



Sir Richard W. Scott Catholic Elementary School

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Catholic Virtue: Compassion



October 2023

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

Trustee:

Frank S.D. Alexander

Superintendent:

Lou Paonessa

Pastor:

Fr. Rick Davis

Principal:

Catherine Donovan

Secretary:

Margaret Armstrong

Office Support Worker:

Ava McBlain

SAFE ARRIVAL HOTLINE

(call before 9:00 am)

1-855-856-7862

or call the school

SCHOOL BUS

INFO:

schoolbuscity.com

Dear Parents/Guardians:

During this time of Thanksgiving, I would like to express gratitude to our school community for their continued support of our school. Special thanks to our Catholic School Council for organizing another fun-filled Welcome Back BBQ. We hope that everyone got to meet the teachers and do a walk through the school. Should you wish to have some more time with your child's teacher, particularly if your child was impacted by the school restructuring, you are encouraged to set up an appointment.

I would like to also express thanks to the staff. They inspire, encourage, and teach our children to be kind, compassionate, responsible, resilient, and informed individuals, who think critically, and who persevere in the face of challenges. The staff also regularly gives of their time to organize events and extra-curricular activities for the students. The Cross Country Team is looking forward to their Meet at Bruce's Mills this month and Volleyball and Choir will be starting up soon! We hope the students enjoyed our School Spirit Week/Safety Week. We look forward to more events/activities this school year! October is International Walk to School Month! Families are encouraged to walk to school throughout the month, if possible.

Finally, thank you for working with us to continue to cultivate a culture of inclusivity, equity, kindness and compassion; where children feel safe, supported, and valued. On behalf of the staff, I would like to wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving weekend! Please continue to check your email and/or the school website for important updates/information.

Key Dates:

- Oct. 1-31: Halloween Dance-a-Thon School Fundraiser (refer to package sent home)
- Oct. 2-12: Thanksgiving Food Drive & Coat Drive
- Oct. 5: CSC meeting in the library @ 6:45 p.m.
- Oct. 9: Thanksgiving Monday– no school
- Oct. 10: World Mental Health Day
- Oct. 11: Cross Country Meet @ Bruce's Mills (Grades 4-8)
- Oct. 16: Saidat Show: K-8 (Focus: Equity, Inclusion, Social Responsibility & Self-Esteem)
- Oct. 17: Thanksgiving School Mass @ 1:15 p.m. (all families welcome to attend)
- Oct. 18: Picture re-take Day
- Oct.: 20 P.A. Day
- Oct. 23-31: Halloween Theme Days & Activities
- Oct. 26– Gr. 6 trip to S.T.R.E.A.M. Centre
- Oct. 31: Halloween Dance-a-Thon



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:

- October 5, 2023 at 6:45 p.m. in the school library

Parish News: Blessed Frederic Ozanam

The Parish is excited to announce that they will be having a Dinner/Dance Gala on Saturday, October 21. Please check the parish's website for further information. 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. Registration for First Communion will take place on Saturday, November 18 at Brother Andre Catholic High School.**

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



School Visits:

Fr. Davis and the Parish team will begin monthly school visits to all classes!

Thanksgiving Food Drive & Winter Coat Drive:

October 2-12, 2023

Thanksgiving School Mass:

October 17 @ 1:15 p.m. in the school gym

*All families welcome to attend

The Saidat Show!

On October 16, students in JK—Gr. 8 will be treated to the SAIDAT Show! Students will learn the importance of kindness, empathy, and politeness as they participate in engaging activities led by Saidat. Through music and relatable examples, students will learn how important it is to create a caring environment in order to nurture personal growth and form positive habits. Our older students will learn about social responsibility, self-care, and empathy and how actions can have a positive impact on others both locally and globally.

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.

Terry Fox Run Update



Thank you for supporting our Terry Fox Run Event. This year, we are pleased to report that our school community raised over \$2600! We know the funds will be put to good use to find a cure for all types of Cancer.

Thanksgiving Food Drive/ Winter Coat Drive

Our school will once again be partnering with the Markham Food Bank to assist families in need during this season of gratitude for all of God's blessings. We will be participating in a Thanksgiving Fall Food Drive during the week of October 2 – 12. Currently all Food Bank and Food Pantries across York Region are supporting thousands of families per month. Donations of all types of food and/or toiletries items are greatly needed. Your generosity during this time of year will ensure that families will be able to celebrate Thanksgiving as well as Christmas with a sense of hope for better tomorrows. **Donation bins will be set up inside the main entrance of school for easy access.** Thank you for your continued support and generosity. We will also be collecting winter coats that are in good condition (all sizes needed) that can be donated to those in need.