



# ST. JOHN XXIII

We Believe in the Power of Prayer!

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The School Day:  
Entrance: 8:55 a.m.  
Recesses: 10:15 a.m. and 2:10 p.m.  
Lunch 11:50 a.m. -12:50 p.m.  
Dismissal: 3:25 p.m.

To report students absences/lates, please dial: 1-855-856-7862 or online at <http://go.schoolmessenger.ca/> before 8:30 a.m.

## Weekly Update



## September 16-20

### Monday

**Terry Fox Fundraiser** is underway

### Tuesday

### Wednesday

### Thursday

We will host our **Open House** on Thursday, September 19 from 6:30-7:30pm. Followed by our **Catholic School Council Meeting** in the library at 7:30 pm. We look forward to seeing you all there!

### Friday

**Picture Day**- Don't forget to pack your smiles!

## Looking Ahead

### September 25- Terry Fox Walk

Thank you for your continued generosity for a worthwhile cause.

### September 25- Rowan's Law Day

Wear purple to raise concussion safety awareness

### September 27- PA Day

### September 30- National Day of Truth & Reconciliation

Wear orange this day to show that every child matters.

### October 2- Cross Country Meet @ Bruce's Mill

Wear orange this day to show that every child matters.

### October 3- YRPH Vaccination Day for Gr. 7 & 8





# Catholic Communities of Faith

## CATHOLIC VIRTUES

Each month we recognize a different Catholic virtue. Through our daily prayers, words and actions, the virtues are emphasized throughout the school.

Students are encouraged to demonstrate the attributes related to the virtues in their daily actions and words with one another. Students who demonstrate the virtue of the month will be recognized. Their names will be published in our monthly newsletters and they will receive a certificate.

September's Catholic virtue is **Courage**:

- I will stand up for what I know is right and just.
- I will face challenges, fears and difficulty with fortitude.
- I will take responsibility for reaching my potential.



## Safe and Caring Schools

### Cell Phones in School

At St. John XXIII, we are committed to providing a safe, caring and healthy learning environment for all of our students, using good digital discipleship. Students are expected to use technology, including personal electronic devices, in a safe, respectful and positive manner.

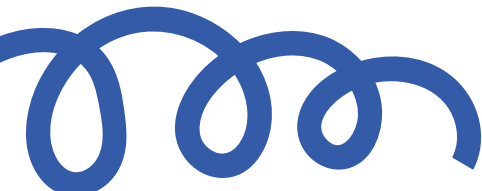
The Provincial Code of Conduct addresses the use of cell phones and other personal mobile devices in Policy and Program Memorandum 128. This policy restricts the use of all personal mobile devices during instructional time. Students are expected to comply with the policies and procedures in place set by our School Board. Access to the YCDSB wireless network is a privilege, not a right. Any use of the wireless network shall entail personal responsibility and compliance with all York Catholic District School Board policies and school expectations or guidelines.

We understand that some parents may wish to communicate with their children throughout the day, please know that this is contrary to Board policy. If you need to communicate with your child for a specific reason, please contact the office and we will connect you with your child.

Failure to comply with the guidelines may result in a loss of PED privileges and/or other consequences deemed necessary by school administration.



Important Information





## Picking up Students from the School Yard at Dismissal



The school yard is off limits to parents, guardians, and visitors during school hours from 8:40 a.m.—3:25 p.m.

Parents and guardians who pick up their child(ren) from the primary and junior school yard at dismissal MUST wait behind the fence and NOT in the school yard until the dismissal bell rings at 3:25 p.m. With the warm weather we are experiencing, classes are outside for physical education and daily physical activity periods. We ask parents not to gather in the school yard before 3:25 p.m. as classes are being held outside and this causes distraction and it is not safe for the students. We thank you for respecting the children's outdoor learning time and we appreciate your cooperation and diligence in this matter.

## Reporting Absences

Parents are required to call the SAFE ARRIVAL LINE at 1-855-856-7862 or visit [go.schoolmessenger.ca](http://go.schoolmessenger.ca) to report their child's absence.

All absences must be reported prior to 8:30 a.m. the day of the absence. Parents must obtain a confirmation number or email, or the absence has not be recorded properly.

All absences, including vacations, early leaves from school for any reason, illness, late arrivals, appointments etc., should be recorded through the Safe Arrival Line.

Students are encouraged to be on time for school. Late arrivals cause disruptions to classes that are already in session.

If your child's absence has not been reported, the system will call you to verify that your child is not at school and you will need to punch in the appropriate absence code.

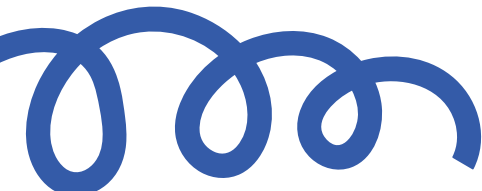
## Engaging Our Community

### Terry Fox Walk- September 25

It was 44 years ago that Terry Fox captivated Canadians with his determination, commitment and energy to find a cure for cancer. This year, St. John XXIII will commemorate the Marathon of Hope by holding our annual Terry Fox School Run on Wednesday, September 25th, 2024.

The students may voluntarily bring in their donation(s) some time on or before September 25th, 2024. Donations can also be made online through the following fundraising link: <http://www.terryfox.ca/StJohnXXIIICESUnionville>.

Thank you for your continued support!  
Let's make Terry proud!  
Please donate.



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## Catholic School Council

### What is the Catholic School Council?

The St. John XXIII Catholic School Council is a group of hardworking parents: dads, moms, working professionals, just like you! Working alongside the parents are a select group of teachers, the school principal and school support staff.

### Role of the Catholic School Council

Members of the Catholic School Council will be expected to attend and participate in meetings. Members will work collectively with other Council members, school administration and the Board to improve student achievement, promote parental involvement, help set school priorities and build community. Parent representatives are voting members and elected for a one-year term by parents.

### Getting Involved as a Parent Representative on our St. John XXIII Catholic School Council Team

As a parent/guardian of a child at this school, you are eligible to self-nominate or nominate another parent/guardian of a child at this school to be a voting member of the Catholic School Council (a "Parent Representative"). You will receive an email with a link to a Google Form for the nomination process. Nominations are due by **Thursday, September 12th at 3:00 p.m.** On the Google Form, you can express your interest to be a voting "Parent Representative" or a member of our "CSC Executive" (more details to follow). Please ensure that you respond by **3:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 12th** with your nominations.

### Is There a Spot for Me on the CSC Team?

Yes! In the event of more than 19 nominations this school year, an election process may take place. Elections will take place in-person on **Thursday, September 19, 2024**, at our Catholic School Council Meeting. Each parent or guardian of a child at this school who attends the in-person meeting is asked to submit only one vote for Catholic School Council candidates. Ballots will be counted and election results will be posted on the school website by **Thursday, September 26, 2024**.

### Our First Meeting

Our first meeting will take place in-person on **Thursday, September 19 at 7:30 p.m.** in the library. The previous council will be dissolved and all Parent Representatives will be introduced and vote for the 2024-2025 CSC Executive on this evening.

### School Day Online Payment System

As St. John XXIII transitions to online payment for school-related purchases, we ask that all parents register their child on "School Day". To do so you will require a special Access Key Code. This week your child will be receiving a Welcome Letter with an Access Key Code specific to each child. Only those students who have not registered will receive a letter. If you registered your child last year they are in our system and do not require to be registered again. Only those students who are not registered will receive a letter.

### Open House/ Meet the Teacher

We are excited to welcome parents on Thursday, September 19 from 6:30 to 7:30pm. We hope you can join us!

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