

San Marco C.E.S. School Newsletter

January 2018
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Principal's Message

Trustees:

Mr. D. Giuliani

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Superintendent:

Ms. M. Fedrigoni

Welcome back to school and to a fantastic new year!

Pastor:

Fr. Michael
Corcione

I hope that everyone had an enjoyable, happy, and safe holiday. Although January is notably the coldest month of the year it is also the beginning of a new calendar year, a time for promise and new resolutions. We encourage the students to set goals in order to build on successes and to continue to achieve to their full potential.

Principal:

Ms. R. Gravina

January 1st is the Feast of Mary and January 6th, is the Feast of the Epiphany which marks the event of the Three Wise Men bearing gifts for baby Jesus twelve days after Christmas. We are reminded that Jesus is God's greatest gift to us.

Catholic School Council Chair:

J. Merianos

This month's virtue is Unity with a focus on becoming collaborative contributors by making others feel welcomed and appreciated, by valuing all people as Children of God, and by using words to help others.

Wishing you all the blessings, joy and promise of a new year.

Head Secretary:

Ms. A. Linardi

Yours in Catholic Education,
R. Gravina,
Principal.

Office Support:

Ms. T. Gismondi



Mission Statement

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Core Values



Strategic Commitments

Integration of Our
Catholic Faith

Continuous
Improvement of
Student Achievement

Effective Use of
Our Resources

Engaging Our
Communities



Catholic School Council

Our next council meeting will be on **Wednesday January 31st, 2018 at 6:30pm.** All meeting dates are posted on our school website. *All are welcome!*

Luke 4:18 - Civvies Day for ShareLife

Our next Civvies Day will be held on Friday January 12, 2018. Students are invited to bring in a donation of a loonie or toonie to benefit ShareLife. Please help support our Luke 4:18 initiative. Thank you!



Holy Sacraments

Please continue watch for special notices with specific information regarding preparation for the sacraments at St. Peter's Church. Please remember to register your child at the church for the sacraments.

Please refer to St. Peter's Church Bulletin for special notices regarding Sacraments.

First Reconciliation: Feb. 26, 2018 at School
First Holy Communion: April 21, 2018 at 5pm
Confirmation: May 8, 2018 at 7pm

Confirmation Classes

Confirmation classes for all candidates will be held at **Holy Cross Catholic Academy at 7 pm** on the following Thursday evenings:

January 11, 18, 25
February 1, 8, 15

ANAPHYLAXIS

A Life Threatening Allergy



Anaphylaxis

As we continue to take a proactive approach to make our school a safe environment for our students with life-threatening food allergies, please be reminded that the school is a Nut-Safe environment. It is a good practice to wash your hands thoroughly before and after each meal to avoid cross contamination, particularly after breakfast and before coming to school. We thank you for your continued effort in keeping our school a safe environment for all the students.

Catholic Virtues

This month, we celebrate the **Virtue of UNITY.** This month's virtue is Unity. Students are asked to make everyone feel welcome and appreciated. They should also value all people as Children of God and be sure to use words to help and not harm.



Rosary Club

Our Rosary Club continues to meet weekly. Announcements are made inviting and encouraging all students to our school Chapel to pray the Rosary.

Kindergarten Registration

We are now accepting registration for kindergarten for September, 2018. In order to register children, parents must provide the following original documents/forms for each child:

- Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate (child or parent)
- Proof of age
- Proof of legal status in Canada
- Proof of residency
- Proof of Separate School support (i.e. MPAC Assessment Notice)

Medication

If your child requires medication (prescribed by a physician), please notify the school and complete the necessary S16A form (available at the office). All medication must be sent to the office for safekeeping. Please note that medication cannot be administered by Administration without completing the necessary forms.

Reporting Student Absences/Safe Arrival

We will continue the Safe Arrival Program which allows parents to report student absences for the current day prior to bell time which is 8:50 a.m., as well as future absences via the internet or telephone. **The Safe Arrival Phone Number is 1-855-856-7862 and the Safe Arrival Parent Portal website is: Yorkcdsb.schoolconnects.com**

Please be aware that if you do not report your child's absence you will receive automated phone calls and emails requesting your confirmation that you are aware of your child's absence and to provide an explanation for the absence.

Play Doh Club!



Coming Soon! The Club encourages students to build positive relationships with each other, foster collaboration and creativity, and encourage students to play respectfully and fairly. More information and permission forms will be sent home with students soon.

Junior Girls and Junior Boys Volleyball Teams



This month we will continue to hold practices for our Junior Girls and Junior Boys Volleyball teams. The Junior Boys Volleyball tournament on Monday, January 29th at St. Angela Merici CES. The Junior Girls Volleyball tournament will be held on Tuesday, January 30th at St. Clement CES. We wish our boys and girls luck as they compete in their tournaments and thank our coaches for their hard work and dedication.

GO LIONS GO!!

Intermediate and Junior Chess Club at San Marco!

We are pleased to offer a NEW Intermediate and Junior San Marco Chess Club for our Grades 4 to 8 students at San Marco beginning in January, 2018. Students will have an opportunity to learn the game of Chess and practice playing with each other. Chess boards have been ordered for our students. The Club will encourage students to engage in respectful and fair play and to build positive peer relationships. The club will meet on Wednesdays at lunch recess.



SMO Art Club is back!

Once again, we will offer an Art Club this winter. Students will have an opportunity to explore and create with a variety of different mediums. Stay tuned for more information in the new year!



HOT LUNCH- Tues/Wed/Thurs

Our Hot Lunch Program continues every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

A reminder that the last day of Term 1 Hot Lunch program is Thursday, February 1, 2018. The new term 2 Hot Lunch Program begins Wednesday, February 7, 2018. Forms will be sent home at the beginning of January. Please return all forms and payment by the due date as late forms cannot be accepted.

Many thanks to our dedicated Catholic School Council and parent volunteers, without whom, this program would not be possible. **THANK YOU!**

Hot Lunch and SNOW DAYS

If the school remains open on snow days, our providers will continue to deliver hot lunch when the buses are cancelled. However, In the event of a school closure we will re-schedule the lunch at a future date. Any changes to hot lunch programs will be communicated through Twitter @SanMarcoCES and on our school website at smo.ycdsb.ca. Please check Twitter and our school webpage on snow days for up to date information on our hot lunch programs.

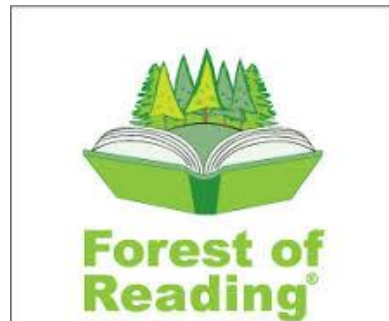


San Marco Library
January News

Welcome back and a Happy 2018. This New Year brings many wonderful adventures to our library. **Cuddle Up & Read** will be starting up soon and we will continue using our **Sphero Robots**. Also, our yearly **Forest of Reading contest** will be starting this month with many exciting titles to vote on. Looking forward to a great start to the New Year!

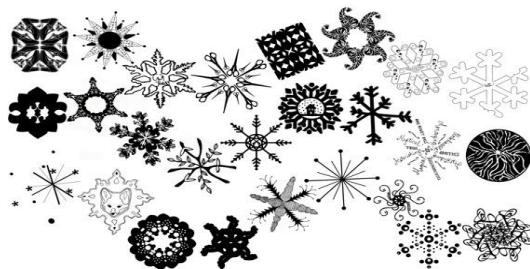
Happy Reading!
Ms. Boragina

Read. Learn. Grow. Inspire!



Weather Conditions

Students are asked to dress appropriately for the weather conditions of the day. This includes wearing snow pants, gloves, hats, boots, and scarves. They are also asked to change into their indoor shoes before entering the classroom. Please note, that in accordance with the YCDSB Policy 221 and in collaboration with the San Marco Catholic School Council, this year, our Catholic School Council voted that in extreme weather temperatures of -15°C or colder, students will be directed to remain indoors for recesses. Please note that other winter factors such as high winds, icy conditions on the pavement and/or field, or wet snow will be taken into consideration. **It is also very important to please send extra socks and a change of clothes for wet weather.**



Recess Rules

We encourage all students to experience their recess outdoor breaks in an enjoyable and safe manner.

However, we would like to remind all students not to bring any hard playing balls in order to ensure the safety of all students.

Also we would like to remind all students to follow these very important rules in the school yard:

THE BIG 6



Drop Off Zone

Drivers are reminded to continue to be cautious of students who are crossing the sidewalk on either side of the loop and to obey the stop sign which is located at the end of the loop.

Please do not pass vehicles that are unloading students. **Treat it like a "drive thru".** Please move your vehicle as close as you can to the stop sign, rather than stopping in front of the doors when unloading your child even if there are no cars in front of you. Also please do not enter/exit the parking lot at the end of the day. Thank you all for your cooperation.

PA DAYS - Friday, Jan. 19, 2018 and Friday, Feb. 2, 2018

A reminder that Friday, January 19th, 2018, and Friday, February 2, 2018, will be P.A. Days. There will be no classes for students.

THE BIG 6

1. Show respect to every student and every adult.
2. Use words that compliment, help, and support people.
3. Settle differences peacefully, together.
4. Take care of the school, your belongings, and the belongings of others.
5. Always be where you are supposed to be.
6. Always try to perform better than you did yesterday.



San Marco CES – JANUARY 2018

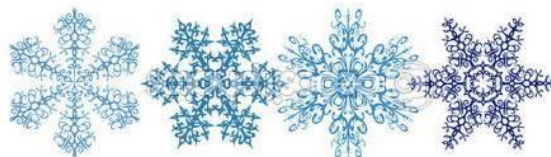


Important Information



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	8 School Resumes Kindergarten Registration for 2018/19 begins	9 **TERM 2 HOT LUNCH FORMS WILL GO OUT THIS WEEK**	10	11 Confirmation Class at Holy Cross at 7pm	12 CIVVIES DAY FOR SHARELIFE - Please donate a loonie or toonie	13
14	15	16 Crime Stoppers Intermediate Presentation: Cyberbullying	17 DUE: LAST DAY TO HAND IN ALL HOT LUNCH FORMS	18 Confirmation Class at Holy Cross at 7pm Dental Screening forms will be sent home	19 PA DAY - No School	20
21	22	23	24	25 Confirmation Class at Holy Cross at 7pm Gr.8 Course Selection Evening at Holy Cross at 7pm	26	27
28	29 Special Education Info evening at Holy Cross at 7pm Jr BVB at St. Angela Merici CES	30 Jr GVB at St. Clement CES	31 Catholic School Council Meeting at 6:30 pm in the School Library	Feb. 1 CIVVIES DAY FOR SHARELIFE - Please donate a loonie or toonie Confirmation Class at Holy Cross at 7pm	Feb. 2 PA Day - No School	Feb. 3

Happy New Year! All the best in 2018.



HOT LUNCH PROGRAM - CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!!

Our Hot Lunch Program is in need of volunteers! Our Hot Lunch and Snack Program runs every Wednesday & Thursday during the school lunch hour. If you have some spare time to assist us in providing our children with hot, nutritious lunches on either Wednesdays or Thursdays, please contact the school office at 905-850-2230 and speak to Mrs. Linardi, our head secretary. Please consider volunteering and helping to maintain our school Hot Lunch Program. It is only through the help of all our dedicated volunteers and our San Marco Catholic School Council that we can continue to provide our children with these kinds of programs. Thank you in advance for considering this valuable opportunity to be the hands that make a positive difference!





Kindergarten Registration

**Registration for the
2018-2019 school year begins
January 8, 2018**

To register, please bring the following original documents:

- Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate (child or parent)
- Proof of age
- Proof of legal status in Canada
- Proof of residency
- Proof of Separate School Support (i.e. MPAC Assessment Notice), or you can complete a school support form that is included in the registration package.

JK: Children must be 4 years old by Dec. 31, 2018 (born in 2014)

SK: Children must be 5 years old by Dec. 31, 2018 (born in 2013)

if your child is already attending a YCDSB school for JK registration is not required.

For information, contact the Admissions Department:



www.ycdsb.ca/admissions



@ycdsb



905-713-2711 or 416-221-5050



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REMINDER: San Marco School Dress Code



As you know, San Marco is a Dress Code School. We appreciate your support in encouraging ALL our children to be in full dress code while at school. The SDC is a code and not a uniform. It is a choice of designated colours and styles that can be purchased at any cost. Please note, the SDC does not apply to footwear, outerwear and gym apparel.

The components of San Marco's SDC are as follows:

Bottoms: Dark bottoms to include black or navy blue only, solid colours only, any brand logo to be smaller than a dollar coin ("Loonie"). Includes: pants, athletic pants (Adidas white stripes acceptable), yoga pants, cargo pants, walking shorts, capri pants, skorts (skirts with shorts sewn inside).
No jeans or denim of any kind.

Tops: to include white, navy, grey, maroon. Solid colours only. Any brand logo to be smaller than a dollar coin ("Loonie"). Includes: shirts, blouses, t-shirts, long sleeve t-shirts, golf shirts, turtle necks, sweaters, sweater vests, cardigans, pullovers, sweatshirt and hoodies.

Dresses: to include white, navy, grey, maroon. Solid colours only. Any brand logo to be smaller than a dollar coin ("Loonie"). Includes polo dress, uniform jumpers.

Spirit Wear: In addition to the items listed above, Spirit Wear with "San Marco Lions" will be part of the SDC as an option.

Many thanks to all our parents/guardians for your continued cooperation in respecting our School Dress Code.



