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PRAYER FOR 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 2024 – 2025 school year! We hope everyone had a safe, restful, rejuvenating, and enjoyable summer. Our school has always been a place of growth and community, and I am thrilled to see our hallways filled with the energy of our students, parents, and staff once again. As we begin this new academic year, let's continue fostering an environment where curiosity, kindness, and collaboration help every child thrive. Together, we'll make this year one of discovery, friendship, and achievement.

We deeply appreciate the hard work of our teachers, secretaries, support staff, and custodians, who have been preparing our school for a safe return. We look forward to a year of learning experiences that will promote our students' spiritual, academic, and social growth.

This school year will be full of motivating learning experiences, new friendships, and challenges. We encourage you to stay involved in your child's education and feel comfortable contacting the school to share ideas or concerns as we strive to create a safe, caring, and inclusive learning environment, rooted in the teachings of Jesus.

We look forward to serving the All Saints community in educating our students. Thank you for supporting our school as we continue to build on the strong Catholic Learning Partnership within our community. Together, we can make a difference!

Yours in Catholic Education,

BELL TIMES

8:40 AM Superv<mark>isi</mark>on Begins

8:55 AM Classes Beg<mark>in</mark>

10:15 - 10:30 AM First Recess

11:50 - 12:50 AM Lunch Hour

2:10 - 2:25 PM Last Recess

3:25 PM Dismissal

SCHOOL AGENDAS

All students from grades 1-8 must purchase a student agenda. The price for each student is \$10.00. Payment can be made through the School-Day platform (more details to follow). The planners are not just organizers, they contain important and useful information. Furthermore, they are an excellent means of communication between home and school.

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:

- **NO CONTACT RULE**: Children are not to play any games or engage in any activities that involve physical contact.
- NO THROWING RULE: Please remind your children of the dangers of throwing rocks and other objects.
- 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 drop ping 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.



DRIVEWAY SAFETY

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 cooperation in this area is very much appreciated.

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

BUS ZONE

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.

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). I 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 {ren} off at any other point in the loop.
- → Have your child{ren} prepared to exit /enter the vehicle through the passenger side of the vehicle. Please ensure they have all of their belongings are with them and ready to go.



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.



CURRICULUM NIGHT OPEN HOUSE

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.

COUNCIL CORNER

The Annual General Meeting for the Catholic School Council is set for Wednesday, September 18th at 7:30 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 2024-25 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:

Pizza Lunches Uniform Exchanges Pancake Breakfasts

Community BBQs Milk & Cookie Sales



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:

allsaintscescouncil@gmail.com



ANAPHYLAXIS: LIFE-THREATTENING 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. We are 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, 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. 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 or at recess
- 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

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 21st 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.

FAITH FIRST

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 23rd, 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.



2024 AST BOOK FAIR

Get Ready! The Annual AST Scholastic Book Fair is coming our way (YAY!) during the week of September 16th. Choosing their own books empowers kids and inspires them to become Bolder, Prouder, and Stronger Readers. AND—as always—every book they buy earns Rewards for our school. Stay tuned for more information in the days to come.



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.

- Visit https://schools.terryfox.ca/77009
- Click on Donate
- List Family name in comment section

Alternatively, students can bring in donations on the day of the run.

We look forward to continuing Terry's Legacy on Tuesday, September 20th. Thank you again for all of your support. Our Civvies Day will be taking place Thursday, September 26th.

AST LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This past school year, a number of All Saints staff and students, partnered with the YCDSB and our Indigenous Community partners to develop our very own school Land Acknowledgement. This journey helped fosters a deeper understanding of the significance of Indigenous history as well as renew the collective commitment we have to honour Indigenous lands.

Land Acknowledgment All Saints Catholic Elementary School

We gather as the All Saints community to honour and give thanks to First People who have cared for and continue to care for this Land on which we learn, play, and pray.

Anishinabe, Haudenosaunee, and Wendat have shared an understanding of the environment and how to live with all Relations. We look to First People for guidance as we strive to learn and continue to care for these Lands.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION NOTIFICATION

During the 2024/25 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 Con sent. Personal information is collected pursuant to the Education Act and the Municipal Free dom of Information and Protection Privacy Act. We bring to your attention the following areas that you and/or your child's personal in formation may be disclosed without notification to you, such as:

- Catholic School Council Activities and Catholic School Council communications.
- Class lists, emergency phone networks, 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.

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.

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.

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 23rd. 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 & 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.



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 quardians are required to report their childr(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
- 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.

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

Toll Free SchoolMessenger Phone Number 1 855 856 7862

SchoolMessenger Website

go.schoolmessenger.ca

SchoolMessenger App

Use your mobile device to download the blue SchoolMessenger App of 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.

How to Sign Up

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

- a. You will be asked to enter the email address your child's school has on record for you.
- b. 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.
- d. 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.

Report an Absence on the SchoolMessenger Website or App

To report an absence:

- a. Select the menu icon b. Select Attendance Attendance c. 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.

As we begin a new school year,

TIMELY COMMUNICATION

we would like to remind families to report any student absences, especially during the first week of school. We recognize some families may be on extended vacations, transfer schools or move out of Board and ask that you contact the school to inform office staff as soon as possible.

As per Board Policy 228A, if your child's absence is still not verified even after exhausting different steps to connect with the family, York Regional Police will be contacted and may be dispatched to your residence.

We remind families to update the school with all emergency contact information when changes are made. Thank you for your cooperation in reporting student absences.

Should you have difficulty accessing the SchoolMessenger Website or App,

CELL PHONE USE - PPM 128

In alignment with the recently introduced Ministry of Education policy memorandum, the Provincial Code of Conduct has been updated to address the use of cellphones and other personal mobile devices as outlined in PPM 128. These revisions are designed to restrict the use of all personal mobile devices during instructional time in both elementary and secondary classrooms in order to prevent distractions and maximize learning time.

Please be advised that we have an appropriate cell phone use policy at (insert name of school). If your children bring their phone to school, they are not to be used during the instructional day (insert school hours). If you choose to send your child with their phones with them to school, the following rules will apply:

- Cell phones are to be off and invisible. They are not to be taken out or left to ring/vibrate in pockets or in desks.
- If a staff member sees a cell phone out or being used anytime during the school day, the educator will instruct the student to put the device away.
- If the educator sees the student using the device a second time, they will be sent to the office, the Principal will document the incident and give the student a warning and store the cell phone for the remainder of the day for the student to retrieve.
- If this continues, the device will be stored in the office, the parent/guardian will be contacted by the Principal, and the device will remain in the office for the remainder of the day. The device will only be returned to the parent or guardian.
- If this continues to happen, the device will have to be picked up by the parent or guardian each subsequent time and progressive discipline will be applied.

Personal mobile devices can be used during instructional time under the following circumstances:

- 1. For educational purposes as directed by the educator in the classroom;
- 2. For health and medical purposes (students with medical conditions are not required to obtain a physician's note to be eligible for this exception; a note from a parent or guardian is sufficient.);
- 3.To support special educational needs.

If you need to speak to your child during the school day, kindly contact the main office (insert school phone number). Parents/Guardians are encouraged to discuss these expectations with their children at home and to support school staff in upholding this policy.



ALL SAINT'S CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Lunch service begins on Wednesday, September 11th

Kids Kitchen is prepared and ready to assist with the safe and healthy implementation of your school's hot lunch program



SAFETY



ALLERGY AWARE



GRAB & GO



VEGETARIAN, GLUTEN FREE & ALLERGY OPTIONS

SAMPLE MENU

Entrees

Macaroni & Cheese Beef Soft Taco Bean Soft Taco Pancakes with Turkeu Sausage Pasta with Meat Sauce (GF) Pasta with Tomato Sauce (GF) Tuna Salad Sandwich on a Kaiser Chicken Fingers with Rice (GF) Beef Burger (H) Chicken Burger (H) Veggie Burger

Side Items

Chicken Fingers
(2 pcs) (GF)
Baked Potato with
Sour Cream
Garden Salad with
Ranch Dressing
Steamed Veggies
Edamame (shelled)
Cucumber Slices
Veggies & Dip
Perogies (4 pcs)
Garlic Bread
2% or Chocolate Milk
Various Fruit Juices
(100% juice)

Snacks & Desserts

Fresh Apple
Fresh Pear
Fresh Orange Wedges
Diced Fruit
Yogurt Cup
Chocolate Chip Cookie
Kettle Popcorn
Fresh Fruit of the Season
Fudgy Brownie
Banana or Carrot Muffin

(GF) Gluten-friendly also available

(H) Halal also available

Not all options are available in all locations. Please check online to see the options at your school.

DELIVERING GOOD, REAL FOOD TO KIDS AT SCHOOL

Our commitment is to provide nutritious, delicious, "home-cooked" meals with simple ingredients that you'd find in your own kitchen.

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS?

No problem! We're here for you. Speak with us on how we can accommodate your child.

ORDER ONLINE

Visit www.kidskitchen.ca to see your school's menu, specials and for fast, secure, online ordering.



SEE YOUR SCHOOL'S MENU ONLINE

Need Help with your order? 905-944-0210 (M to F 8:30am-2pm) or email us: information@kidskitchen.ca



2024-25 AST STAFF





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