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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,



The month of November for all Canadians is truly a time for reflection. We recognize the sacrifices and accomplishments of those who have gone before us, and those who continue to make a difference in the world today as they strive for peace and for justice.

Wonderful things continue to happen at Father John Kelly Catholic School as we work collaboratively to ensure the academic, spiritual and safety needs of our students are at the forefront in all that we do. Our teachers look forward to meeting with you during interviews to review your children's accomplishments as well as an opportunity to discuss their skill levels and work habits. We look forward to communicating with you soon.

Sincerely, Mr. P. Morrone, Principal

To Remember

In the rising of the sun, and its going down, We will remember them.

In the blowing of the wind and, in the chill of winter, We will remember them.

In the opening of the buds, and the rebirth of spring, We will remember them.

In the blueness of the sky, and in the warmth of summer, We will remember them.

In the rushing of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn, We will remember them.

So long as we live, they too will live,

For we will remember them.



York Catholic
 District School Board

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



CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF FAITH**Remembrance Day**

Let us not forget that this year Remembrance Day falls on Wednesday, November 11th. We keep in our prayers those who have perished in our world wars as we continue to pray for peace around the world. A Remembrance Day Prayer Service will take place over our school P.A System beginning at 10:45 am on Wednesday November 11th. Let us continue to pray for world peace.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL CORNER****Extreme Weather Policy #221**
Temperature for Indoor Routine

The York Catholic District School Board's Extreme Weather Policy provides the parameter allowing the Principal and Catholic School Council to determine the cold weather temperature for indoor routines on an annual basis. At our December 16, 2020 meeting, the temperature cut-off for indoor routines will be established. It will be the Principal's discretion to allow students the opportunity for 20 minutes of fresh air during the lunch hour when this occurs and to exercise the utmost caution when assessing the condition of the black top and field areas (i.e. icy conditions).

Kindly ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD IS DRESSED APPROPRIATELY FOR COLDER WEATHER SO THAT THEY CAN ENJOY ONTARIO'S WINTER SEASON.

Ensure that your child has indoor shoes as well as an extra pair of standardized dress articles of clothing especially during the colder months ahead.

QUALITY LEARNING BY ALL**Progress Reports & Interviews**

This year, our Progress Report Cards will be accessed through a parent portal similar to our Term 2 Final Reports Cards issued in June 2020.

Please take time to discuss the Progress Report with your child prior to meeting with the teacher. The Progress Report is a useful tool to keep parents informed of their child's progress, and for the discussion of next steps. Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held during the week of November 23rd to 26th. More information regarding interviews will be sent home shortly.

**SAFE AND CARING SCHOOLS****Punctuality**

Thank you for helping us teach our students the important life skill of time management and punctuality. **Students are expected to be assembled with their class by when the bell rings at 8:50 a.m.** This includes both Face to Face Learners and Remote Learners. Those students arriving later than this will be signed in as LATE. Now that the days are getting shorter, and darker, we realize the importance of getting enough rest. Children do require more sleep than adults, with most requiring 8 to 10 hours of sleep per night. Please make your morning routine an opportunity for your children to achieve and succeed! Please note that Main Entrance Doors will now be locked at 8:50 am. Entry will require buzzing in. Thank you

Free Access to the Voilà Live Virtual Campus for Your Child

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Thanks to the support from your school board, your child can now access *Voilà Live*, our Virtual Immersion Campus, to practice their French and receive home help in French, English, and Math.

You can send your student's homework to: homework@voilalearning.com before accessing the platform. Your child can also practice their French and play live, communicative games in French on the platform, all while earning points!

To register to the Voilà Live Virtual Campus:

1. Visit <http://voilalearning.com/en/free-online-tutoring/>
2. Click on "MY SCHOOL BOARD IS REGISTERED: \$0"
3. Fill out your child's information including your school board's code: YCDSB19
4. Once complete, you'll receive a confirmation email with download instructions

The Voilà Live Virtual Campus will be open **Monday to Thursday** from **5pm to 8pm** for homework help and French practice until May 31st.



More information can be found on our website here: <https://voilalearning.com/en/> or by calling our toll free number: +1 (866) 900-0658

We look forward to helping your child on the campus!

REMINDER: Schoolyard Safety

In an effort to keep our students safe as well as engaged during our outdoor play, we have been encouraging students to enjoy the company of their friends during all recesses while ensuring that they are keeping socially distant and adhering to behaviours that do not put others at risk especially regarding close contact. In the interest of student safety at this time, we have phased out all play balls (e.g., soccer balls, footballs) for the blacktop area and field area. We continue to allow students on the field to allow for greater distancing and the ability to run and move during recess. We thank you for your understanding and continued support!



VOILA Learning: Online Homework Help

I am pleased to inform parents and guardians that the York Catholic District School Board is providing, once again, online homework help, free of charge to students. Voila is an online, homework help platform that can be accessed by all York Catholic District School Board students for help in French, Math and English homework by an online teacher. Please see parent letter on page 3 of this month's newsletter. We hope you find this useful in supporting your child's learning at home.



November is JUSTICE

November marks the transition from autumn into winter. At Father John Kelly Catholic School, the prayers and reflections offered this month weave together these elements:

- The Liturgical Calendar

November is dedicated to remembering our dearly departed. Two important observances are found on the first two days of the month: All Saints Day and All Souls day. November finds us in the last part of Ordinary Time of Year A in the three year liturgical cycle. Other Feast Days include St. Martin de Porres, St. Charles Borromeo, St. Martin of Tours, St. Agnes of Assisi, St. Cecilia, St. Clement, St. Andrew and Christ the King.

- The Virtue of Justice

This month we celebrate justice. This is one of the virtues that Jesus modelled through his words and deeds. We take opportunities this month to reflect on the justice which is needed to heal our beautiful, yet broken planet. We think of the justice needed in the classroom and school yard to heal broken relationships. We think of the justice needed to stand for the world. When we join justice with Compassion (October's virtue) we strongly echo the Gospel message and example of Jesus.

- Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations

The Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations (OCGE) state that the student is expected to become a responsible citizen who gives witness to Catholic social teaching by promoting peace, justice and the sacredness of human life.

This echoes the virtue of justice being celebrated this month. Through opportunities to reflect on All Souls and All Saints Day as well as Remembrance Day, students will have a chance to deepen their responsible citizenship.

