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January 2018 Newsletter



Dear Lord,

As a new Year Begins, we come to You and ask for Your Blessing.

We pray that You would give us joy to fill our days, peace to fill our hearts and Love to fill our lives. Thank you for the plans You have for us in this New Year. Help us to be a people of God, all throughout the year.

We ask this in Your name,
Amen.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy New Year and welcome back! We hope everyone had a joyful Christmas break with family and friends. On behalf of the entire staff, we would like to extend a sincere thank you for your generosity and kindness during the Christmas season, especially for your on-going support and co-operation in supporting our various Christmas Charity drives. Your generosity has made a positive impact on many families in our community.

As we look ahead, with grateful hearts, we humbly ask God's blessing on all Father Frederick McGinn families as we begin this new year. May this be a year of continued growth in faith, hope and love for our entire FFM community.

Our virtue for the month of January is Unity. In today's world, it's more important than ever to focus on the similarities that unite all people and how we can be a positive influence to everyone that we encounter. Let our daily actions be a true reflection of our commitment to leading inclusive, compassionate and Christ-centred lives.

Kindergarten registration time is upon us once again! We will accept registrations for families living within the Father Frederick McGinn school boundaries. For further information regarding the registration process please visit the York Catholic District School Board's website at www.ycdsb.ca.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Ms. M. Sullivan
Principal

Mr. F. De Bartolo
Vice Principal

Area 3 Catholic School Trustee:
Dominic Mazzotta
Ann Stong

**Superintendent of Education
Area 4:**
Mary Battista

**Our Lady of the Annunciation
Roman Catholic Church**
905-773-5223
Pastor:
Father Peter Lackmanec



January Catholic Virtue:

Unity

I will make everyone feel welcomed and appreciated. I will take some time to learn about the similarities and difference in my community. I will empower people with my words not put them down by calling them names.

The School Day:

Entrance: 9:00 a.m.

Recesses: 10:20 a.m. & 2:25 p.m.

Lunch: 12:00 p.m.—1:00 p.m.

Dismissal: 3:30 p.m.

To report student absences/lates,
please dial: 1-855-856-7862 or
[http://](http://yorkcdsb.schoolconects.com)
yorkcdsb.schoolconects.com
before 9:00 a.m.

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Catholic Community of Faith

Unity Liturgy

During the month of January we focus on the Catholic Virtue of Unity. On Wednesday, January 17, 2018 we will be gathering as a community of faith in the gym at 1:15pm for a Unity Liturgy. Thank you to Ms. Corvese, Ms. Colafella and their Grade 3 students who are organizing the liturgy. All are welcome to attend.

Upcoming PA Days

Please mark your calendars with two upcoming PA Days: Friday, January 19, 2018 and Friday, February 2, 2018

Catholic School Council Updates

Thank you to all those who participated in December's Jingle and Mingle Night! It was a great success and a good time was had by all. FFM's CSC is working hard planning many fun and exciting events. Stay tuned for more information. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, February 21st. All are welcome to attend.

Our Lady of the Annunciation Parish News

***On behalf of Father Peter and the staff of OLA Parish,
we would like to wish you Health and Happiness for the New Year***



Charismatic Prayer Group - **NEW!!** join us Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 8pm

OLA Parish will be starting a Charismatic Prayer Group on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 8pm, and thereafter the group will meet on a weekly basis. All are welcome, so please come out, and join us to find out more about this wonderful way of prayer and worship.

Life in the Spirit Workshop - Starting Tuesday, February 13th 2018 at 8:00pm

On Tuesday, February 13th at 8:00pm OLA Parish will be starting a "Life in the Spirit" workshop. All are welcome to join, so mark your calendars and come out to find out more about this faith enriching workshop. The Workshop will run from February 13, 2018 and will conclude on March 27, 2018.



The Travelling Chalice for Vocations

Every weekend our Vocation Travelling Chalice is being taken home by a different family and together they pray for Vocations.

Our Traveling Chalice comes in a handy portable wooden-caddy case. It includes a consecrated Gold Chalice, and Gold Paten. It is also accompanied by a book of 7 short daily prayers and a "Rosary for Vocation Booklet". Families taking the chalice are encouraged to pray for Vocations each day during the week.

If you are interested in having the Chalice in your home for a week of prayer please sign up on the schedule sheet found in the front foyer of our church. If you have any questions regarding the Vocation Traveling Chalice please contact Antonietta Nitti at 905-773-7978.



Sacrament of Confirmation

Families wishing to have their child Confirmed at Our Lady of the Annunciation parish, for next year, must be registered, using parish envelopes and attending mass every week for 6 months prior to confirmation classes for Confirmation eligibility.

Quality Learning For All

Luke 4:18 News

A heartfelt thank you to all the generous families in our school community who helped make the St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Drive a huge success! With everyone's help, FFM donated approximately \$5000 in gift cards to families in need in the Oak Ridges area. The families were extremely grateful and it definitely made their holidays brighter!

As well, additional faith bracelets were sold at FFM's Jingle and Mingle. As a result, FFM will make a donation towards the purchase of 4 more goats, which will provide families in developing countries with a source of nutritious milk and sustainable income for their family.



Thank you for your generosity and support towards these two initiatives!

My Healthy Lunch Challenge January 22-26th, 2018

My Healthy Lunch Challenge is a curriculum-matched program for students, teachers, parents and guardians of elementary school-aged children. The program provides teachers with valuable resources about nutrition, while helping families learn about packing nutritious, litterless lunches.

Some teachers have registered their classes and we will be promoting it over morning announcements. Classes who complete the Challenge will be entered into a draw for a healthy lunch party courtesy of York Region Public Health.

Here are a few links that may help you provide your child with a healthy lunch:

<https://www.eatrightontario.ca/en/Articles/School-Health/Articles/Packing-Healthy-School-Lunches-and-Snacks-FAQs.aspx>

<http://www.york.ca/wps/wcm/connect/yorkpublic/5183d249-fb45-410b-bbef-0735ee5202a9/The+truth+about+fruit+juices+and+drinks.PDF?MOD=AJPERES>

<http://www.york.ca/wps/wcm/connect/yorkpublic/c1f69870-1918-4800-802b-13fdb285e67a/Packing+healthy+school+lunches+and+snacks.pdf?MOD=AJPERES>

My healthy lunch challenge

You're the Chef

Thanks to the dedication of parents on the Healthy School Committee FFM is able to do another year of You're the Chef.



Starting Wednesday Jan 17th and running for 3 weeks 10 students from grade 6 will be learning to follow recipes, use kitchen equipment safely and to handle food properly. They will help prepare and sample three nutritious meals.

Thank you Ms. Libera, Ms. Vittoria, Ms. DelBuono and Ms. Vavala for your hard work in making this happen.

PLAY Leaders

Peer Leadership for Active Youth is coming back to FFM in partnership with York Region Health Services and Ms. Khan. FFM's very own public health nurse, together with Ms. Khan will lead selected students the week of Jan 15 during lunch hours teaching them skills on assisting younger students to be active while using sportsmanship and healthy relationship strategies.

We thank the students who are using their time to be such great role-models to our younger students and we encourage students to bring activities (clearly labelled with their name) from home that promote active play at recess (ie. tennis ball, nerf football, skipping ropes, etc.)

Jr. Volleyball Teams

Since the beginning of November over 100 junior students have been participating in morning and afternoon recess volleyball games. From those games 18 girls and 18 boys were selected to be part of the junior volleyball teams playing at local tournaments in the first week of February.

We thank all the teachers who took their time at recesses to supervise the intramurals as well as the fine students on the grade 8 athletic executive who referee and organize the games. It truly takes a team to make it all happen.



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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



@ycdsb



905-713-2711 or 416-221-5050



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Student Services will be hosting an

INFORMATION SESSION FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH EXCEPTIONAL NEEDS REGISTERING FOR JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN IN SEPTEMBER 2018



**YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND ONE OF THE SESSIONS TO LEARN ABOUT OUR
SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2018

St. Joan of Arc High School
Library, 1st Floor
1 St. Joan of Arc Avenue
Maple
7:15 pm - 8:30 pm

OR

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2018

York Catholic District School Board
Boardroom
320 Bloomington Road West
Catholic Education Centre
Aurora
7:15 pm - 8:30 pm

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Attention FFM Parents

**Getting organized?
Cleaning out the kids rooms and closets?**



Classrooms at FFM are looking for games to play during indoor recess.

Please drop-off age appropriate board games to the school office.

The staff at FFM would like to start a Lego Club.

We need your help!



Please drop-off new or gently used lego to the school office.

We appreciate your support!

Quality Learning For All

YOUR MILK BAGS ARE NEEDED! LET'S REUSE FOR A GREAT CAUSE

We will be collecting Milk Bags for an organization know as MILKBAGSunlimited. **Please send your milk bags to school with your children** and we will be one step closer to helping make a bed and also reducing the garbage in our landfill.

The milk bag mats offer people without beds, an invaluable, durable and washable alternative to sleeping on the often cold and damp ground. Not only can these milk-bag mats provide comfort as a bedding alternative, but have been used by health-care professionals as a make-ready substitute for an operating bed/table where resources are scarce. It takes approximately 400 milk bags to make an adult sized mat.

For quite some time, all across Canada, a community of volunteers, schools, churches and businesses have been collecting milk bags. The milk bags used are the ones that hold the three smaller bags of milk. The bags are cut into strips, tied together, and then woven or crocheted into mats.

Why Canadian milk bags? They don't disintegrate, are very strong, don't retain moisture, have a life span of 25 years, are UV ray resistant, are washable and are very colorful.

MILKBAGSunlimited donate mats to the homeless in Canada , Syrian refugees in Greece and other countries when natural disasters strike.

You can learn more about this organization online at Milkbagsunlimited.ca.



Safe & Caring Schools

WINTER WEATHER REMINDER

WEAR multiple layers of light, loose-fitting clothes. Outer wear should be waterproof.

WEAR cold weather clothing that is appropriate for the activity.

WEAR mittens instead of gloves; mittens are warmer.

WEAR a warm hat with ear protection to prevent heat loss.

WEAR woolen socks to protect your ankles and feet.

WEAR slip-resistant, insulated footwear.

WEAR a scarf or face mask while playing in cold wind.

Only in severe cold weather conditions of -20°C or colder will children remain indoors. Outside recess breaks are essential for children and contribute to both responsive minds and healthy physical activity. Each year many parents send notes stating that their children need to remain indoors for recess. Any child that is ill should remain home and rest and return to school when he or she is feeling better. Children who must remain indoors for recess for more than one day should bring in a note from their family doctor.

Inclement Weather Procedures

School bus service may be cancelled from time to time due to inclement weather and/or poor road conditions. In these cases, parents and students should develop alternate care/transportation arrangements.

Since some busing schedules begin by 7:00 a.m., cancellation decisions must be made by 6:00 a.m. to allow time to communicate this message to bus drivers.

5 Helpful Tips on Inclement Weather Days

When an Inclement Weather Day has been declared, an email will be sent to you from the school with the following information and reminders:

1. All transportation to and from school has been cancelled for today.
2. The school will be open, however due to the severe road conditions, your child may be combined with another class.
3. **All hot lunches are cancelled, please ensure your child has a lunch and snacks.**
4. If you are dropping your child off to school, please plan on being at school promptly for 3:30pm dismissal.
5. If your child is not attending school today, please input their absence in the Safe Arrival system by calling 1-855-856-7862 or online at yorkcdsb.schoolconnects.com before the start of the school day.



AM 640	640AM		AM 640	860AM
CBC	99.1FM		CJCL	590AM
CFNY	102.1FM		CJEZ	97.3FM
CFRB	1010AM		CJKX	95.9FM
CHAY	93.1FM		CKDO	1580AM & 100.7FM
CHFI	98.1FM		CKDX	88.5FM
CHIN	1540AM & 100.7FM		CKFM	99.9FM
CHRW	94.9FM		KISS	92.5FM
CHUM	1050AM & 104.5FM		NEWS	680FM
CIQB	101.1FM		Q107	107.1FM
CityTV	CTV Barrie	CTV Toron- to	Global News	CP 24