



Guardian Angels Catholic School

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A Look Ahead...

- Oct. 6th Pajama Day
- Oct. 10th Cross Country
- Oct. 13th Thanksgiving Liturgy
- Oct. 14th Picture Day
- Oct. 16th Gr. 6 Trip to Kettelby
- Oct. 18th Gr. 7 Vaccines
- Oct. 18th Kindergartens to Apple Orchard
- Oct. 19th Cross Country Board Finals
- Oct. 19th Gr. 7 Trip to Kettelby
- Oct. 24th Gr. 4/5 Trip to Kettelby
- Oct. 25th Gr. 4 Trip to Kettelby
- Oct. 26th Gr. 8 Trip to Kettelby

Dear Parents/Guardians:

As we begin the second month of our 2017-2018 school year, we would like to thank all of the students, parents and staff for their support towards a positive start! Thank you to all our staff for their work, commitment and dedication in ensuring a most successful Curriculum Night for our parents. Thank you to our Catholic School Council Co-Chairs, and all the council members for their support and enthusiasm in starting our year. Our Thanksgiving liturgy will be celebrated on Thursday, October 12th at 8:30 am in the gym for our Grades JK to 8. Parents are welcome to attend. We thank all of our Guardian Angels community for your generous contribution to our food drive for this Thanksgiving season and for the toonies for the Terry Fox Walk of Hope. We collected **\$1,087.00** and will be celebrating with a pyjama day on Friday, October 6th. This is our highest amount ever! Thank you for your support and participation.

We would like to invite all of our parents to attend our Halloween Dance-a-thon on Tuesday, October 31st in the gym here at Guardian Angels. We thank you for supporting this fundraiser and we look forward to sharing all of our prizes with our students. Please see the schedule attached on our website. In our busy lives, it is important to take time to thank God for our many, many blessings. Enjoy your special time with family and friends.

Dear Lord,

On Thanksgiving Day we come before You

With gratitude for Your kindness:

*Open our hearts to concern for our fellow men and women,
So that we may share Your gifts in loving service.*

*We ask this through Christ, your son who lives and reigns with
You and the Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever.*

Amen

Yours in Catholic Education,

*A. Savo
Acting Principal*



Multi-Year Strategic Plan

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.

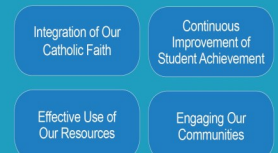
Vision Statement

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



OUR SHARED VISION

We are a Catholic Learning Community of collaborative partners, called to serve one another by being committed to and accountable for quality learning by all, with Jesus as our inspiration.

In the Month of October we celebrate Compassion .

I will seek to understand others by listening. I will be willing to forgive others and give my resources to help those in need.

LITURGICAL NEWS

We thank our Grade 5 students in Ms. Bilic's class for organizing our first school Mass. We are looking forward to our Thanksgiving liturgy on Thurs. Oct. 12th at 8:30 am in the gym which will be organized by the Grade 2 and 3 students in Ms. Tesa's, Ms. Simone's and Ms. Pasquali's classes. We welcome all parents to attend.

CSC NEWS

We encourage you to check our website or bulletin board for updates and current information on CSC news. Please come to our general meeting on **Monday, October 16th at 7pm** in the staff room.

Congratulations to the following parents who will be part of our 2017-2018 Catholic School Council:

Chairs: Nancy Martini and Susan Carnevale
Secretary: Donna Verrilli
Treasurer: Elizabeth DosSantos

Parent Representatives:

Sophia Almeida	Stacey Carlete	Jenn Corno
Sonia Deleo	Sophia Douvis	Sabrina D'Ugo
David Eccles	Annie Ferrante	Isabel Florez
Vanessa Galle	John Giardulli	Michelle Ignani
Tania Iozzo	Lesley McNeerney	John Mendicelli
Joe Moncada	Teresa Pannozo	Maria Papouliadis
Elizabeth Polsinelli	Veronica Puls	Josie Schifitto
Liz Silva	Tony Squeo	Christina Tropea-Cochrane
Georgia Zangri		

Stay tuned for more news on our fundraisers and community events! All parents are welcome to join a sub-committee as a volunteer. If you wish to have a topic on the agenda for one of our upcoming meetings, please contact the CSC chairs or Ms. Savo one to two weeks prior to the meeting.

REMINDERS

Handicapped parking spots in our parking lot are designated for those who have licenced permission. This is the law. Many of our parents/guardians need to park here due to physical challenges. Tickets will be issued.

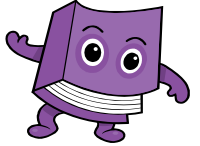
CHARACTER EDUCATION

Each month, students who have best displayed the character virtue for the month will be recognized by Guardian Angels. They will receive a certificate that we hope you cherish for years to come!

In October we celebrate the virtue of **Compassion**:
I will seek to understand others by listening.
I will be willing to forgive others.
I will give of my resources to help those in need.

LIBRARY NEWS

The Volunteer Reading Program will soon be underway as Mrs. Fazari is looking for any interested volunteers to read with our students. There will be a training session and volunteers will be reading with our students and helping them with reading skills during the one to one reading sessions. Please contact Mrs. Fazari at deborah.fazari@ycdsbk12.ca if you are interested in volunteering.



KISS AND RIDE-Help Keep Our Students Safe!

Please help us keep your children safe by following our Kiss & Ride procedures. Due to the continuous flow of cars in the front of the school and the dangers this poses to students crossing or coming into the building late, the entrance is blocked to cars at the front during morning arrival and after school departure times. Cars that park in the emergency route compromise the safety of the students should there be a need for emergency vehicles to access the school in a timely manner. Cars will not have access to the front door during these times and parents are asked to use the Kiss and Ride loop even when children are late. Parents are reminded that all adults must report to the office when entering the building for safety reasons. We thank you for your understanding. The Kiss n Ride entry is **ONE WAY** so once you enter to park your car, you must drive one way to exit. **Also, please remember not to ever cross the driveways in the Kiss n Ride loop. Park and walk your child(ren) into the school yard using sidewalks and walkways.**

SCHOOL SAFETY

The doors to the school are locked throughout the day and this includes the front door that now has a buzzer. Please ring the buzzer if you wish to enter and the office staff will let you in if they recognize you. **The Before and After Program will now have parents entering from the Kindergarten doors so they can ensure that adults entering the building are recognized. This means that Door C and the front door will be locked before and after school.**

Thanksgiving Food Drive:

This year's Thanksgiving Food Drive is called "One for Haiti, One for Mercy." All schools across the York Catholic District School Board are participating in this worthy cause and together, all school communities are asking each student to bring **one** food item to school before and after Thanksgiving. If all students across our system provide one item, we will be able to send over 55,000 food items to Haiti! The goal is to fill a 40 foot long container with food items such as rice, pasta, dried beans, chickpeas, chicken broth, canned meats, oils, cornmeal and canned fish. We thank you for your generosity and support.



VISITING THE SCHOOL

At Guardian Angels CES, our primary concern is the safety of all the children. School staff must know the identity of all visitors and the purpose of their visit. For this reason, all visitors, including parents and grandparents are requested to use the buzzer system upon entering the school. Please remember that you are a stranger to other staff and students. Please use the main doors and report to the office upon entering the school. We also ask that when entering, you do not let others in behind you.

All visitors must be buzzed in. All parents and visitors are asked to sign in and out of the office when entering the school. Whether you are meeting a teacher, picking up your child or volunteering, you must enter through the front doors of the school and check in at the office. Adults walking in the hallway without a sash or sticker will be redirected to the office. Thank you in advance for your co-operation with these important safety procedures.

HEAD LICE

The York Catholic District School Board recognizes and appreciates concerns related to pediculosis at the school, community, and regional level. The Board also recognizes that the Ministry of Health does not designate pediculosis as a communicable disease, and as such, it is not considered a health hazard to the community.” **(Policy 210)**

Anyone can get head lice, regardless of cleanliness. Head lice are not a public hazard, as they do not cause illness, but they are a nuisance. To prevent this from becoming a problem at Guardian Angels CES we all need to work together. Please check your child’s head weekly for lice or nits. If you do find lice or nits, contact the office so that we can notify other parents in the class to keep a special watch for any signs of head lice.

For More information, refer to our YCSB website, Policy 210

Readmission to school is contingent upon lice no longer being present and all the (nits) eggs have been removed. Parents must complete a “return to school” form once treatment has been completed. For more information or advice on the identification, treatment and prevention of head lice, please contact the Public Health Nurses at Health Connection, 1-800-361-5653.

CROSS COUNTRY

On Oct. 10th, over 60 students from grades 4-8 will be participating in the Cross Country Meet at Bruce’s Mill. Our Special Needs students will also participate in a Buddy Race that day. We are hoping some of our students will qualify for the Board Finals on October 19th. Good Luck GNA!

We would also like to thank our coaches for preparing our athletes for the big meet: Ms. Arnone, Ms. Ciavarella, Ms. Heaney, Ms. Mirabelli, Ms. Rock, Ms. Strano, Ms. Zammito and Ms. Svalina.

ECO NEWS

A reminder that plastic water bottles are no longer allowed at GNA, we are encouraging students to bring reusable water bottles to be earth-friendly.

EARTH RANGERS

On Tuesday, October 3rd, students from grades 1 to 6 enjoyed a presentation by Earth Rangers which included a live demonstration of animals. We would like to thank the Ruffolo family for nominating Guardian Angels CES as a recipient of this complimentary presentation.

STUDENT COUNCIL EXECUTIVE

We are excited to announce that our Student Council Executive has been elected for the 2017/2018 school year. They are looking forward to creating a positive and unforgettable year for all of the students at GNA. We look forward to their great leadership both in our school and community.

The members are as follows:

Grade 8 President: John Paul
Grade 8 Vice President: Talissa
Grade 7 Vice President: Rocky
Grade 8 Public Relations Chair: Victoria
Grade 8 Public Relations Chair: Vanessa
Recording Secretary: Maya

YCDSB ASTHMA POLICY

In accordance with the *Act to Protect Pupils with Asthma* (Ryan’s Law : Ensuring Asthma Friendly Schools, 2015) the Board approved a new policy # 206: *Protection of Students with Asthma* at its June 21st Board Meeting. 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 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 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.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this request and your ongoing support in the shared responsibility for asthma management in our school. Please refer to the Board’s website for more information related to Policy 206.

SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK

The week of **September 25th to September 29th, 2017** was designated as “Safety Awareness Week” in our schools. Staff and students have reviewed and successfully practiced the procedures for Fire Drills, Lockdowns, Hold and Secure, Shelter in Place and Crisis response throughout the week.

This is a friendly reminder to kindly review your own home safety plans around fire evacuation, safe practices around the house and outside. Always make sure your child(ren) know their home addresses, phone numbers and safe practices around strangers. Bully Prevention will be covered in November.

STUDENT THREAT MANAGEMENT NOTICE

The York Catholic District School Board is committed to creating and maintaining school environments in which students, staff, parents and others feel safe. Schools cannot ignore any threat of violence. All threat making behaviours made by student(s) will be taken seriously. Incident(s) will be reported to the administrator who will conduct an investigation which may lead to the activation of the Student Threat Management Protocol. Please refer to the Student Threat Management Fair Notice and Process on the Board website.

BUS EVACUATION

On Monday, October 16th, all of our students will be participating in how to safely board and exit a bus in an emergency situation as well as reviewing the safety rules and expectations while on the bus.

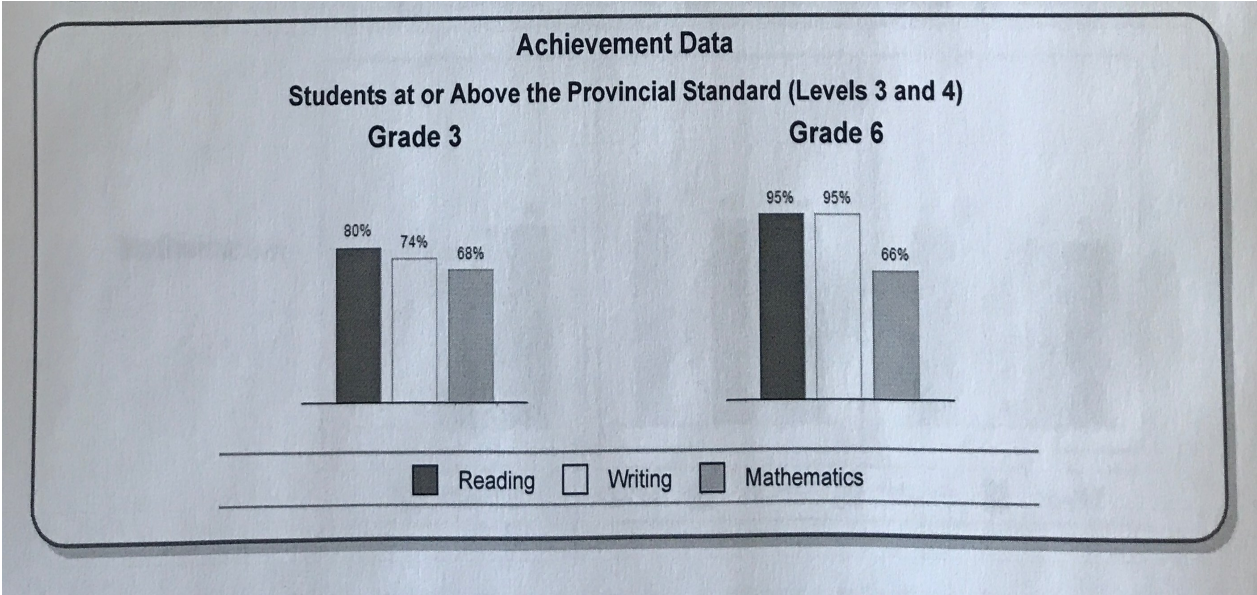
LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT PRAYER

The York Catholic District School Board along with school boards across Ontario are demonstrating their commitment to Truth and Reconciliation by providing Land Acknowledgements that honour Indigenous Peoples and traditional lands. The YCDSB Land Acknowledgement will be embedded as a distinct school practice and will be recited at all large school community gatherings. Please see the attached letter for more information.

EQAO RESULTS ARE IN

We are pleased to provide you with the attached highlights of our school results on the provincial EQAO test written last spring. We will be reviewing our detailed EQAO results and other school assessment data, in order to build on our strengths and address areas requiring improvement. The students who participated in the assessment will be receiving their individual results later this month. For additional information about this and other province-wide assessments, please visit www.eqao.com.

EQAO Achievement Data



HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHTS:

For Grade 8 / 6* students and their parents enrolling in high school for September 2018

SCHOOL	DATE
Cardinal Carter Catholic High School 210 Bloomington Road West, Aurora, ON, L4G 0P9 905-727-2455	Thursday, November 2, 2017, 6 p.m. <i>Regular Program/IB</i>
Father Bressani Catholic High School 250 Ansley Grove Road, Woodbridge, ON, L4L 3W4 905-851-6643	Thursday, November 2, 2017, 7 p.m. <i>Regular Program/AP/PACE/FI</i>
Father Michael McGivney Catholic Academy 5300 – 14 th Avenue, Markham, ON, L3S 3K8 905-472-4961	Wednesday, November 1, 2017, 6:30 p.m. <i>Regular Program/ESL/IB</i>
Holy Cross Catholic Academy 7501 Martin Grove Road, Woodbridge, ON, L4L 1A5 905-851-6699	Wednesday, November 22, 2017, 7 p.m. <i>Regular Program</i>
Jean Vanier Catholic High School 10475 Bayview Avenue, Richmond Hill, ON, L4C 3P2 905-770-8656	Thursday, November 9, 2017, 7 p.m. <i>AP</i> Thursday, November 23, 2017, 7 p.m. <i>Regular Program/ESL/FI</i>
Our Lady of the Lake Catholic College School 185 Glenwoods Avenue, Keswick, ON, L4P 2W6 905-656-9140	Wednesday, November 15, 2017, 7 p.m. <i>Regular Program</i> <i>-For *Grade 6 students and their parents.</i>
Sacred Heart Catholic High School 908 Lemar Road, Newmarket, ON, L3Y 1R9 905-895-3340	Thursday, November 9, 2017, 7 p.m. <i>Regular Program/AP/PACE/ESL</i>
St. Augustine Catholic High School 2188 Rodick Road, Markham, ON, L6C 1S3 905-887-6171	Wednesday, November 8, 2017, 7 p.m. <i>Regular Program/Laptop Learning</i>
St. Brother Andre Catholic High School 6160 – 16 th Avenue East, Markham, ON, L3P 3K8 905-294-7671	Thursday, November 2, 2017, 7 p.m. <i>Regular Program/AP/PACE/FI</i>
St. Elizabeth Catholic High School 525 New Westminster Drive, Thornhill, ON, L4J 7X3 905-882-1460	Wednesday, October 11, 2017, 7 p.m. <i>Regional Arts Program</i> Wednesday, November 1, 2017, 7 p.m. <i>Regular Program/ESL</i>
St. Jean de Brebeuf Catholic High School 2 Davos Road, Woodbridge, ON, L4H 2Y1 905-851-3529	Wednesday, November 1, 2017, 7 p.m. <i>Regular Program</i>
St. Joan of Arc Catholic High School 1 St. Joan of Arc Avenue, Maple, ON, L6A 1W9 905-832-8882	Tuesday, November 21, 2017, 7 p.m. <i>Regular Program/AP/ESL</i>
St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic High School 278 Wellington Street East, Aurora, ON, L4G 1J5 905-727-5652	Wednesday, September 27, 2017, 7 p.m. <i>Regular Program/FI</i>
St. Robert Catholic High School 8101 Leslie Street, Thornhill, ON, L3T 7P4 905-889-4982	Wednesday, November 1, 2017, 7 p.m. REVISED DATE <i>Regular Program/ESL</i> Wednesday, November 8, 2017, 7 p.m. REVISED DATE <i>IB</i>
St. Theresa of Lisieux Catholic High School 230 Shaftsbury Avenue, Richmond Hill, ON, L4C 0E8 905-787-1407	Tuesday, November 14, 2017, 7 p.m. <i>Regular Program</i> Tuesday, November 21, 2017, 7 p.m. <i>AP/PACE</i>

Guardian Angels Thanksgiving Food Drive



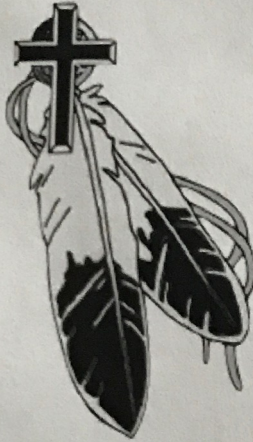
The season of Thanksgiving is upon us and this year, we have partnered with the charity, Missionaries of the Poor, to host a **Thanksgiving Canned Fish, Canned Meat and Pasta Drive** to support the people of Haiti. In January 2012, the people of Haiti suffered an earthquake which devastated families and the entire economy. Most recently, the same community was hit with Hurricane Matthew in October 2016 and is now suffering from the damages and flooding of Hurricane Irma.

This year's Thanksgiving Food Drive is called "One for Haiti, One for Mercy." All schools across the York Catholic District School Board are participating in this worthy cause and together, all school communities are asking each student to bring **one** food item to school during our Thanksgiving Drive. **We are requesting a donation of canned fish, canned meat or pasta.** If all students across our system provide one item, we will be able to send over 55,000 food items to Haiti! The goal is to fill a 40 foot long container with food items.

The Missionaries of the Poor will be collecting the items from all YCDSB schools. Our drive will be held from October 2 - October 16 and the items will shipped directly to Haiti. For more information about the Missionaries of the Poor visit, www.missionariesofthepoor.org.

Thank you for your support and participation.





York Catholic District School Board Land Acknowledgment

School Boards across Ontario are demonstrating their commitment to Truth and Reconciliation by providing Land Acknowledgements that honour Indigenous Peoples and traditional lands. At the York Catholic District School Board (YCDSB), we echo the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) and the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario (ACBO) in their response to the Calls to Action through the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

It is in this response that YCDSB acknowledges that for thousands of years, Indigenous Peoples have lived on this land. Acknowledging the territory where we gather and the people who have traditionally called this land home is one of the ways the YCDSB is participating in the actions necessary for Truth and Reconciliation.

YCDSB's First Nations, Métis and Inuit Steering Committee (Indigenous Elders and YCDSB Board and school staff) developed a Land Acknowledgement Statement. This statement is inclusive of all Indigenous Peoples. It honours those who have walked this land, in the past, present, and those who will walk it in the future. It is a respectful validation of the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

The YCDSB Land Acknowledgement will be embedded as a distinct school practice and will be recited at all large school community gatherings.

It reads:

We are gathered on the ancestral lands and waters of all Indigenous Peoples, who have left their footprints on Mother Earth before us.

We respectfully acknowledge those who have walked on it, those who walk on it now, and future generations who have yet to walk upon it.

We pray to the Creator for strength and wisdom that all may continue to serve as stewards of the Earth.

For more information about the YCDSB Land Acknowledgement, please contact:

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