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March 2018 Newsletter

Loving God,

Almighty and Everlasting God,
You have given the human race
Jesus Christ our Savior as a model of humility.
He fulfilled Your Will by becoming Man
And giving His life on the Cross.
Help us to bear witness to You
By following His example of suffering
And make us worthy to share in His Resurrection.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son.

Amen.



Dear Parents /Guardians:

Our Lenten journey towards Easter began on Ash Wednesday. During Lent it is important to remember to not just “give something up”, but rather to focus on “doing something” for others. Giving of ourselves, sharing our time, talents or skills, is yet another way to build community and bring us closer to God. Lent is a time to remind us of how one kind deed at a time brings us closer to being the person that God wants us to be. Simple acts of kindness bring great joy to others and fill our own hearts with love.

During the Month of March, we celebrate the virtue of perseverance. Perseverance is being persistent with a task in spite of challenges, difficulties or obstacles. Perseverance is not giving up but continuing to put forth an effort until the goal is achieved.

*God of the Journey, walk with us this Lent.
Help us to persevere in staying with you
On the journey through Lent to Easter. Amen.*

In March we continue to look forward to the many learning opportunities planned for the students. Kindergarten registration also continues. We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable March Break from the 12th to the 16th. In honour of St. Patrick's Day, we share with you a special Irish blessing:

*May God give you...
For every storm, a rainbow; for every tear, a smile,
For every care, a promise, And a blessing in each trial.
For every problem life sends, A faithful friend to share,
For every sigh, a sweet song, And an answer for each prayer.*

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



March Catholic Virtue:
Perseverance

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.

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.schoolconnects.com)
yorkcdsb.schoolconnects.com
before 9:00 a.m.**

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Vision Statement

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Core Values

Excellence Equity
Fiscal Responsibility Catholicity Inclusion
Integrity Respect

Strategic Commitments

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

Catholic Community of Faith

Perseverance/Lenten Liturgy

Our Perseverance/Lenten liturgy will take place on **Wednesday, March 7 at 10:45am**. We thank Ms. Druxerman, Ms. Galea, Ms. Wong, and their Grade 2 students for organizing this special liturgy. All are welcome.

Holy Thursday/Stations of the Cross Liturgy

Our Holy Thursday/Stations of the Cross Liturgy will take place on **Thursday, March 29 at 1:15pm**. We thank Ms. Bianchi, Mr. Patullo and their Grade 8 students for organizing this liturgy. All are welcome to take part in this moving liturgy.

Catholic School Council Updates

Our Fundraiser is in full swing. Thank you to those who have already handed in their fundraising envelopes. Just a reminder that our fundraiser wraps up on March 7 so please get all envelopes in by then. All cookie dough will be ready for pick up on March 28. Our next CSC meeting will be Wednesday, April 11 at 7pm. Have a safe and relaxing March Break.

Our Lady of the Annunciation Parish News



Altar Servers needed - Weekly Stations of the Cross

Calling all Altar Servers to assist Fr. Peter in our Lenten weekly Station of the Cross. Between now and Good Friday, March 30th please join us every Friday evening at 7pm in the church for the Stations of the Cross.

Lenten Confessions: Lenten Confessions will take place on Wednesday, March 21st, at 7pm. There will be five priests available, including one Italian speaking priest.

MILKBAGSunlimited program - We need your milk bag's

Father Frederick McGinn CES is participating in the MILKBAGSunlimited program. Our Parish will support FFM school by collecting Milk Bags for them which will be used to help make beds for the homeless in Canada, Syrian refugees in Greece and other countries when natural disasters strike. And in doing so also reducing the garbage in our landfills.

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. It takes approximately 400 milk bags to make one adult sized mat. A collection box is available in the church foyer for community drop-off and in the school foyer for school drop-off.

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



Attention all Ladies- Catholic Women's League of Canada

Are you wanting to enrich your Catholic faith?, Would you like to get more involved with our Parish and Parish school community? Well, then look no further than "The Catholic Women's League of Canada". We are a national organization rooted in gospel values calling its members to holiness through service to the people of God.

Come join us and make a difference in your life, family and community. (see church bulletin for upcoming meeting dates and times). For more information please call Jennifer Beaupre at 647-515-5362



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. Announcements re: Confirmation will be done at weekend masses and an information night ONLY. Please do not call the parish office for information.



YOUTH Choir members needed

Calling all Youth who would be interested in joining our Parish Choirs. Youth Choir sings at the Saturday 5pm mass.

For more information please call the office at 905-773-5223

Quality Learning For All

MARCH BREAK IS COMING!

We wish you and your family a safe and enjoyable March Break. The school is closed from Monday, March 12 to Friday, March 16. Also, don't forget to set your clocks ahead 1 hour on Sunday, March 11, as Daylight Savings Time begins!



Toonie for Lent Drive

As we continue our Lenten journey here at FFM, we are asking everyone to give alms by participating in our "Toonie for Lent" Drive. **Tuesday, March 27th** will be "Toonie Tuesday". Students who donate a toonie for ShareLife can come to school dressed in civvies for the day.

All donations will be given to ShareLife, which will support the many ways ShareLife agencies help those who are in need. Let's all do our part during this Lenten season to help make a difference and give back to those in need.

The Luke 4:18 Committee



Kindergarten Registration Update

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 **February 15, 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.

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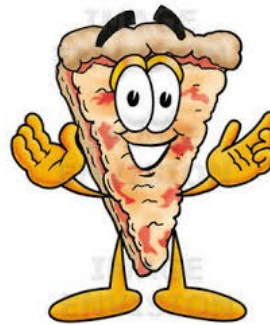
Between May 22nd and June 4th, our grades 3 and 6 students will be participating in the EQAO Primary and Junior Division Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics.

As all students are expected to be in attendance, we ask that you please avoid scheduling medical/dental appointments, or vacations during this period. Additional information will follow in the weeks to come.

Education Quality and Accountability Office



FFM CSC PIZZA PARTY!



As a special thank you to our FFM families for your support, FFM's Catholic School Council has donated a Pizza Party to all students in the school. On **Tuesday, March 6th, at 12pm lunch time**, each student will be receiving 2 party-size slices (cheese only). The pizza is nut free.

Thank to our CSC for this special treat.

Knitting Club

Father Frederick McGinn had a very successful knitting club session throughout the fall and winter. Many projects were completed such as scarves, neck warmers and hats. It was wonderful to see so many of our "expert" knitting students assisting with the new knitters. Thank you to Ms. Pizziol, Mrs. Colangelo and Ms. Bonia for assisting with this club.

Environmental Committee News

"Let us protect with love all that God has given us!"
Pope Francis

The FFM Eco-club has many initiatives coming up in the next few months.

Earth Hour will take place on Friday March 23rd from 2:30 to 3:30pm. At that time, students and teachers will power off and save energy for the hour. More information will be shared at the upcoming assembly on March 7th.

As well students are excitedly planning their outdoor classroom. Thank you to the CSC for supporting this initiative. An initial site visit has been made and we are eagerly awaiting more detailed plans.

Remember to follow the eco-club on twitter @ecoclub_ffm

Thank you for all your support in these initiatives!

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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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ARE YOU MOVING?

If you are planning to move out of the area please fill out the information below and return it to the **MAIN OFFICE** as soon as possible. This will assist us in setting up the classes for next year.

Name of student: _____

Teacher's name: _____

Date of Move: _____

Moving to: _____

Name of
New School: _____

Safe & Caring Schools



FFM Safety Blitz

Student Drop-Off and Driveway

Parents and guardians are reminded to exercise caution and be patient when using the student drop off and parking lot areas, especially during peak periods.

Here are a few simple rules:



Do not park in the drop off loop (this impedes traffic and slows everyone down)



Do not park in the handicap spot unless you have the appropriate sticker



Have your child exit from the passenger side of your car



If you would like to walk your child/children to the door, you need to park your car in the designated lot or spot on the street



No cars should be entering the front parking lot between **8:45am-9:00am and 3:15 pm -3:45 pm** (Only school buses are permitted to enter during these times)



Do not let your child out at the curve near the handicap parking, stopping there impedes traffic, pull up ahead to the curb so other parents can continue to pull up, let's keep the flow going



If dropping child off by front lot, there is no stopping in front of or immediately adjacent to the driveway - obey the signs that say NO stopping at any time



We are all in this together. Our children's safety is our number one priority