

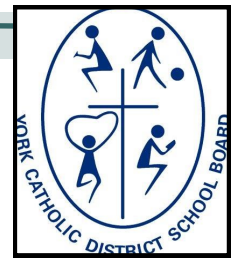


Sir Richard W. Scott Catholic Elementary School

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Catholic Virtue: Courage



September 2022

Welcome Back, Everyone!

I hope that you enjoyed a fun-filled summer vacation and that your children are excited about returning to school! We look forward to meeting all families in person at our upcoming "Welcome Back BBQ" (hosted by our Catholic School Council), which will be combined with our Curriculum Night on Thursday, September 29. The staff is also looking forward to reinstating a variety of extra-curricular activities this school year!

Class Placements

The staff has worked hard to create balanced classes and equitable class sizes. We ask that you please help your child understand that it is impossible to place all students with a preferred best-friend or teacher. Also, please note that due to the small size of our school population, combined grades are inevitable. The staff is dedicated to making school a positive experience for ALL students. However, it may take a few weeks for children to acclimatize to a new grade, peer group or teacher; please encourage your child to be patient and to keep an open mind. (Staff list on next page)

Reminders & Important Dates:

- Hats, sunscreen, sunglasses, refillable water bottles for students
- Change of underwear/clothes (for grades K-3, in case of accidents)
- All visitors to the school must report to the office
- Student supervision begins at 8:45 a.m. daily, outside on the school grounds
- Please keep driveway clear at all times so that buses and emergency vehicles can get through
- If you are dropping off a school lunch, please do so by 11:45 a.m. and leave it on the lunch table
- If your child takes the school bus, please ensure he/she is registered on schoolbuscity.com
- Please check your email regularly for updates from the school and visit the school's website
- **Sept. 7- First Day of School**
- **Sept. 22- First Catholic School Council Meeting in the library @ 6:45 p.m.**
- **Sept. 23- P.A. Day**
- **Sept. 26-30- School Spirit Week (more information to follow)**
- **Sept. 27- Terry Fox Day**
- **Sept. 29- Welcome Back BBQ & Curriculum Night**
- **Sept. 30- Orange Shirt Day (Trust & Reconciliation Day)**
- **PLEASE CALL SAFE ARRIVAL 1-855-856-7862 IF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT**

It is an honour and a privilege to serve as the Principal of Sir Richard W. Scott Catholic School. The staff and I are looking forward to an exciting new year filled with possibilities! If you have any questions, please contact the school. We are always here to help. - Ms. C. Donovan, Principal

School Hours:

9:00 a.m. –School starts
10:20—10:35am recess
11:55 -12:15pm Lunch
12:15—12:35pm recess
2:20—2:35 pm recess
3:30 pm—Dismissal

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Trustee:

Frank S.D. Alexander

Superintendent:

Jennifer Sarna

Pastor:

Fr. Rick Davis

Principal:

Catherine Donovan

Secretary:

Margaret Armstrong

Office Support Worker:

Ava McBlain

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SAFE ARRIVAL HOTLINE

(call before 9:00 am)

1-855-856-7862

or call the school

SCHOOL BUS

INFO:

schoolbuscity.com



Multi-Year Strategic Plan

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

Excellence Equity

Fiscal Responsibility Catholicity Inclusion

Integrity Respect

Strategic Commitments

Integration of Our Catholic Faith Continuous Improvement of Student Achievement

Effective Use of Our Resources Engaging Our Communities

SRWS Catholic School Council (CSC)



First Catholic School Council Meeting:

- September 22 at 6:45 p.m. in the school library
- Going forward, meetings will likely be held virtually

SAVE THE DATE!!

CSC Welcome Back School BBQ & Curriculum Night:

- Thursday, **September 29 from 4:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.**
- Meet the Council and sign up to volunteer at different events this school year!

School Trustee: Franks D.S. Alexander

Parish News: Blessed Frederic Ozanam

We are excited to announce that we will be having a Dinner/Dance Gala on Saturday, October 15, 2022. Please be sure to check out our poster in the eBulletin and join us for this exciting opportunity to reconnect with fellow parishioners and have a fun evening and great food! Below is the link to our eBulletin for the Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time.

[Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 28, 2022](#)

Please contact Josie Addorisio directly, at the church, regarding sacramental preparation for your child (First Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation).

These programs are organized and run by the parish, NOT the school.

Josie Addorisio
Catechetical Coordinator
289-554-0556 Ext. 7
www.blessedoanam.ca



MEET OUR STAFF

2022-2023 School Year

FDK: Mrs. Schirripa & Mrs. Lanteri (ECE)

SK/Gr. 1: Miss Nelson

Gr. 1/2: Mrs. Kung

Gr. 2/3: Mr. Varghese

Gr. 3/4: Mrs. Johnson

Gr. 4/5: Mr. Avarino

Gr. 5/6: Mr. Coghlan

Gr. 6: Mrs. Intraligi

Gr. 7 : Ms. Sequeira

Gr. 7/8: Ms. Davis

Gr. 8: Ms. Watts

FSL: Mme. Bhersafi & Mme. Kolyekova

Core Resource: Mrs. Allan & Mrs. Allinott

ESL: Ms. Bucci

Phys-Ed: Mrs. Ciliz

Library: Ms. So

EAs: Ms. Andrade, Mrs. Onibudo, & Ms. Corsano

Senior Secretary: Mrs. Armstrong

Office Support Worker: Mrs. McBlain

Head Custodian: Ms. Schembri

School Principal: Ms. Donovan

The Village Childcare (Before & After Care)

If you require before and after care for your child, please contact, **Sukanya Sivasuthan**, for more information:

sirrichardscott@thevillagechildcare.ca

The Village Childcare program operates out of the school from: 7:00 a.m.—9:00 a.m. and from 3:30 p.m. —6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The
VILLAGE

SHARING THE FAITH

Each day we strive to incorporate gospel values throughout the curriculum and in all that we do. Our Catholicity and strong gospel values make our schools unique. We work closely with Blessed Frederic Ozanam parish to ensure that students get the best Catholic education possible. The date of our first school mass has not yet been set. Stay tuned!

CURRICULUM NIGHT

Curriculum Night will take place on **Thursday, September 29, following our Welcome Back BBQ.**

SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

We encourage open and regular communication.

Important information and updates will be emailed to you weekly from the school and each month you will receive an email with key dates to be aware of. These dates will also be posted on our school website. Please ensure that you are registered to receive our emails by checking in with our secretary, Mrs. Armstrong. Please use the agenda to contact your child's teacher and/or phone the school to make an appointment. Also, many teachers use the Google Classroom to communicate with students AND parents. Your child's teacher will provide information about the Google Classroom this month. A package of information, including essential school consent forms and medical/allergy forms that must be filled out, will be sent home the first week of school. Please look for the package in your child's backpack and return any forms to the school as soon as possible. Thank you.

SCHOOL DRESS CODE

Solid Colours Only: Black, Navy Blue, White, Red

*No patterns, No logos

Acceptable Bottoms:

- Pants or Capris
- Track pants
- Yoga pants
- Leggings/Stockings (under a skirt or dress)
- Skort, Skirt, long shorts

*All bottoms must fall below the child's fingers when standing upright with arms and fingers fully extended beside legs

Acceptable Tops:

- T-shirt
- Golf/tennis shirt
- Polo shirt
- Turtleneck
- Sweatshirt/Hoodie
- School Spirit Wear
- No midriff/"belly tops", no spaghetti strap tops

**Please contact the school if you have any questions about the School Dress Code.*

COVID-19 UPDATES

Wearing masks at school is optional. The school and child-care screening tool was updated on August 31, 2022. Staff and students should continue to screen before going into school or work every day. Key highlights include:

- If you or your child are in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, self-monitor for symptoms. There is no longer a need to isolate, but you should wear a mask for 10 days when in public (including school and/or childcare)
- If you or your child are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 such as fever, cough, or runny nose, stay home from school/work/social events until the fever is gone and symptoms are improving for 24 hours. Get a rapid antigen test/PCR test. Wear a mask for 10 days after and avoid non-essential visits to high-risk individuals and settings

SAFE SCHOOLS PROTOCOLS

It is the policy of the YCDSB to provide a preventative approach to student behavior management, progressive discipline and school safety. Please report any instances of bullying to your child's teacher or the principal, so that issues can be quickly resolved and restorative practices can be implemented. Students are not permitted to leave the school premises without written permission from parents. Students must always be signed out by a parent/guardian. Only bus students are allowed on the school bus; friends of bus students are not allowed to go on the bus. **Students and staff will be reviewing the school's safety protocols and procedures and engaging in some drills the month of September.**

SAFE ARRIVAL & TRANSPORTATION

Please call the safe arrival line when your child is **absent or late** prior to the bell time for the current day: **1-855-856-7862** . **For school bus information visit: schoolbuscity.com**

SUPERVISION

Morning supervision begins at 8:45 a.m. Please **DO NOT** drop your child off prior to this time. **Student supervision ends at 3:30 p.m.** While we understand that emergencies happen, your child should be consistently picked up from school by 3:30 p.m. **Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Thank you for helping us to keep your child safe.

DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

Please **DO NOT** park in the driveway; this is a fire route and must be kept clear at all times for Emergency vehicles/school buses. Please note that vehicles are **NOT** allowed to drive through the driveway when the buses are present. Please speak to your child's teacher, if you have questions about dismissal routines.

PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Students are expected to keep all personal electronic devices in their backpacks. We do not want students distracted during their instructional periods, nor do we want them using these devices inappropriately. The YCDSB assumes no responsibility for the loss, repair, or replacement of any personal electronic device brought onto school property. **The only exception will apply to grade 5-8 students who have signed “Bring Your Own Device” consent forms for educational purposes set out by the classroom teachers. The grade 5-8 teachers will determine how these devices can be used during class time. Please contact your child’s teacher for more information.**

VISITORS/VOLUNTEERS AT SCHOOL

All visitors to the school must report to the office upon entry to the building. You will be required to sign-in at the office. If you are volunteering at the school, the secretary will give you a visitor’s lanyard to wear while you on the premises. **All volunteers must have criminal checks prior to volunteering at the school (must be updated every 3 years). An annual declaration that you have no criminal offences must also be completed (provided by school).** If you wish to see your child’s teacher, please ensure that you have set up an appointment with him or her in advance. Students must be signed out by a parent/guardian at the office, if they have to leave the school.

LUNCH DROP-OFF

We require that you follow these instructions to keep our students safe and to minimize classroom disruptions, when dropping of lunches:

- Label the lunch bag with your child’s name and teacher’s name
- **Drop the lunch off on the lunch table in the front foyer preferably by 11:45 a.m.**
- The main foyer is to remain clear at all times for safety reasons, so please do not linger
- Please inform your child in the morning that you will be dropping lunch off or let the office know
- Students may come down to pick up their lunches after the bell rings at noon

LUNCH PROGRAM/ALLERGIES:

We are pleased to continue to offer the following paid lunch programs until further notice: pizza. Order forms will be provided in the first month of the school. We hope to offer other lunch programs this school year. While we recognize the significance of birthdays; we ask that edible treats NOT be sent in for sharing due to students who suffer from life-threatening allergies. This also applies to food on special occasions like Halloween. **The classroom teacher will inform you if there is an additional food allergy to be aware of.**

MEDICATION

All students requiring prescription or non-prescription medication to be administered at school, must have their parents/guardians complete a special form and submit it to the office. All medication will be administered in the office and a medication log will be kept for each student requiring medication. **Students who suffer from Anaphylactic allergies are asked to provide the school with 2 Epi-Pens: one will stay on the child at all times (in a fanny pack, preferably) and the second one will be kept in the office in case of emergency.** Students who suffer from Asthma are also asked to provide the school with two puffers. Your child’s safety is our number one priority.

HEAD LICE

Please routinely check your child’s head for live lice and/or nits (eggs). If you find head lice, please inform the office immediately. You are encouraged to use a safe/recognized treatment to kill the lice and remove all the nits from your child’s hair before your child returns to school.

LIBRARY NEWS

All students are encouraged to borrow books from the library. It is the student’s responsibility to take care of the books and to make sure they are in good condition when returned. If books are lost/damaged, you will be required to replace them at a cost to you. Stay tuned for information on our upcoming Book Fair!

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES ARE BACK!

A big THANK YOU to our dedicated staff members for volunteering to organize/assist with the following activities this school year:

- Cross Country
- Track & Field
- Volleyball (Junior/Intermediate)
- Basketball (Junior/Intermediate)
- Soccer (Junior/Intermediate)
- Fitness Club
- Yoga Club
- Rosary Apostolate
- Luke 4:18 Social Justice Club
- Choir
- Student-Led Fundraising Activities

**More information to follow*

