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A Prayer of Love

*Love bears all things,
Believes all things.*

*Hopes all things,
Endures all things.*

Love never fails.

Amen

Celebrating the Virtue of Wisdom

- ✚ I will use my conscience as my guide.*
- ✚ I will love God and I will love others as myself.*
- ✚ I will use my creativity and gifts for the good of all.*

Mission	Core Values
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.	Catholicity, Excellence, Equity, Fiscal Responsibility, Inclusion, Integrity, Respect
Vision	Strategic Commitments
Our students will become creative and critical thinkers who integrate Catholic values into their daily lives, as socially responsible global citizens.	Integration of Our Catholic Faith, Continuous Improvement of Student Achievement, Effective Use of Our Resources, Engaging Our Communities

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Continuous Improvement of Student Achievement

Term 1 Report Cards

Term 1 report cards will be sent home on Tuesday, February 13th. Please take some time to read and discuss the report with your child. Goal-setting is a very important element to academic success. This is an excellent opportunity for parent and child to set realistic and attainable goals for the second term. Interviews are not obligatory at this time. Parents wishing to have an interview, should contact their child's teacher in order to set up a time for an interview. Similarly, teachers may be contacting some parents in order to set up an interview.



French Immersion at St. John XXIII

In September 2018, we are pleased to offer French Immersion in Grades 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.



Carnaval-Week of February 5th

We look forward to a fun and exciting week! Thank you to our staff leads for the event: Mme Cardinale, Mlle Sassone, Mme Lu, Mlle Forte and M. Kunce. For details on the week's events, please see information attached at the end of the newsletter.



National Sweater Day!!

St. John XXIII CES is celebrating National Sweater Day on Thursday, February 1st as part of our eco-initiative. National Sweater Day is a fun way to learn about the importance of saving energy and to inspire you to use less heat all winter. Heating accounts for 80% of residential energy use in Canada and is a significant source of emissions. If all Canadians lowered their thermostats by just 2 degrees Celsius this winter, it would reduce greenhouse gas emissions by about 4 megatons - that's equivalent to shutting down a 600 mega-watt coal-fired power station or taking nearly 700,000 cars off the road. Dress warmly!



Winter Walk Day!!

Wednesday, February 7th 2018 is #Winter Walk Day across Canada. It's the perfect opportunity for parents and kids to get outside together and stretch those legs! Walk to school or at school for daily physical activity, a healthier environment, safer streets, making friends and ... having fun! Walking is the simplest form of exercise and helps kids get those 60 minutes of daily physical activity they need. It's also a great cure for those winter blues and helps students concentrate better in class.

Winter Walking Tips:

- Keep hands and head covered to prevent heat loss
- On really cold days wear a scarf over face and mouth
- Wear warm, waterproof boots
- Wear a warm coat that deflects the wind
- Woolen clothing helps to retain the heat
- Tuck an extra pair of socks and mitts into knapsacks.

Pink Shirt Day

On Wednesday, February 28th, our school will be joining thousands of other schools and institutions in celebrating Pink Shirt Day. Staff and students are encouraged to wear pink to symbolize that we as a school will not tolerate bullying anywhere.



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'100th Day of School'

FDK and Primary students will be celebrating the '100th Day of School' with math and art activities on February 13th.

Speed Stacking

Our Speed Stacking Club has been busy! This Club is open to all students from Grade 1 through 8 and practices are on Thursdays during lunch recess. This year's tournament will take place in April. Details about the tournament will be sent home with members in March. Thank you to Ms. Christidis, Ms. Seymour and Ms. McLean for heading this engaging Club!



Junior Triple Ball

Our junior students will participate in area Triple Ball tournaments in February; the Boys team played at St. Michael Academy CES on January 31st and the Girls team will play at St. Benedict on February 5th. Best wishes to both teams! Special thanks to Mr. Silveri, Ms. Faria and Ms. Seymour for coaching the Triple Ball teams. Go Jags Go!



Girls and Boys Intermediate Basketball

Intermediate basketball tryouts are underway! The boys' tournament will be held on March 8th at St. John XXIII and the girls' tournament will be held on March 9th at St. Matthew CES. Many thanks to Mr. Silveri and Mr. Sciuilli for coaching our basketball teams. Go Jags Go!



Skiing at Dagmar

The students from Grades 4 to 8 enjoyed a wonderful day of skiing at Dagmar Ski Resort on January 18th. Many thanks to the staff and parent supervisors making this trip possible.



From The Library ...

This month we look forward to the XXIII Olympic Winter Games which will take place in PyeongChang, South Korea. In St. John XXIII's Library Learning Commons, our students will participate in some STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) challenges related to bobsledding, speed skating, alpine skiing, curling and hockey. Each class will have the opportunity to complete at least one challenge which will reinforce the concepts of force and motion. Don't be surprised if your child starts talking with you about "centre of gravity", "friction", "deflection" or "unbalanced forces".



In addition to our Olympic Challenges, we will continue to read our Forest of Reading books and our intermediate students will write code for our spherical robots called Sphero. As you can see, our Library Learning Commons continues to be an exciting environment of experimenting, risk-taking and discovery!

Do you think February in our Library Learning Commons has enough happening? We have more! Our Scholastic Book Fair will take place during the week of February 26 to March 2. More details will follow about this event soon!



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Integration of Our Catholic Faith

Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday

On Tuesday, February 13th, we will be celebrating Shrove Tuesday. Shrove Tuesday is the day before [Ash Wednesday](#), which is the first day of [Lent](#). It is also known as Pancake Tuesday. Our Catholic School Council will be serving pancakes to all of our students to mark this special day. Many thanks to our CSC and parent volunteers who will be heading up our pancake breakfast. The next day, Ash Wednesday, parents are invited to join us in the gym at 1:30 p.m. for our annual observance of Ash Wednesday.



First Communion Retreat

Best wishes to our Grade Two students who will continue their sacramental journey with a First Communion Retreat on February 22nd at St. Justin Martyr Parish.



Luke 4:18

Our Luke 4:18 students endeavour to demonstrate living a life of service through good works at school. Using resources available through the 'Bell Let's Talk' initiative, students promoted awareness of mental health issues during the week of January 29th. Announcements were made each day to inform students about common mental health issues and the fact that one in five Canadians will suffer from mental illness at some point in their lifetime. During Weaving Wednesday meetings, students in grades 3-8 are invited to help weave milk bag mats. Milk bags will be collected until the end of the school year and these will be used to make waterproof mats for third world countries.



Monthly Virtue Recognition and Student Celebration Assemblies

Living our faith is the spirit of this school-wide initiative. Each month we hold an assembly and recognize those students who have demonstrated the month's virtue. While we know that all students show each month's virtue in one way or another, some students demonstrate the virtue of the month in a particularly special way. We celebrate the following Virtue Award recipients:



The Virtue of Hope:

James Y., Kaiyto S., Carol F., Sophia L., Tiago P., Jonathan J., Hana P., Andyhong S., Maelle V., Kabel A., Tia A., Emily B., Christina V., Chloe H., Rihanna A., Liviya D., George N., Matthew M., Julia C., Erica C., Dylan B., Georgie A., Charlotte F., Charlie G., Liviya D

The Virtue of Unity:

Alyson S., Mya S., Alan A., Margaux P., Mason S., Lisa G., Patrick L., Tristan P., Hilary C., Renee A., Kabel A., Elina T., Jordan H., Mischa P., Polina C., Carmen E., Eyota C., Ethan A., Noah L., Jacob G., Shannon O., Erica C.

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Engaging Our Communities

Catholic School Council

Our next Catholic School Council Meeting will be held on Monday, February 15, 2018, in the library, starting at 7:30 p.m. Please join us if you are able.



Family Day

Family Day holiday is on Monday, February 19th this year. Please take time to relax and enjoy this time with your children.



Term Two Begins

As Second Term/Second Semester begins I would like to take this opportunity to reaffirm the importance of our home and school partnership. The York Catholic District School Board believes that safe, caring and inclusive schools and school communities are fundamental for creating and maintaining healthy learning and working environments. While all stakeholders share the responsibility to support such environments, when we, as partners, support the implementation of Board and School policies and procedures, we act as role models for our students, our school becomes a place where respect for student safety and well-being is the number one priority, and we affirm our commitment to the Board's Mission and Vision by our words and actions.

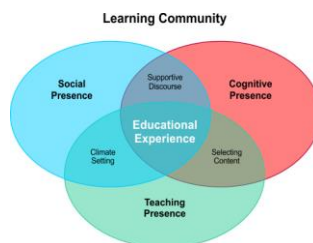


To this end, Parents/Guardians play an important role in the education of their children, and can support the efforts of school staff in maintaining a healthy, safe and respectful learning environment for all students. As Parents/Guardians you fulfill your role when you:

- Show an active interest in your child's school work and progress.
- Communicate regularly with the school.
- Abide by Board and School policies and procedures.
- Help your child be neat, appropriately dressed, and prepared for school.
- Ensure that your child attends school regularly and on time.
- Promptly report to the school your child's absence or late arrival.
- Support the Board's Code of Conduct and school rules.
- Encourage and assist your child in following the rules of behaviour.
- Support school staff in dealing with disciplinary issues involving your child.

As this new term/semester begins, please take some time to review the introductory pages of the student agenda to re-familiarize yourself with important policies and procedures.

As partners in Catholic education, thank you for your ongoing support and assistance.



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Kindergarten Registration

Registration for Junior Kindergarten students for the school year 2018– 2019 takes place at St. John XXIII CES from January 8th on, during the hours of 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 to 3:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. We ask you to register as soon as possible so that we may know the number of students who will be in our Kindergarten classes for September 2018. This information is important in determining the staffing organization for the coming school year.

The following documentation is required at the time of registration:

- ✓ Child's Proof of Age
- ✓ Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate (child or parent)
- ✓ Proof of Legal Status in Canada
- ✓ Proof of Residency
- ✓ Proof of English Separate School Support
(i.e. property tax bill or completed school support form(s), included in the registration package)



Note: JK children must be 4 years old by December 31, 2018. If you have a Kindergarten child with special needs, please see the Board website for details on special information evenings that you may wish to attend.

Kindergarten Registration Online Option-February 15

Registration packages are currently available, from the office, for the Kindergarten program for September 2018. Parents/guardians have the option of completing a print copy of the Kindergarten registration form and, beginning on **15 February 2018** you will have the option of completing the Kindergarten registration online. Both the paper and online Kindergarten registration form can be accessed from the board's website at www.ycdsb.ca/admissions.

We look forward to welcoming your child into our school and encourage you to invite your neighbours and friends who live within our school's boundaries to begin the registration process.

Parking Lot Safety

Parents, please use the loop to pick up your children at the end of the day. Parking in the visitors' parking lot, getting out of your cars to pick up your children, and then walking back through the parking lot at this extremely busy time is very unsafe. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated!



SJXXIII Healthy Schools Committee

St. John XXIII CES will again register in the Healthy Schools Certification Program. Our Committee members include, staff; Mme Cardinale, Ms. Faria, Mrs. Mills, Mrs. Palma (parent) and Intermediate students; Erica and Elle. We are in the process of compiling information on health-related issues to help determine an area of focus and hence develop a plan of action plan to highlight and help promote healthy activities benefiting our school community.



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Kindergarten Registration

Registration for the 2018-2019 school year begins January 8, 2018

To register, please bring the following original documents:

- Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate (child or parent)
- Proof of age
- Proof of legal status in Canada
- Proof of residency
- Proof of Separate School Support (i.e. MPAC Assessment Notice), or you can complete a school support form that is included in the registration package.



JK: Children must be 4 years old by Dec. 31, 2018 (born in 2014)

SK: Children must be 5 years old by Dec. 31, 2018 (born in 2013)

If your child is already attending a YCDSB school for JK registration is not required.

For information, contact the Admissions Department:



www.ycdsb.ca/admissions



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905-713-2711 or 416-221-5050

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St. John XXIII Carnaval Schedule

Monday, February 5th

Theme: Faites comme Bonhomme! (Dress like Bonhomme day)

Put on a toque and wrap a scarf around your waist to look just like Bonhomme! Bonhomme's scarf is called "la ceinture fléchée" and it is usually red with a special pattern.

Tuesday, February 6th

Theme: La tête bizarre (crazy head day)

Crazy hair or crazy hat, either one works! Wear something that is truly "bizarre"!

Wednesday, February 7th

Theme: Le jour de pyjama (PJ day)

The easiest day of the year- roll out of bed, brush your teeth, and come to school!

Thursday, February 8th

Theme: Je suis Canadien(ne)

Show your Canadian pride and spirit! Anything and everything to do with Canada is encouraged, including flags, sports team gear or even the colours of Carnaval (red, white and blue).

Friday, February 9th

Theme: Match your Mask/Play Day

We will be holding the judging for our mask making contest in the morning. Students are encouraged to wear clothes that match their masks that they have been working on throughout the week.

SPECIAL EVENT: The afternoon will consist of an organized play day outside. Students will participate in indoor activities if there is inclement weather. We will end our day with special announcements, including the winners of the mask making contest, spirit contests and class LOTO.

Various events throughout the week:

- Loto (French bingo) announced over the PA system.
- "Qui est bonhomme?" guessing contest (a teacher will be disguised as Bonhomme)
- "Smartie-gras" guessing contest (how many Smarties are in the jar)
- Door decorating contest (done as a class)



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