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May 2018 Newsletter



Loving God,

We praise and thank You for the gift of Catholic education.
May we always use what we learn in our schools to teach and live the ways of Jesus.
Let us use our voices to show respect, caring and responsibility.
May our ideas and our actions demonstrate our commitment to justice and peace so we can build Your kingdom on earth.
May we always be living examples of Jesus in our schools, homes, parishes and communities.
Thank You God for the gift of Catholic education.
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We begin the month of May by celebrating Catholic education week from May 6 - May 11. The theme this year is "Renewing the Promise". During Catholic Education Week, we pray for all those who help support our young people in our Catholic schools. We give thanks for teachers, support staff and all members of our educational family. We also pray for all those who help sow the seeds of faith in our community: for our clergy who shepherd and guide us, for parents, primary educators of our children and for our schools as they weave the thread of faith through the classroom and beyond.

On Wednesday, May 9th, Father Frederick McGinn will be celebrating it's 10th Anniversary! Please see the attached invitation for more information. All are invited to attend.

We would like to congratulate all of our Grade 2 students who will be receiving their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 5th at OLA Church at 10:00am. May God continue to bless you as you take this important step on your journey of faith. May is also dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God. Please join us for our Month of Mary Liturgy on Thursday May 24 at 1pm led by Mr. Birnie's Grade 1 class and our Core Team; Ms. Arcella, Ms. Sultana & Ms. Pizzoli.

Throughout May, we celebrate the virtue of Responsibility. Our prayers and discussions will focus on growing in our sense of responsibility toward others, following in the footsteps of Jesus. At the end of the month our grade 3 and 6 students will begin the provincial EQAO assessment. We wish them well as they work hard to demonstrate their best ability.

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



May Catholic Virtue:
Responsibility

I will honour my commitments even when it becomes difficult.
I will be reliable so people can depend on me.
I will be accountable for the things I say and do.

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://
yorkcdsb.schoolconnects.com](http://yorkcdsb.schoolconnects.com)
before 9:00 a.m.**

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Strategic Commitments



Catholic Community of Faith

Catholic School Council Updates

Thank you to all those who came out and participated in drum fit. It was a huge success and everyone got their heart rates up and bodies moving.

Please save the date for FFMs school BBQ on June 21 from 5pm-8pm. More information will follow in the coming weeks.

Our next CSC Meeting is Wednesday, May 16 at 7pm. All are welcome to attend!

Our Lady of the Annunciation Parish Updates



Adoration - Friday, May 4th at 7:00pm - 9:00pm pm—Archdiocesan Day of Prayer for Vocation

Join us for First Friday and Sacred Heart Devotion which includes Benediction. In supporting the Archdiocesan Day of Prayer for Vocation our prayer and intentions during this sacred time will be dedicated specifically for vocations to the priesthood, religious and consecrated life. Come spend some quite time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and join us in praying for vocations.



BUNDLE WEEKEND - Saturday May 5th & Sunday May 6th

Please bring in your gently used clothing, footwear, bedding, towels, drapery, new or nearly new toys. The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul donation truck will be in the church parking lot Saturday, May 5, 9am -5pm and Sunday May 6, 8:30am - 12:30pm. Thank you for your help in this worthwhile cause. We, unfortunately, cannot accept books, furniture, dishes or audio/video cassettes at this time.



Vocation Traveling Chalice School Program

During the month of April and May our four parish elementary Schools will each be hosting the Vocation Traveling Chalice for one week in their schools. During the week students will be learning and praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life and discovering that they each have a special calling from God to use their gifts and talents for others. Father Frederick McGinn will host the Traveling Chalice during Catholic Education Week—May 6 to May 11.

Annual Charity Golf Tournament - Monday June 4, 2018



Please join us for our Annual Charity Golf Tournament to be held at Meadowbrook Golf Club.

Lunch with free driving range prior to start

18 holes of gulf with POWER cart

Charity action with all profits going to charity

\$50 Meadowbrook Gift Dining Certificate (for golfers)

4 course dinner with wine (Dinner \$50/p) (Golf & Dinner \$180/p)

Call: Rino Morettin 416-678-6767, Rocco Malfara 416-579-4606, John Picket 647-273-0790



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.

2018 Confirmation Leaders needed

Anyone interested in volunteering to help out with the Confirmation Sessions as an Instructor please contact the parish office at 905-773-5223

Quality Learning For All

SCHOOL ORGANIZATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2018

We are beginning to plan the school organization for September 2018. It would be appreciated that you advise the office if your family is planning to move out of the Father Frederick McGinn boundaries or change schools.

The process for formulation of class lists for September will begin soon. After we determine class organization, each student is individually discussed and placed according to a number of criteria. This is a process we take very seriously; it involves much prayer, thought and conversation.

Given the parameters in which we have to work as determined by registration numbers and ministry and board directives, our goal is to establish balanced classes, providing effective groups which will benefit all children. Teachers in sending grades meet to carefully consider learning styles, academic skills, social grouping, special education and ESL needs, behaviour needs, etc. You can surely appreciate that creating the best and most effective groupings is a task requiring careful thought and planning. Our goal is to establish balanced classes to provide effective working groups which will benefit all children in each class.

At this time, we are uncertain as to which teachers will teach a specific grade. Staffing decisions will not be finalized until late August.

Accepting parental requests for specific teachers is not permitted under Board guidelines, and would not be in the best interest of all children in the school as it could restrict school staff in forming what we consider to be the most ideal classroom groupings.

The teachers who have worked with the children this year know them and will make determinations based on each child's best interests. **If you feel strongly that there are extenuating circumstances not listed above, please submit your request in writing, including the rationale for your request, to Ms. Sullivan by Friday, May 25**

Any written requests will be shared with the team of teachers generating class lists, however, this does not guarantee that your request can be honoured.

Environmental Committee News

"The Earth is our environment to protect and the garden to tend to."

The eco-club have completed their waste minimization and energy conservation audit. FFM has improved in their energy conservation with a 95% success rate with lights out, 90% rate of electronics powered off, and 95% success rate with blinds and curtains closed when not needed and vents clear of obstructions.

The waste minimization has seen a reduction in contamination of garbage and recycling from 60% to 20%. The school diversion rate is 27%. This means that waste is diverted from landfills 27% of the time.

FFM Eco-club is excited that we have ordered two water refill stations for our school and they should be installed in the near future. This will replace the water fountain and will allow students to refill their water bottle easily. Thank you to the Catholic School Council for supporting this.

On May 18th the Ontario Eco-school staff will be visiting FFM to check out our environmental initiatives. We have applied for Platinum status as an eco-school and should get our results in May.



Quality of Learning for All

Pause to Play Challenge

In partnership with York Region Public Health, the annual spring pause to PLAY challenge in York Region schools encourages students to put their TV's, gaming devices, tablets and computers on "pause" for one full week and become more physically active through play. Parents can also join in with their kids at home! The challenge runs **April 30 to May 4, 2018**. Let's turn off the screens and enjoy real PLAY at FFM!

How Healthy is your SELFIE? is back at FFM! To coincide with Pause to PLAY we invite families to take selfies of active play and healthy living. Let's fill our wall with all the great fit families we have here at Fr. Fred!



EQAO @ FFM

Official dates for writing EQAO have been selected. The Grade 6 students will write the test on May 23, 25, and 28. The Grade 3 students will be writing on May 28, 29 and 30.

We wish all of our Grade 3 and 6 students the best of luck!



ALLERGY AWARENESS



The well-being of all students continues to be of utmost importance to everyone at Fr. Frederick McGinn. In accordance with Bill 3, Sabrina's Law, we continue to review policies and our school practice to deal with students at risk of anaphylaxis.

Thank you to all parents with students with severe allergies or medical conditions for helping us update our records and for providing up to date Epi-pens for your child. We continue to encourage that all students with severe allergies wear an epi-pen at all times.

We also must strictly adhere to our "no food sharing" policy at the school. Please do not send in any food items for birthdays, classroom celebrations or special events. We remind students that they are to eat only what their parents have packed for them. Your continued support and understanding is most appreciated.

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: _____

Jr. Basketball

This year the Junior Basketball teams will be representing FFM at area tournaments. We thank all students who participated in the 6 week Jr. Intramurals and 15 were selected to attend the area finals. The girls will be attending Fr. Henri Nouwen on Friday May 11 and the boys on Monday May 14. Good luck Falcons!!!

Running Club

Ms. Bonia and Ms. Khan have started the Running Club back up now that the weather is cooperating. Every Wednesday morning at 8:20 students are invited to bring their best efforts to getting active and healthy through running. With the special 10th Anniversary next Wednesday we will resume on Wed. May 16th. See you then!

Quality Learning For All



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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- Continuous Improvement of Student Achievement
- Effective Use of Our Resources
- Engaging Our Communities

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Municipal Election 2018 Monday, October 22, 2018 Voting Information for Catholic Ratepayers

Protect and promote Catholic education...Ensure you are registered to vote as a Catholic separate school supporter

- Ensuring you are registered as a separate school supporter is important for the protection and preservation of Catholic education in Ontario.
- As a registered Catholic school supporter, you have the opportunity to elect trustees who will represent and address your interests and concerns at the school board level and at various levels of the government.
- Registering your Catholic school support ensures your school board's assessment roll is accurate. This is important because:
 - Your school board's assessment base is a public record of the breadth of support for Catholic schools
 - It helps track demographic trends for educational planning purposes
 - It guarantees your right to enroll your children in Catholic schools

How to check if you are registered:

- Visit voterlookup.ca, an online service created by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) to check the accuracy of your voter information.
- Or call your Municipal Clerk's Office to inquire how to check the local list of electors.

If your name is not on the list of electors or if the information is incorrect (e.g., name, address or school support data missing or incorrect) you should:

- Update or change your information, add a name to an address, or change your school support directly on the voterlookup.ca website.
- Go to the municipal offices for your community and fill out an application to be added to the list or to correct information. Proof of identification may be required. Please call your municipal office to determine what documentation you may need.

At the Polling Station:

- Verify that you are registered as a separate school supporter. If your support status is incorrect ask for an '**Application to Amend Voters' List**'. This form may be completed and submitted at the polling station.
- Ensure the ballot you are given is a separate school ballot.

Voting for Catholic School Board Representation:

- Catholic ratepayers must declare themselves to be Catholic and separate school electors in order to cast a vote in the election of separate school trustees in municipal elections.



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