



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER C.E.S WEEK AT A GLANCE

January 24 - January 28

Walking In The Footsteps of Christ

Greetings St. Francis Xavier Community,

This week we welcomed back our students. It was wonderful to see everyone playing in the snow that fell this past week. This week ahead, St. Francis Xavier will raise awareness for Mental Health by engaging in a series of Game Shows with St. Catherine of Siena. This Wednesday is [Bell Let's Talk Day](#).

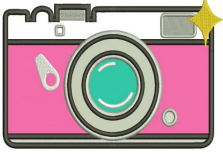
Spirit Game Show Week

As we plan the week ahead, we are excited to announce that Monday, January 24 - Friday to January 28, 2022, is deemed Spirit Game Show Week! St. Francis of Xavier and St. Catherine of Siena school communities are coming together to chase away the winter blues. Staff and students will be challenged in a series of game shows. Our hope is that through collaboration, light hearted fun and friendly challenges we will provide students and staff with the mental health and wellness break that they need. SFX will be showing a lot of school spirit!

Bell Let's Talk Day & Black Heritage and History Month

This year we will mark [Bell Let's Talk Day](#) and kickstart [Black Heritage Month](#) with Mr. Karl Subban. Mr. Karl Subban will address two very important and relevant topics. The first topic will be that of raising awareness for Mental Health and Wellness and the second will celebrate Black Heritage. Mr. Karl Subban is a motivational author, educator, inspirational speaker, storyteller and father of NHL players P.K., Malcolm and Jordan. Mr. Subban is the author of the book, How We Did It: The Subban Plan for Success in Hockey, School, and Life. His message to all children is that their God given talents and potentials need to be nurtured. Children are asked to wear any shade of [blue](#) in honour of [Bell Let's Talk Day and Mental Health and Wellness Awareness](#).

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On Tuesday, January 25, 2022, we will be proceeding with our Grade 8 Graduation Photos. We also have picture retakes scheduled for this day.

Next week:

Monday, January 24, 2022 - Game Show Spirit Week - Build a Snowman - Primary; Ms. Poon and Ms. Giorgio's Classes have Story Time

Tuesday, January 25, 2022 - Game Show Spirit Week - Wheel of Fortune - Junior; Ms. Poon and Ms. Giorgio's Classes have Story Time; Grade 8 Graduation Photos and Picture Retakes

Wednesday, January 26, 2022 - **Bell Let's Talk Day** & **Black Heritage Month** with Karl Subban;
Students are to wear any shade of blue

Thursday, January 27, 2022 - Game Show Spirit Week - Family Feud - Staff Participate; Holocaust Presentation Grade 6 - Grade 8

Friday, January 28, 2022 - Game Show Spirit Week - Name that Tune - Intermediates; Civvies Day

Permanent Changes in Modality

Families wishing to permanently change their child's learning modality from in-person to remote, or remote to in-person, can do so by:

- Calling or emailing the school office with your change request.
- If staff are not able to answer your call, leave a message with your child's name, grade and the permanent change you are requesting - to remote or in-person.
- Families can expect the school to follow up and confirm the request by phone or email.

The final day to make this change in modality is **Wednesday, January 26, 2022**. This change will be in effect until June. Students will move from their current class and will belong to a new class and new school for the permanent remote period.

Extreme Weather Temperature

The temperature threshold for indoor routine is set at -18 degrees Celsius. Although the temperature has been set, it will remain at the Principal's discretion whether indoor routine will take place.

On occasion, an alternative may be to shorten the lunch recess to 20 minutes to give students an opportunity to get a movement break and fresh air. The temperature reading outside, in some instances, does not reflect the feel of it (it can sometimes feel warmer) and thus the Principal's discretion will be exercised in these situations.

Students need coats/jackets, mitts/gloves, a hat, a scarf and boots. Please have your child bring a change of shoes. For more information please refer to Policy 221 Extreme Temperature. Click here – [Extreme Weather Temperature](#).

COVID-19 Self Screening and Rapid Tests

Each student will be provided with 2 rapid antigen test kits. This testing option is voluntary for students. If a symptomatic individual chooses not to participate, they are presumed positive and should isolate immediately and follow updated testing guidance.

On a daily basis before leaving home, parents/guardians are responsible for conducting the COVID-19 School and Child Care Screening Tool with their child. Click this link for the [COVID-19 School and Child Care Screening Tool](#)

If your child has any signs or symptoms of COVID-19 or answers “yes” to any of the questions on the screening tool, do not send them to school. Please follow the health and safety guidelines.

In addition to the screening tool, please continue to sign the [Daily Screening Confirmation Form](#) and return the form to the child’s teacher each day.

Please visit York Region Public Health Website for up to date Screening and Self Isolation Measures: [York Region Public Health Staying Safe At School](#)

Technical Support

Families looking for technical support during remote online learning are encouraged to visit our Call Centre website <http://help.ycdsb.ca/vle>.

Please visit [St. Francis Xavier C.E.S.](#) website for more information or follow us on Twitter [@SFXMARKHAM](#).

Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately, as the expectation is that all students will go outside for recess play

Wishing you all a wonderful rest of the weekend! Stay safe and keep well.

E. Naccarato and H. Di Panfilo
Principal Vice-Principal

