kindly asked not to remain in the school yard after drop off or pick up, this allows for easy stranger identification for all, if the only adults in the yard are school staff. As a further measure with respect to privacy, we also ask that you try not stand right by the entrance to the yard until the bell rings. As well, there should not be any parked cars at the kiss and ride. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Important Forms

The majority of forms and important letters have been sent home. Please look for the following forms and return them to the school as soon as possible:

- Emergency Information Form
- Catholic School Council Nomination Form
- Freedom of Information
- VLE Virtual Learning Environment Permission Form
- Lunch Routine Form
- Walking in the Community form (required for Terry Fox Run)

Freedom of Information Notice to Parents

During this school year, your child(ren) will be involved in a variety of school related activities and events consistent with the purpose of educating students in accordance with the *Education Act*.

Upon registering your child with the York Catholic District School Board you completed a **Freedom of Information Consent**.

Personal information is collected pursuant to the *Education Act* and the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. We bring to your attention the following areas that you and/or your child's personal information may be disclosed without separate notification to you, such as:

- Catholic School Council activities and Catholic School Council communications.
- Class lists, emergency phone networks, local Parish, Catholic Community Services, etc.
- In case of an accident or witness to an accident, the student's name and home address will be released to the Board's insurer.
- The release of photographs, artwork, writing or other schoolwork to the media (print/electronic) and/or school/Board website.
- The use of names, photographs, etc. used for display in the school, newsletters, and yearbooks

Please complete the FOI A21 Freedom of Information Form which was sent home and return it as soon as possible. We require this so that your child can be included in photos, otherwise your child(ren) will be asked to step out of photos. This includes being part of our yearbook. Questions about the collection and the use of this personal information should be directed to the Freedom of Information Coordinator, York Catholic District School Board, 320 Bloomington Rd. W., Aurora, Ontario L3G 3G8 or (905) 713-2711.

EMERGENCY CONTACT FORMS:

Please return these forms to school once you have verified the information or made any changes. It is very important that these and all forms are returned promptly and contain the correct email address.

APPROPRIATE USE OF TECHNOLOGY AND GAFE FORMS:

Please review these forms with your child(ren), sign and return them, as students will be using Google Apps for Education in class and at home. Please speak with your child about using technology appropriately. The Google Apps for Education must not be used for personal or social use.

Catholic School Council

A CSC meeting will be held on **Monday, September 25th** at 7:00 p.m. in the library. Nomination Forms are due Sept 21st. Elections will be held on the 25th. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend and participate in all CSC meetings and events. Thank you to CSC 2022-2023 for providing Primary and Junior students with Agendas. Agendas are an important learning tool. Please ensure that you take a look at your child(ren)'s agenda on a daily basis to check for homework and/or teacher notes. As well, homework, events and class related information can be found on your child(ren)'s google classroom.

CSC Elections

The forms for the Catholic School Council Nominations are available at the office. Our CSC plays an important advisory role in the successful operation of our school. This council provides a great opportunity for parents' input and feedback. In order to be an eligible candidate, your nomination form must be handed into the office no later than Tuesday, September 21st by 4:00 p.m. If an election is required, it will take place during the meeting on Monday, September 25th in the library. All parents/guardians are encouraged to attend. Good luck to all candidates. Being a part of Catholic School Council is a great way to volunteer and get involved.

Open House/Meet the Teachers:

Please join us on Thursday, September 21st at 7:00 p.m. for our meet the teacher/Curriculum Night. From 7:00—7:40 you may visit the classrooms and meet with your child(ren)'s teachers. This will be followed by a brief assembly in the gym from 7:45- 8:00 p.m. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Intermediate Immunizations Clinic:

The health nurses will be in on Tuesday, November 21st to administer vaccinations to Intermediate students. Consent forms will be sent home in the near future. Your child must return the form to the school in order to receive their vaccine.

Photo Day: To be determined, information to follow when confirmed

Yearbooks for 2022-23 School year

Yearbooks will be distributed to students who purchased them as soon as the books arrive.

Driveway, Kiss and Ride Safety:

Drive slowly and carefully - student safety is our priority.

Parents are respectfully asked to use the larger parking lot on the side of the school or park on the street and walk their children to the yard. Please do not park along the Fire routes or right by entrances and exits. Children can be dropped off and picked up using our Kiss and Ride loop.

At no time should vehicles be parked in the Kiss and Ride area. A gentle reminder that students should have their school bags accessible to them and only exit on the passenger side of the vehicle onto the sidewalk. Please do not leave your vehicle unattended.

For those of you dropping off your child(ren) via the front entrance, the doors connecting the school and the portapack will be unlocked from 8:35 to 8:50. You are advised to accompany your child(ren) to the first door.

Anaphylaxis—Life Threatening Allergies:

The beginning of a new school year is the perfect time to review and continue to work together in making our school a safer environment for our students with *life-threatening food and insect bite allergies*.

At Holy Jubilee, we work in collaboration with the YCDSB, school, home and community in teaching our children and staff all about anaphylaxis and keeping our allergic children safe. Holy Jubilee is a peanut/tree nut safe environment. You will see signs to this effect clearly posted at the entrances of the school. Please review our Board's Policy 209, "Protection of Anaphylactic Students", which is located in on the Board's website, www.ycdsb.ca, under Policies.

There may also be a student in your child's class who is allergic to a specific food other than peanuts/nuts. If this is the case, a letter outlining these specific foods will be sent home with your child. Please remember our *entire* school is peanut/tree nut safe. Our school has been proactive in the following ways:

- All staff is trained at least twice a year regarding administration of the Epi-Pen and recognizing reactions/symptoms
- Peanuts/tree nuts and nut bi-products are strictly avoided throughout the school. As well, we ask that "fake" peanut butter (i.e. WOW butter) and Nutella not be sent to school in student lunches.
- Sharing of food and drinks is strictly prohibited
- All snacks/lunches must be eaten indoors; food is not permitted on buses, during field trips, outdoors at recess breaks and lunch recess.

It is the responsibility of the parent to:

- Inform the school principal of their child's allergy
- In a timely manner, provide the office with an Epi-pen, complete the medical forms and the Anaphylaxis Emergency Plan, which includes a photograph, description of the child's allergy, emergency procedure, contact information, and consent to administer medication. The Anaphylaxis Emergency Plan will be posted in key areas of the school, e.g. Health Room, Office, teacher's daybook.
- If possible, have the child wear a medical identification, e.g. MedicAlert bracelet. The identification could alert others to the child's allergies and indicate that he/she carries an Epipen.
- Have their child at risk of anaphylaxis <u>carry their Epi-pen</u> with them in a KozyEpi Pouch, E-belt or Ana-tote -see Anaphylaxis Canada at their website: Anaphylaxis.org

All birthday/special days such as Halloween, Christmas and Valentine's Day treat-bags must contain <u>non-edible</u> items only (**no food of any kind**). Donating a game to your child's classroom is a great alternative to individual treat bags. Students can use these games during indoor recesses once the cold weather approaches. Talk to your child's teacher to find out which games would be appropriate.

Please inform the school immediately if your child has a lifethreatening allergy or a medical condition requiring a health plan (the latter also require specific forms outlining procedures and signatures). Do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions or concerns. We thank you for your continued support and collaboration with regard to these procedures. Protection of Students with Asthma The York Catholic District School Board recognizes that there are some students within the school system who have a diagnosis of asthma which could be life threatening. The York Catholic District School Board also recognizes that asthma management is a shared responsibility among students, parents, caregivers and the entire school community. It is the responsibility of the parent(s)/guardian(s) to advise the school immediately upon registration and/or when in receipt of a diagnosis of asthma. It is also the responsibility of the parent(s)/guardian(s) to ensure that all medical information pertinent to their child's diagnosis of asthma is always current. If your child has a diagnosis of asthma please contact the school office immediately so that the appropriate forms are completed and school records are up to date in accordance with Policy #206.

Scent free Zone: We have a number of staff and students who have severe sensitivities to perfumes and colognes. Please refrain from using heavily scented products. Students are not to bring any spray or aerosol products to school.

MEDICATION: Staff will administer medication needed for life -threatening or chronic conditions. (epi-pens, puffers). Please ensure that all paperwork is completed and sent to the office. Other medications such as antibiotics or over the counter drugs should be administered before or after school. There is a form to be filled in if the student requires this medication during the school day. Please request the form from the secretaries if this is necessary. Students (JK – Gr. 8) are not to carry medication on them (other than Epi-pens/inhalers) to administer to themselves, as this is a safety concern for the student and for others.

STANDARDIZED DRESS CODE:

A reminder that students are expected to follow the Standardized Dress Code. Colours are solid navy blue OR black bottoms and solid white, navy or light blue tops with NO LOG-OS. Clothing items may be purchased from any retailer. Parents will be emailed if their child is not consistently in dress code. We appreciate your support. The office has a list of stores where you can purchase dress code items. As well, we will be selling Spirit Wear later on in the Fall.

Personal Electronic Devices (PEDS) – Student Use

It is the policy of the York Catholic District School Board that: all personal electronic devices (PEDs), which include cell phones, ipods, air buds etc., carried by students shall be kept out-of-sight, turned off and not used during the day. Students must have prior authorization from the school principal for use during school related activities. Teachers will review the policy with students, and students will be made aware of the consequences. Thank you for working with us to ensure an environment within our schools that is conducive to student learning and is respectful, safe, and protects individual privacy of both staff and students; promotes and teaches behaviour within our schools that demonstrates responsible and respectful use of these electronic devices. Please see the YCDSB website- Policies - PED for complete details.

DATES TO REMEMBER:



On October 17th at 1:30 pm we will have our Thanksgiving school mass in the gym. This mass will be led by our Grade 8 students.

The **Rosary Apostolate** will once again be leading our school in praying the Rosary every first Thursday of the month beginning in October.

FIRST COMMUNION: All grade 2 and grade 7 students who will be celebrating the Sacraments of Communion and Confirmation must register with St. David's Parish as soon as possible. Notifications for meetings regarding the sacraments have been coming from the Parish through the Sunday bulletins. Please watch for special notices with specific information regarding preparation for the sacraments. A copy of the Baptismal certificate of the candidate is required at the time of registration. Forms may be obtained in the Church office or on the Parish website and can be returned during office hours.

2024 Sacrament Registrations

Confirmation and First Communion information is available on the home page or our website, www.saintdavidsmaple.com

For more information, click on "Sacraments" and select the sacrament of your choice.

Meetings are MANDATORY and begin at 7PM. Parents need to pre-register their child for sacraments on the parish's website www.saintdavidsmaple.com from Monday, September 18, 2023 - Monday October 2.

Confirmation: Mandatory meeting: Tuesday, October 3 or Thursday, October 5

First Communion: Mandatory Meeting: Monday, October 16 or Thursday, October 26

DATES OF SACRAMENTS: Confirmation: Wed. April 10th; 7 pm; First Communion: Sat. April 13th 2:30 pm

If you have any questions, you may call one of the pastoral associates 905-832-5595 (Emily Dalla Corte ext. 233 or Gina Pullano ext. 234)

SAFETY WEEK is September 25 to September 29th:

During safety week we will be practicing various safety drills such as Fire Drills/School evacuation, Severe Weather Drills and Hold and Secure. So don't be alarmed if you hear the alarm go off or if your child comes home and tells you that we had to evacuate the building. We are practicing so that in the event of a real emergency we can quickly and calmly provide safety for our student.



TERRY FOX: We are proud to be participating in a Terry Fox Run on September 25th. Rain date will be September 26th. Schools across Canada will be running/walking to show their support for cancer research, and to keep Terry's dream alive. In honour of Terry Fox, Monday, September 25th will be a Red and White Civvies Day. Students are encouraged to donate a loonie or a toonie. Classes will have a virtual presentation about Terry and have the opportunity to walk outdoors to commemorate the Terry Fox Run which took place September 17th. If you wish, you may also donate online: *Donate at:*

https://schools.terryfox.ca/HolyJubileeCSMaple Thank you for joining us in the fight against cancer! #terryfoxschoolrun@theterryfoxfoundation

(please copy and paste the address in your browser)

ROWAN's LAW DAY- Concussion Awareness Day September 27th

ORANGE SHIRT DAY- Truth and Reconciliation—September 29th (the official date is Sat. Sept. 30th).

On the 29th, students are invited to wear an orange shirt to remember the children who survived residential schools and those who did not. By wearing an orange shirt, we show that we are against those who undermine children's self-esteem, anti-bullying and to ensure that every child matters. Everyone is invited to wear an orange shirt!

PACE SCREENING: Every fall, all of the Grade 4 students in the York Catholic District School Board write the Canadian Cognitive Abilities Test (CCAT). This test provides us with information that help us in programming for all the students, and enables us to identify students in our school who may benefit from our program for gifted students known as "Program for Academic and Creative Extension" (PACE). Once they become available, details will be sent home with Grade 4 students.