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**HOME OF PANTHER SPIRIT**

October 2020

**PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

October is upon us once again and the signs of fall are slowly beginning to appear. Father John Kelly Catholic School continues to plan rich learning experiences for our students as a result of the efforts and enthusiasm of our teachers and staff who truly make FJK a wonderful place to work and learn!

Your partnership is important and much appreciated as we look forward to working with you and all stakeholders to ensure student safety, achievement and well-being. Please stay tuned regarding more information about this year's elected Catholic School Council.

On behalf of the Father John Kelly staff, I would like to wish you a blessed Thanksgiving surrounded by family, and friends and thanking God for all of our many blessings.

Sincerely,

*P. Morrone, Principal*

A THANKSGIVING PRAYER

O Lord, our Father, who gathered us together this day,  
 As we celebrate our joys, our blessings, our family ties, to you we pray.  
 We join together with grateful hearts, humble hearts and joyous hearts to thank you.  
 May we recognize your blessings in all that we see and do.  
 Please be with us, lead us, and guide us this day and everyday.  
 On this day of Thanksgiving we offer our gratitude and thanks. AMEN

-AMEN-

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**Mission Statement**

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.

**Vision Statement**

Our students will become creative and critical thinkers who integrate Catholic Values into their daily lives, as socially responsible global citizens.

**Core Values**



**Strategic Commitments**



## FJK's Annual Terry Fox Walk

Once again, staff and students at Father John Kelly School took part in the Annual Terry Fox Walk for Cancer Research. On Wednesday, September 30th, Kindergarten to Grade 8 students took their walk with great enthusiasm in support of this great cause. Our students and staff safely took their walk in and around school grounds. The weather cooperated with us during our walks making them that much more enjoyable!

Congratulations to all our entire school community as FJK received official recognition for 5 years of participation and financial contribution. We will continue to walk in Terry's name and maintain his legacy at our school.

We look forward to next year's campaign once again. Thank you!



## SAFE AND CARING SCHOOLS

### **Safety Awareness Week October 5th—9th**

This year, the week of October 5th—9th will be our School Safety Awareness Week throughout the York Catholic District School Board.

During this week, the entire school will practise fire drills, lock down, lock out, and severe weather procedures to name a few. Given our COVID-19 safety precautions, the drills have been slightly modified to ensure staff and students staff due to such limitations.

Kindly know that all of our drills are undertaken in compliance with the Ministry of Education and Public Health measures.



Practising our many emergency codes and procedures ensures the safety of all of our students and staff in the event of an unexpected emergency. We thank our teaching staff, support staff, office and custodial staff for taking collaborative measures and precautions in our efforts to keep Father John Kelly a safe environment for all.

### **A Friendly Reminder to Parents /Visitors**

A reminder to all parents and visitors: When you pick up your child who is ill, please ensure that you sign out your child in the log located in the main entrance vestibule area. Kindly sanitize you hands upon entrance and upon leaving. Please ensure that your mask in on when you are in the vestibule area awaiting for your child. Continue to social distance with others that may be entering, leaving or waiting in that area. We thank you for your cooperation as we continue to strive daily to take every precautions to keep our students, staff and visitors safe at Father John Kelly CES.

**World Teacher’s Day!**

On Monday, October 5th, Teachers around the world will be recognized for their dedication to children of all ages. On behalf of the students and parents of Father John Kelly, I would like to thank our teachers for sharing their God-given talents, relentless efforts and dedication to the intellectual, spiritual and physical well-being of our students on a daily basis. Thank you teachers, your work changes lives a better world!

**HAPPY WORLD TEACHER’S DAY!**



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Father John Kelly CES receives official recognition for its participation and contribution to the Terry Fox Foundation for the past 5 years. We are proud of this tradition and we will continue to celebrate Terry’s legacy. FJK is the PROUD HOME of PANTHER SPIRIT!



**Sacrament Update from St. David Catholic Church**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The following information is being shared on behalf of St. David Catholic Church in regards to Sacramental celebrations for the 2020—2021 school year.

Please know that Communion and Confirmation dates this year will be arranged with families and will NOT be celebrated as a school– wide event.

For the Sacrament of First Communion, parents can book a time during Sunday Weekend Mass or have the option of group masses on November 14, 21, 28 at 11:00 am or at 2:00 pm.

For the Sacrament of Confirmation, parents will be given the option of several group masses in November and December. These dates will be made available to parents via e mail in the near future.



**OCTOBER VIRTUE IS COMPASSION**

The virtue we celebrate this month is Compassion. Compassion lets us see things from another person’s point of view. Through compassion we see and feel the pain of others’ suffering and then work to do something about it

Through compassion we understand each other more deeply. Compassion is related to gratitude and thankfulness. Because of God’s compassion for us, we are gifted with the beauty of creation. Thus may we continue to bless one another with the gift of compassion today and all other days.

