

Dear Families,

Just a reminder that our school, **St. Francis Xavier CES**, will be continuing to participate in the Active School Travel Pilot project in the upcoming school year. This project is a partnership program between York Region District School Board and York Catholic District School Board's Active School Travel Team, City of Markham and York Region. It is a pilot project made possible through financial support from Green Communities Canada and the Government of Ontario.

The purpose of the project is to implement Active School Travel programs and tools to:

- promote walking/cycling/scootering and-sustainable travel to school
- reduce traffic congestion on our school site and in the neighbourhood
- improve students physical and mental health
- increase social development and academic performance and
- reduce air pollution and greenhouse gases

Summer is a great opportunity for families to walk or cycle in their neighbourhood. It helps to become familiar with your neighbourhood, as well as teach your children safe walking/cycling and road skills. **STAY SAFE, STAY WELL, STAY ACTIVE!** Choose to walk and cycle and leave your car at home!

Happy summer from all partners!

