



ST. MARY CES

Striving for Excellence

MUSTANGS

*Let All That You Do Be
Done With Love*

1 Cor 16:18



TRUSTEE

Ms. E. Crowe

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Rev. Ignacio Pinedo

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Ms. L. D'Andrea

VICE PRINCIPAL

Ms. T. Crocitto

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Ms. S. Rita

Ms. M. Quinn

A Prayer For St. Valentine

May we come together in love with God,
our neighbours and ourselves.

As St. Paul teaches us in Corinthians 13: 4-8

Love is patient, love is kind.

*It is not jealous, love is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude,
it does not seek its own interest, it is not quick-tempered,
it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice in wrongdoings
but rejoices with the truth.*

It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails.

Amen

**IN THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY WE CELEBRATE THE
CATHOLIC VIRTUE OF:**

Wisdom

I WILL USE MY GIFT OF WISDOM IN EVERYTHING I DO.
I WILL DO THINGS WITHOUT HAVING TO BE ASKED.



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Principal / Vice Principal's Message

Dear Parent(s)//Guardian(s),

At St. Mary, we are looking forward to February bringing with it the continued sense of hope and opportunity. The staff remains committed to ensure that all of our Mustangs are supported through this challenging time. The academic, emotional, social and mental well being of our students continues to be a focus for us and we are truly grateful to all parents/guardians for your unwavering support through the challenges we are experiencing due to the pandemic. As we look forward to the return to school, all of the YCDSB and school re-entry protocols will be reviewed and any new protocols will be implemented. Maintaining the safety and well being of all staff and students is of paramount importance.

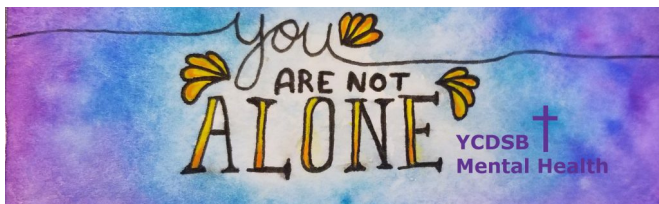
February marks the end of Term 1 for our students. On Tuesday, February 16, electronic report cards will be available in the Parent Portal on our school website. The Report Card is another way that your child's teacher communicates progress in the classroom. Please take the time to read and go through the report card with your child. Celebrate the successes and discuss next steps. On the report card, there is an opportunity for you and your child to set some goals for the next term to improve their learning and we appreciate you taking the time to fill this out. The Learning Skills section on the first page of the report card shows your child's strengths and needs through the learning process and it is worth taking the time to read carefully and understand this information. As always your child's teacher welcomes any questions you have about the Report Card and in turn your child's progress this year.

As you read through this Newsletter, please pay particular attention to our French Carnival week festivities scheduled for February 8 to 12 and the culminating event of our Celebrating Black Excellence week scheduled for February 26th. Our Ash Wednesday Liturgy prepared by Mrs. Zizek's and Mrs. Barone's classes on February 17th will bring us together to begin the Lenten season.

Wishing your families continued good health,

Mrs. D'Andrea
Principal

Mrs. Crocitto
Vice Principal



The York Catholic District School Board recognizes the importance of increasing awareness of the early signs of child and youth mental health problems; decreasing stigma; and understanding that help is available. We are strongly committed to promoting Mental Well-Being in all our students.

Follow **@YCDSB_MH** on Twitter for helpful mental health and well-being information and resources.



Multi-Year Strategic Plan

www.ycdsb.ca

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.



Core Values



Strategic Commitments

- Integration of Our Catholic Faith
- Continuous Improvement of Student Achievement
- Effective Use of Our Resources
- Engaging Our Communities





Safe Arrival



SAFE ARRIVAL

STUDENT ABSENCE REPORTING

Before the bell time for the current day, please call 1-855-856-7862 or visit go.schoolmessenger.ca

Planned absences may be reported in advance.



March Virtue

IN THE MONTH OF MARCH WE CELEBRATE THE CATHOLIC VIRTUE OF:

Perserverence

I WILL STICK TO THE GOALS I HAVE SET FOR MYSELF.
I WILL ALWAYS BELIEVE IN MYSELF AND HAVE FAITH IN WHAT I CAN ACCOMPLISH.

Catholic School Council

St. Mary's next Catholic School Council meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 24 at 6:45pm. This meeting will take place virtually. All are invited to attend.

Important Dates

- Feb. 1 - P.A. Day
- Feb. 5, 12, 19 - Gr. 6 VIP
- Feb 8-12 - Carnival Week
- Feb. 12 - Chinese New Year
- Feb. 14 - Happy Valentines Day
- Feb. 15 - Family Day
- Feb. 16 - Shrove Tuesday
- Feb. 16- Report Cards available through Parent Portal
- Feb. 17 - Ash Wednesday Liturgy
- Feb. 18 - Gr. 8 Virtual School Visit with Fr. Ignacio
- Feb. 24 - Pink Shirt Day
- Feb. 26 - Civvies Day
- Feb. 26 - Guest Speaker Matthew Jones
- Mar. 15-19 - March Break
- Mar. 25 - Virtual Lent School Mass - Fr. Ignacio
- Mar. 26 - Civvies Day



Pink Shirt Day



February 24th is Pink Shirt day. Students will be encouraged to wear pink to raise awareness that bullying behaviours will not be tolerated. Students will participate in classroom discussions and activities that help underscore the importance of respecting others and showing kindness in all that we do.





Celebrating Black History Month

In celebration of Black History month St. Mary's welcomes **Matthew Jones** AKA "**Testament**" on Friday, February 26, 2021. Through songwriting and Hip Hop, Testament shares his message of **P.E.A.C.E. - People Everywhere Actually Coexisting Equally**. The theme is "LEGACY" and the virtual presentations will highlight key "Legacy builders", specifically leaders from the Black community that have helped to pave the way for the work that we do here at P.E.A.C.E. Students will also explore their own identity through the shared stories of those who have gone before us. P.E.A.C.E. will empower participants to be proud of who they are and expand their horizons about what is possible with self- confidence and self-determination. The presentations and workshops will include opportunities for students to participate virtually, lots of music, key video clips, and more!!

Tune in as we build our 'Legacy' together.

Presentation Times:
K-3 presentation @ 9:30am
4-8 @ 11 am



Carnival Week at SMy



Winter Carnival is in the air once again at St. Mary Catholic School! We will be celebrating CARNAVAL during the week of **February 10-14**. Throughout the week the students will be involved in a variety of fun filled activities while learning about the traditions surrounding the Quebec Carnival. St. Mary's is looking forward to an exciting week. We hope to see many staff and students showing their Carnival spirit!

CLICK HERE: **CARNAVAL 2021**

 <p>Lundi/ Monday "Foulard et tuque" Wear your fave scarf or tuque</p>	 <p>Mardi/ Tuesday "Chandail de Sport" Sport a Team jersey with Pride</p>	 <p>Mercredi/ Wednesday "Bonne Nuit Mercredi" Wear your pjs and eat your favourite goodnight snack for breakfast or lunch</p>
 <p>Jeudi/ Thursday "Blu et Blanc" Wear blue and white - the colours of the Quebec flag</p>	<p>FEVRIER 8-12 FEBRUARY</p> 	 <p>Vendredi/ Friday "Rouge, Rose et Blanc pour la St. Valentin" Wear red, pink or white to honour St. Valentine</p>



Continuing Education



The Continuing Education Department is pleased to announce that the Winter/Spring session is about to begin. There are a number of elementary programs available to support student learning. The following programs are being offered pending student enrollment and the registration process is currently opened.

Parents/Guardians are encouraged to review the following list and to take the opportunity to register their child/children:

- **NEW:** Gr. 1 - 6 Homework Helper Jr. - A free remote learning after school literacy and numeracy skills program offered twice a week (Tuesdays and Thursdays)
- **NEW:** March Break Innovation Camps - Fee paying remote learning programs are being offered during the March Break
- **ONGOING:** Gr. JK - 8 International Languages - Free remote learning Saturday and evenings for international languages
- **ONGOING:** Gr. 1 - 6 Saturday Fee Paying Programs for French Conversation, Reading Readiness, Junior Readers, Fun with Math, and Math Booster

Parents/Guardians can register their child/children by visiting the Continuing Education website at: <https://ce.ycdsb.ca>

Kindergarten Registrations



We are excited to announce that Kindergarten Registration at St. Mary is now OPEN! Parents/guardians can register their child online by visiting www.ycdsb.ca . We're excited to welcome new students!



Register your child for **KINDERGARTEN** for the 2020-21 school year!

- Children born in 2016 can register for junior kindergarten
- Children born in 2015 can register for senior kindergarten

Register online at www.ycdsb.ca/admissions or visit your local York Catholic elementary school

