

## Prayer for the New School Year

Dear Heavenly Father, As we embark on this new school year, we come before you with hearts full of hope and gratitude. Bless our students with wisdom, understanding, and a hunger for knowledge that knows no bounds. Guide our teachers with patience, compassion, and the ability to inspire young minds. Bless our parents with wisdom, patience, and unwavering support for their children's learning journeys. May this year be filled with growth, joy, and a sense of purpose, as we work together to create a nurturing and enriching environment for all. Amen.

## Principal's Message

Together with the staff, it is with great pleasure and excitement that I welcome you to the 2023 - 2024 school year! To the students, families, and staff members new to the All Saints Community, we extend a warm welcome to this special learning community. We hope everyone had a safe, restful, rejuvenating, and enjoyable summer.

Our school has always been a place of learning, growth, and community, and I am thrilled to once again see our hallways and classrooms filled with the energy and enthusiasm of our students, parents, and staff. As we embark on this new academic journey, let us continue to foster an environment of curiosity, kindness, and collaboration, where every child can thrive. Together, we will make this year one of discovery, friendship, and achievement.

We are extremely thankful for the efforts and hard work of our teachers, secretaries, support staff and custodians. They have been hard at work preparing our school for the safe return of our students. We look forward to a year filled with learning experiences which will promote our students' spiritual, academic and social growth.

The upcoming school year is sure to be full of a number of motivating learning experiences, new friendships, as well as new challenges. We invite and encourage you to continue being involved in your child's educational journey. We hope you will feel comfortable in contacting the school, speaking to your child's teacher, sharing your ideas, concerns, and suggestions in helping us create a safe, caring and inclusive learning environment, rooted in the teachings of Jesus.

We are looking forward to the opportunity of serving the community of All Saints in the education of our students. We thank you in advance for supporting our school endeavors as we build on the tremendous Catholic Learning Partnership that already exists within these four walls, and, to a greater extent, within our community. Together, we can make a difference!

Yours in Catholic Education,  
Mr. F. Nardo  
Principal



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Mr. F. Nardo

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**Bell Times**



8:40 AM: Supervision  
8:55 AM: School Begins  
10:15 - 10:30 AM: Recess  
11:50 - 12:50 PM: Lunch  
2:10 - 2:25 PM: Recess  
3:25 PM: Dismissal

# SAFETY FIRST

## YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

Student safety is always of the utmost importance and an area that we all must do our part in supporting. While not always the most convenient options, the steps below will help ensure that safety truly does come first. We hope to prevent having unsupervised children walking through parked and moving cars, in what has become an increasingly more congested parking lot.

### SAFE ENTRY/DISMISSAL

We have asked our students to remain on sidewalks and/or walkways at all times. Thank you for reinforcing this message with your child. If walking or bussing to school is not a possibility, please park along a side street and accompany your child along a walkway (not driveway); or consider utilizing the Kiss & Ride, as described below.

### PARKING LOT RESERVED FOR BUSES

Please remember that the East Parking Lot/Driveway is reserved for busses between 8:40 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. & from 3:25 p.m. to 3:40 p.m. Parking along a side street, or utilizing the Kiss & Ride is a great solution that will ensure no child is at risk. Parents entering the lot during these times has increased the flow of children through this congested area and limited our ability to prepare our bus students for a safe arrival and departure.

### CAPITALIZE ON THE KISS & RIDE

The Kiss & Ride Area is meant to support our students in safely arriving to school or departing from school. We tend to have only 20-25 vehicles utilizing this feature each morning. Parents wishing to use the Kiss & Ride are asked to follow these directions BEFORE SCHOOL:

- Stay in your vehicle at all times. One person parking or exiting their vehicle can create an enormous backlog. Staff will ask you to kindly return to your vehicle.
- Pull up to the top of the Kiss & Ride Loop so that we can limit congestion.
- Have your child{ren} prepared to exit the vehicle through the passenger side of the vehicle. Please ensure they have all of their belongings with them, so they are ready to go.

AFTER SCHOOL, please safely park alongside The Bridle Walk, or a neighbouring street, and meet your child in the closed off & supervised walkway area, as the loop is closed.

### ALWAYS RESPECT THE RULES OF THE ROAD & SPEED LIMITS

All driveways are one-way only and there is absolutely no passing of vehicles or busses permitted. Please exercise caution when driving in our AST School Zone.



**STOP**



## ANAPHYLAXIS—Life Threatening Allergies:



It's the beginning of a new school year and time to review and continue to work together in making our school a safer environment for our students with life-threatening food and insect bite allergies. Here at All Saints CES we work in collaboration with the YCDSB, school, home and community in teaching our children and staff all about anaphylaxis and keeping our allergic children safe. All Saints is a nut safe environment. Please review with your child(ren) our Board's Policy 209, "Protection of Anaphylactic Students," which is located in the front pages of your child's agenda as well as on the Board's website, [www.ycdsb.ca](http://www.ycdsb.ca), under Policies.

There may also be a student in your child's class who is allergic to a specific food other than peanuts/nuts. If this is the case, a letter outlining these specific foods will be sent home with your child. Please remember our entire school is peanut/nut safe. Our school has been proactive in the following ways: We have an "Allergy Safe School Plan" which is reviewed annually. As well, all staff are trained regarding administration of the Epi-Pen and recognizing reactions/symptoms.

### REMINDERS...

- Nuts and nut bi-products are to be strictly avoided throughout the school
- Some classes will have additional food items which also must not be brought into that specific classroom
- Sharing of food and drinks is strictly prohibited
- All snacks/lunches must be eaten indoors; food is not permitted outdoors at recess breaks and lunch time
- All birthday treat-bags must contain non-edible items only (no food of any kind). Donating a game to your child's classroom is a great alternative to individual treat bags. Students can use these games during indoor recesses, once the cold weather approaches. Talk to your child's teacher to find out which games would be appropriate.

**PLEASE NOTE:** In order to ensure your child's safety, we would ask for your co-operation and assistance in ensuring that **ALL ANAPHYLACTIC STUDENTS** wear a fanny pack with their EpiPen in it at all times. Please ensure that your child is familiar with the use of the EpiPen auto injector.

As well, we ask that you provide an EpiPen for the office in the event of an emergency. If your child has any life threatening allergies, it is strongly recommended that he or she wear a **MEDIC ALERT BRACELET** at all times. Thank you for your assistance and co-operation in this very important matter. Applicable forms were sent home in June to be completed over the summer by both the parents.

## PROTECTION OF STUDENTS WITH ASTHMA - *Policy 206*

In accordance with the *Act to Protect Pupils with Asthma* (Ryan's Law : Ensuring Asthma Friendly Schools, 2015) the Board approved a new policy # 206: *Protection of Students with Asthma* at its June 21<sup>st</sup> Board Meeting. The York Catholic District School Board recognizes that there are some students within the school system who have a diagnosis of asthma which could be life threatening. The York Catholic District School Board also recognizes that asthma management is a shared responsibility among students, parents, caregivers and the entire school community.

It is the responsibility of parent(s)/guardian(s) to advise the school immediately upon registration and/or when in receipt of a diagnosis of asthma. It is also the responsibility of parent(s)/guardian(s) to ensure that all medical information pertinent to their child's diagnosis of asthma is always current.

If your child has a diagnosis of asthma please contact the school office immediately so that the appropriate forms are completed and school records are up to date in accordance with Policy 206.



## COUNCIL CORNER:

The Annual General Meeting for the Catholic School Council is set for Wednesday, September 20th at 6:45 p.m. At this time, we are anticipating an election process, similar to last school year. Please pencil in the date and watch your emails for links & updates. All are invited and encouraged to consider getting involved in the 2023-24 All Saints CSC. As valued partners, your insights and contributions will prove invaluable in shaping our school's direction and ensuring the best possible educational experience for our children. Together, we can create an even stronger, more vibrant school community that supports every student's growth and success. Your active participation will make a significant difference in our shared journey towards excellence.



## THE ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COUNCIL

### WHO WE ARE

We are a group of parent volunteers that meet 6-8x a year in the school library to fundraise for enhancements to the school and activities.



### WHAT WE DO

We plan and provide several enriched opportunities for students throughout the school year, including:



### WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW PARENTS TO JOIN!

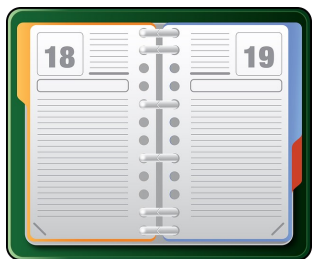
This is **YOUR** chance to enrich our school community by getting involved!

### CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION:

[allsaintscscouncil@gmail.com](mailto:allsaintscscouncil@gmail.com)

## STUDENT AGENDA/PLANNERS:

All students from grades 1-8 must purchase a student agenda. ***The price for each student is \$10.00.*** The planners are not just organizers, they contain important and useful information. Furthermore, they are an excellent means of communication between home and school.



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION - NOTICE TO PARENTS:

During the 2023/24 school year, your child(ren) will be involved in a variety of school related activities and events consistent with the purpose of educating students in accordance with the Education Act. Upon registering your child with the York Catholic District School Board you completed a Freedom of Information Consent. Personal information is collected pursuant to the Education Act and the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection Privacy Act. We bring to your attention the following areas that you and/or your child's personal information may be disclosed without notification to you, such as:

- Catholic School Council Activities and Catholic School Council communications.
- Class lists, emergency phone networks, local Parish, Catholic Community Services, etc.
- The release of photographs, artwork, writing or other schoolwork to the media (print/Electronic) and/or school/Board website.
- The use of names, photographs, etc., used for display in the school, newsletters, and yearbooks.

If you have any objections to the use and disclosure of your child's personal information, please indicate your wishes on the Freedom of Information Annual Parental Consent (FOI A.21) form sent home by your child's teacher. Questions about the collection and the use of this personal information should be directed to the Freedom of Information Administrator, York Catholic School Board, 320 Bloomington Rd. W., Aurora, Ontario L3G 3G8 or (905) 713-2711.

## RECESS:

It is our expectation that all students go out for recess at scheduled times. Fresh air and exercise are important for all children; however, each year we get requests for students to remain inside due to special circumstances. **All such requests should be accompanied by a note from your doctor explaining the circumstances.** Please be informed that there are no teachers on supervision duty inside the school during regular outdoor recess. Furthermore, students need to remember 3 important rules to keep outdoor recess breaks enjoyable and safe:

- 1) **“NO CONTACT RULE”:** Children are not to play any games or engage in any activities that involve physical contact.
- 2) **“NO THROWING RULE”:** Please remind your children of the dangers of throwing rocks and other objects.
- 3) **“AVOID WET/ICY AREAS”:** Please remind your children to stay away from the puddles and wet/icy areas. This is for their health and safety.

We thank you for your attention and continued support in this matter.

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS:

We would like to stress the importance of school punctuality and regular attendance. Regular attendance is vitally important and can lead to improved classroom learning, better test results, important relationships and friendships, good reference for future education and healthy habits. Regular attendance is directly linked to success at school.

Poor attendance patterns increase risk of failure and dropping out of school. Early intervention by home and school increases the likelihood of a student remaining in school.

The following points are proven factors in ensuring that a child will be successful in maintaining regular and punctual attendance:

- Have regular morning routines (wake up on time, eat breakfast, leave home to get to school on time). Following consistent night time routines (homework time, prep for next day, bedtime).
- Set alarm clock the night before.
- Get enough sleep and eat properly.

If you have any concern in regards to your child's attendance and punctuality, please contact Mr. Nardo. Remember your child is considered late to school if they are not in line with their class at 8:55 a.m.

## SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK

The York Catholic District School Board has a primary responsibility and goal to ensure a safe learning environment for all of our students and staff in our school community. As part of our safety initiative, All Saints CES, along with all other schools in the York Catholic District School Board, will be practicing a variety of safety procedures with students and staff.

All Saints CES is happy to be hosting Safety Week during the week of September 25th. Please stay tuned for more information regarding “**Safety Awareness Week**”, in the weeks to come. During this week, we will be rehearsing a variety of emergency school procedures to acquaint students and staff with the precautionary steps to take in the event of such things as a warning of severe weather, an intruder or a bomb threat. In addition, throughout the year we will hold practice drills to acquaint students with various emergency protocols. Teachers will review these procedures with students in class prior to our practice drills. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the school. Thank you for your support.

### DRIVEWAY SAFETY:

Please remember that the driveway is strictly reserved for busses and emergency vehicles. The bus lane is closed to all traffic except school buses. Children can be dropped off and picked up using the Kiss & Ride Drop Off Loop located on the west side of the school.

### AT NO TIME SHOULD CARS BE PARKED OR STOPPED IN THE STUDENT DROP OFF AREA OF THE LOOP.

We thank you for your continued support and co-operation with this safety matter.



### KISS & RIDE

The Kiss & Ride Area is meant to support our students in safely arriving to school or departing from school. Parents wishing to use the Kiss & Ride are asked to follow these directions:

- ◆ **Stay in your vehicle at all times.** If you wish to accompany your child to/from their yard area, please park along a neighbouring street (or walk with your child to school). 1 person parking or walking their child can create an enormous back log. Staff will ask you to kindly return to your vehicle.
- ◆ **Pull up to the TOP of the Kiss & Ride Loop** or next available spot so that we can limit congestion. Please do not drop your child off at any other point in the loop.
- ◆ Have your child **prepared to exit /enter the vehicle through the passenger side** of the vehicle. Please ensure they have all of their belongings with them and ready to go.

### NO PARKING IN BUS LOOP

To ensure student safety, as mentioned above, we continue to ask our parents to refrain from parking in the parking lot. This area serves as the Bus Loop. With multiple buses, we ask for your assistance in limiting the amount of traffic in this central hub. Please use the Kiss & Ride area or consider parking on a neighbouring side street.

### DRIVING IN SCHOOL ZONE:

As the new school year begins, it is important to remind ourselves to take extra care in and around our school sites during drop off and pick-up times to ensure the safety of our students, staff and parents. Your utmost attention and co-operation in this area is very much appreciated.

### SUPERVISION AT SCHOOL:

It is important that students are supervised while on school property. Supervision begins at 8:40 a.m. Please ensure that your child does not enter the playground prior to the 8:40 a.m. supervision. After school, there is teacher supervision during the pick up process. Students who are not picked up on time will wait in the office for pick up.

### VISITORS:

Visitors are usually welcomed in our school by *buzzing* in through the front doors of the school and reporting directly to the office. Parents will sign in at the office and be given a visitor badge to wear, which assures the children that you are a “safe” visitor.

## PEDICULOSIS (HEAD LICE)

“The York Catholic District School Board recognizes and appreciates concerns related to pediculosis at the school, community, and regional level. The Board also recognizes that the Ministry of Health does not designate pediculosis as a communicable disease, and as such, it is not considered a health hazard to the community.” (Policy 210)

Anyone can get head lice, regardless of cleanliness. Head lice are not a public hazard, as they do not cause illness, but they are a nuisance. To prevent this from becoming a problem at All Saints CES we all need to work together. Please check your child’s head weekly for lice or nits. If you do find lice or nits, contact the office so that we can notify other parents in the class to keep a special watch for any signs of head lice.

Readmission to school is contingent upon lice no longer being present and all the (nits) eggs have been removed. For more information or advice on the identification, treatment and prevention of head lice, please contact the Public Health Nurses at Health Connection, 1-800-361-5653.

## SAFE ARRIVAL ABSENCE REPORTING PROCEDURE

At York Catholic District School Board, one of our greatest priorities is ensuring that all our students arrive safely to school every day. In order for this system to be successful, it is important that we have the correct contact information for you on file. If any of your phone or email contact information has changed, please contact your child’s school office. Parents and/or guardians are required to report their child(ren)’s absence or late arrival in advance, or before bell time for the current day by accessing the Elementary Safe Arrival Program using any of the three methods below:

- *Toll Free SchoolMessenger Phone Number: 1 855 856 7862*
- *The SchoolMessenger Website: [go.schoolmessenger.ca](http://go.schoolmessenger.ca)*
- *The SchoolMessenger App from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store.*

The first time you use the App or Website, select **Sign Up** to create your account. To report an absence, select **Attendance** followed by **Report an Absence**. These options are available **24 hours a day, 7 days a week**. Future absences can be reported at any time. If you have children at a YCDSB Secondary school, you may use the SafeArrival system to report the absence for those children, as well. If our system is unable to reach a designated contact after the required amount of time, office staff will follow up. By reporting your child absent or late in advance/before the bell time, you will not receive these notifications.

Should you have any questions in regards to the **Safe Arrival Program**, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s school office. Thank you for your attention to this important information about the reporting of your child’s attendance for the upcoming school year.



**SAFE ARRIVAL**

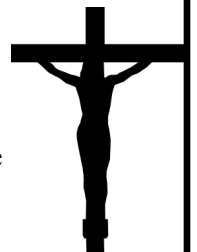
**STUDENT ABSENCE REPORTING**

**Before** the bell time for the current day,  
please call **1-855-856-7862** or visit  
[go.schoolmessenger.ca](http://go.schoolmessenger.ca)

Planned absences may be reported in advance.

## FAITH ACTIVITIES

We are blessed to enjoy the privilege of a Catholic education system in Ontario. At All Saints, we incorporate gospel values into the curriculum and teach religion classes every day. We have a strong parish partnership with our Pastors, Fr. Dominic and Fr. Janil at St. Patrick’s Parish. Information regarding school masses and liturgies will be posted on our AST School Website Calendar. Our **Beginning of School Liturgy** will be held on Monday, September 18th, at 10:45 a.m. in the gymnasium. All are invited to attend.



We look forward to celebrating the Virtues on a monthly basis and recognizing students throughout the school year with a certificate and group photo. The Virtue for September is, quite fittingly, Courage.

## CURRICULUM NIGHT

We hope you will join us for our Curriculum Night Open House on Wednesday, September 20th from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. It will be an opportunity not only to meet your child's teacher in their classrooms, but to hear about your child's program and expectations for the year. We look forward to seeing you.



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Home of the All Stars

# CURRICULUM NIGHT OPEN HOUSE

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th**

**6:30 PM - 7:30 PM**

ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND  
Catholic School Council Elections  
& Meeting to follow in Library.



## TERRY FOX CAMPAIGN

As per our Civvies Day tradition, each month, students are asked to make a loonie or toonie donation to a charitable cause. This month's initiative will be to support the *Terry Fox Foundation*, a foundation our community has now generously supported for 2 decades. To Donate, simply follow the steps outlined below. Alternatively, students can bring in donations on the day of the run. More details will follow. We look forward to continuing *Terry's Legacy* on Tuesday, September 19th. Thank you again for all of your support. Our Civvies Day will be taking place Friday, September 29th.

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**Tuesday, September 19th**



**AST TERRY  
FOX RUN**

TO DONATE & HELP US REACH  
OUR GOAL, PLEASE USE QR  
CODE or GO TO

<https://schools.terryfox.ca/33735>

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## Elementary School Parent and Guardian SchoolMessenger Instructions

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Parents and/or guardians are required to report their child(ren)'s absence or late arrival in advance, or before school start for the current day by accessing the **Elementary SafeArrival Program** using any of the three methods below:

**Toll Free SchoolMessenger Phone Number** 1 855 856 7862

**SchoolMessenger Website** [go.schoolmessenger.ca](https://go.schoolmessenger.ca)

**SchoolMessenger App** Use your mobile device to download the blue **SchoolMessenger App**  from the *Apple App Store* or the *Google Play Store*.

Parents and/or guardians are requested to report absences for students attending in-person face to face and distance/remote learning.

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### How to Sign Up

The first time you use the SchoolMessenger Website or App, select **Sign Up** to create your account.




- You will be asked to enter the email address your child's school has on record for you.
- Create a password using one lowercase letter, one uppercase letter, one number and from 6 to 255 characters.
- Ensure **Canada** is chosen as the location.
- Upon clicking **Sign Up**, you will be sent an activation email to complete your account registration.

**Note:** Your username and password will be the same for both the SchoolMessenger Website and App.

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### Report an Absence on the SchoolMessenger Website or App


To report an absence:

- Select the menu  icon
- Select **Attendance** 
- Report an Absence** 

- These options are available **24 hours a day, 7 days a week**. Future absences can be reported at any time.
- If you have children at a York Catholic secondary school, you also may use the SafeArrival system to report the absence for those children.

*Should you have difficulty accessing the SchoolMessenger Website or App,  
please contact your child's school directly.*

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# All Saints CES Staff 2023-2024

**Administration:** Mr. F. Nardo, Principal  
**Secretary:** Ms. Medeiros, Senior Secretary  
 Ms. Dharmadi, Office Support Worker



<b>JK/SK</b> Ms. Croce Ms. Garde (ECE)	<b>GRADE 1</b> Ms. James	<b>GRADE 1/2</b> Ms. de Souza	<b>GRADE 3</b> Ms. Reitano	<b>GRADE 4</b> Ms. Gisone
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***“It takes a village to raise our children”  
African Proverb***

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

In an effort to support our Eco Goals for the 2023-24 School Year, School News moving forward will continue to be shared via a number of platforms:

- **Website:** [ast.ycdsb.ca](http://ast.ycdsb.ca)
- **AST Calendar:** on Website
- **Twitter Account** @AllSaintsCES
- **Direct Email.** Please monitor your emails regularly.

