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St. Francis Xavier Newsletter

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The St. Francis Xavier family wishes you a happy and healthy new year and hopes that each of you had some much-needed rest and relaxation with your family over the Christmas holidays. This precious time spent with family and friends reminds us how blessed we truly are.

Please take this time to review how your children feel about their return to school routines and the expectations ahead as teachers begin to think of assessment opportunities leading up to our next step in reporting to parents. This rich resource provides meaningful feedback on your child's progress and offers strategies for improvement as we work in partnership to strengthen these bonds in serving our students.

Pope Francis shared important direction for all of us in his New Year's message, "to continue to believe and trust that the kingdom of God is at hand, in our midst, and that we need to strive to combat evil with good, and with words and deeds of fraternity and respect for one another."

On behalf of the SFX staff, we wish everyone good health and happiness in 2022.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Elena Naccarato

Catholic School Council Meeting

Please join us on January 19, 2022 for our next Catholic School Council Meeting in the library at 7:00 pm.

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



Strategic Commitments



Kindergarten Registration for 2022!

Please let us know of any future kindergarten students that will be starting next year for 2022 – 2023. We ask that you go online at ycdsb.ca - registrations. This is an exciting time for your child and we would like to ensure student numbers for next year!

[Full Day Kindergarten - Understanding Your Child's Reports](#)

These three reports will help parents understand their child's progress during the course of the school year. They are part of Ontario's updated policy on the assessment, evaluation and reporting of children's learning in kindergarten, found in Growing Success – The Kindergarten Program.

This document is also available as a [PDF format](#) (1.22 MB).

Luke 4:18 - Milk Bags for the Needy Collection

The Luke 4:18 Committee would like to thank those who supported the Winter Clothing Drive during the season of Advent. Thank you for all your kind donations which made for a very successful drive and all items were delivered to worthy local community organizations.

The Luke 4:18 Committee is very excited for our new initiative this year. We will continue to help needy families through food drives and drop off items. We also thank the Catholic School Council committee who have helped develop ideas that would best suit our community.

Thank you for your continued support.

INCLEMENT WEATHER ROUTINES DURING A PANDEMIC:

Once again this year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our Inclement Weather procedures will be based on direction from York Region Public Health. Public Health has advised that class cohorts cannot be combined for any reason. During inclement weather days in the past, it was necessary to combine classes due to reduced staffing levels. This practice is not permitted under current Public Health guidance.

As a result, in the event buses are cancelled due to inclement weather:

- **All schools will be closed.** Students cannot come to school.
- Classes will pivot to asynchronous remote learning. This means students will work on tasks previously assigned such as long term projects or spend time reviewing material previously covered. **No new, additional work will be assigned.**

- B&A programs will not run.
- Child Care Centres may remain open at the discretion of the operator.

In our effort to ensure equity and inclusion, students will not be assigned new work given that many students will not have a device to learn remotely.

Communication to Child Care/B&A Operators

- Child Care / B&A operators will be notified by the Manager of Communications and Marketing and will, in turn, notify their parents that the B&A programs are not running.
- Messaging that the B&A programs are not running will be included in all YCDSB communications.

Gr. 2 Reconciliation/Communion and Gr. 7 Confirmation

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church is asking that all students receiving any of the Holy Sacraments to register with the parish. They have prepared virtual workshops for students to attend that will allow them to participate in the receiving of the sacraments this year.

Anti-bullying and Anti-Racism Presentation

When: Tuesday, January 11th.

Duane O. Gibson will be offering an exciting presentation for our students that will engage them in thoughtfulness and reflection of how we can be demonstrate our compassion of all people. His presentations utilize music and dance as well as relevant experiences that help student to understand a community based perspective. We look forward to his virtual presentation and invite all parents to attend.

PA DAY - JANUARY 14

Teachers will be working on report cards for Term 1 on this day. Term 1 Reports will be going home on February 8th. Teachers have accumulated information about your child's progress throughout the term. This information will consist of a variety of data (tests/quizzes/assignments).

The most recent and most reflective data collected of your child's

progress and best efforts will be used to determine grades and comments. This is not necessarily an “average” of your child’s “marks/evaluations”. Interviews are also available through your child’s teachers to discuss any concerns that you may have. Please feel free to visit the Ministry of Education of Ontario website for more information. (edu.gov.on.ca)

Civvies Day – January 28th!

We have continued our efforts to support many various needy initiatives this year and have connected with the Sick Kids Foundation for initiatives that help all of our children.

