

San Marco C.E.S. School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We welcome Spring and all of God's gifts!

Easter brings a sense of renewal to all things in nature and in ourselves as we seek to learn more about our strengths and talents and how to use these to benefit others as well as ourselves. God has given us signs around us of new life, colour, and vitality to remind us to be hopeful and to look forward to new experiences and challenges.

*God of new life, during the season of spring
We celebrate the Risen Lord, Your son Jesus,
And recognize the beauty of the earth, Your creation,
May we always offer You our prayers of
Thanksgiving for the season of Spring.
Amen*

Let us rejoice in the wondrous works of the Lord!

Ms. R. Gravina,
Principal



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

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, April 25th, 2018 at 6:30pm.** All meeting dates are posted on our school website. *All are welcome!*

Holy Sacraments: Dates

Please continue watch for special notices with specific information regarding preparation for the sacraments at St. Peter's Church.



First Holy Communion: April 21, 2018 at 5pm
Communion Rehearsal: April 20, 2018 at 7:45 pm at St. Peter's Church
Confirmation: May 8, 2018 at 7pm
Confirmation Rehearsal: May 7, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall



Civvies Day

Our next Civvies Day will be held on Friday, **April 6, 2018** and **May 4, 2018**. We will also have an extra Civvies day to be held during Catholic Education Week on Friday, **May 11, 2018** and we would like to have a collection to support St. Peter's Church mission in the Dominican Republic. Students are invited to bring a loonie or a toonie.

Feast of San Marco School Mass

April 25, 2018 is the Feast of San Marco. We will be holding a special school mass to celebrate the Feast of San Marco in our school gymnasium at 9:15 (or at St. Peter's Church at 9:30, weather permitting). Please join us.

Rosary Club

Our Rosary Club continues to meet weekly in our Chapel. Announcements are made inviting and encouraging all students to participate.



Catholic Virtues

April Virtue: Reverence

The Virtue of the Month for April is *Reverence*:

- I will honor and respect God's gift of life
- I will appreciate the awe and wonder of God's creation
- I will celebrate the joy of Christ's resurrection

Stations of the Cross Presentation

Last month we had a beautiful presentation of the Stations of the Cross on Holy Thursday and we thank our staff and intermediate students for all their creative preparations.



Catholic Education Week: May 6 - May 11, 2018

Please mark your calendars for Catholic Education Week which begins on May 6, 2018. The theme for this year is **"Renewing the Promise"**. San Marco Catholic School will be organizing and hosting numerous events including a Family Learning Night called **MAD Science Night on May 10th**, our Volunteer Appreciation Gathering, a special Primary Division Mother's Day Tea, a presentation for students entitled, **"TAP: Teaching Awareness Through Puppetry"** which focuses on friendship and acceptance, and as well, our Grade 7 students will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation during Catholic Education Week. More information will be coming home shortly on all our CEW school events!

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.

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, before coming to school.

We would like to remind parents that in keeping with our School Allergy Awareness Plan, loot bags containing treats or, any food items for sharing/distribution are NOT allowed in the school. You are most welcome to bring in non-food items (e.g. class book, pencils, erasers) to celebrate a special occasion such as a birthday. We thank you for your continued effort in keeping our school a safe environment for all our students.

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 required forms.

San Marco EXTRAS . . . Intermediate Girls and Intermediate Boys Indoor Soccer Teams



This month our Intermediate Girls and Boys Soccer teams continue to practise. The students practise weekly in preparation for their spring tournaments. The Girls tournament will be held Monday, April 23rd. The Boys tournament will be on Wednesday, April 25th. **GO LIONS GO!!**

Junior Girls and Boys Basketball

This month we will also be having tryouts for our Junior Girls & Boys Basketball teams. Forms and letters have been sent home with information. The Boys tournament will be held on April 25 at St. Peter's CES and the Girls tournament will be on April 26 at San Marco CES.



SMO Junior Art Club

The Junior ART Club will be starting soon. Students will soon be busy creating a variety of art pieces using different mediums. More information and permission forms will be sent home shortly.



San Marco's Highlights . . .

Tile Art Workshops: Crosses

In the month of April, as our Grade 2 students prepare to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion and our Grade 7 students prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, they will participate in workshops held at the school and led by a local artist. Students will work with colourful glass tiles to create a unique piece of religious art which will be a wonderful keepsake to commemorate their First Holy Communion and Confirmation. **The Gr. 2 workshop** will take place at the school on Monday, April 9th. **The 2-part Gr. 7 workshop** will take place on April 9th and April 11th.

Grade 7 Confirmation Retreat

Confirmation Retreat

In April, our Confirmation candidates will participate in a Confirmation Retreat Day to prepare for their Sacrament. Students will reflect on the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit as they prepare to receive Confirmation. **Confirmation Gowns** will be ordered by the school and teachers will take all measurements for the gowns. *We would like to thank Catholic School Council for once again, covering the cost of the gowns for each of our Grade 7 Confirmandi.*

Gr. 8 Graduation: Save the Dates!

Ceremony & Dinner:

Monday, June 25, 2018

at 5:30 pm

Da Vinci Banquet Hall



Graduation Mass:

Monday, June 18, 2018

at 9:00 am

Financial Literacy Workshop for Intermediate Students

On **April 16th, 2018** our Gr.7 and 8 students will participate in an interactive financial literacy workshop offered by Dinarii Financial Education Academy. This program will act as an enrichment to the math and career pathways curriculum. The two-part program will consist of a **60-minute financial literacy presentation** that focuses on the difference between *needs and wants, smart spending and saving and the importance of education and a good job*. The whole group presentation will then be followed by a **45 minute financial literacy workshops** for each individual class. The in class workshop will further discuss the aspects of *debt and credit cards* in an effort to help students gain a better understanding of the financial world around them and help them to develop skills and knowledge to manage their personal financial well-being.

Eco Team - EARTH WEEK



The San Marco Eco-Team is gearing up for **Earth Week 2018**. We will be celebrating Earth Week from Monday, April 16th to Friday, April 20th. We will be holding many activities throughout the week to educate the San Marco community about important environmental issues our community faces including litterless lunches, a poster contest, Lights OUT Afternoons, and Eco daily BINGO. We are excited to celebrate with the students, staff and school community. Stay tuned for more details!

SAN MARCO YEARBOOK and YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST

Yearbook order forms will be sent home shortly. All yearbook orders are due by **May 31, 2018**. It's also that time of year again where we are looking for your best artwork for our yearbook cover. The winning entry will be featured as our San Marco yearbook cover. Interested students are asked to please submit their entry to the office by **May 24, 2018**. Good luck to all our students.



HOT LUNCH- Wed/Thurs

Our Hot Lunch Program continues every Wednesday and Thursday. Many thanks to our dedicated Catholic School Council and parent volunteers, without whom, this program would not be possible.

**TERM 3 HOT LUNCH FORMS ARE DUE
NO LATER THAN MONDAY APRIL 9TH.
LATE ORDERS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED**



THANK YOU!

SAN MARCO C.S. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (SPEECHES)



On **Friday, April 20th, 2018 at 9:15 a.m.** we will hold our school level Oral Communications Competition for grades 4 to 8 students. The school level competition will be held in our gymnasium. There are two divisions of competitions: Junior Division (Grades 4 to 6 students) who will present their speeches first and Intermediate Division (Grades 7 and 8 students) who will present second. Two students selected from their class will present their speech at our school competition. Parents/Guardians are welcome to attend the competition. Good luck to all our students!



MakerSpace Day coming soon to San Marco . . .

Spring resources are in full bloom in our library. We have many beautiful storybooks about Spring that are sure to captivate our students. Our Forest of Reading challenge continues and the Primary students will listen to the last five remaining books this month. Voting will begin the first week of May and the winner will also be announced at that time. **MakerSpace Day** will be held on April 19 in our library. It promises to be a fun-filled exciting day with many technological adventures to explore. Finally, our Cuddle Up & Read club has ended for another school year. It was another grand success. Thank you to all the students who participated. Looking forward to a magical Spring in our library!

Happy Reading!
Ms. C. Boragina



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Weather Conditions

Students are asked to dress appropriately for the weather conditions of the day. This includes wearing rain gear, gloves, hats, and boots. 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, on November 9th, 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:

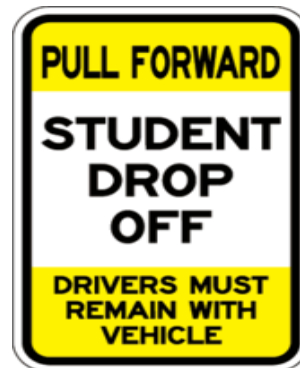
THE BIG 6



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.



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 – April 2018



School News

Important Information

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	2	3	4	5	6 Civvies Day - DONATE a loonie/toonie for Sharelife	7
8	9 TERM 3 HOT LUNCH FORMS DUE TODAY Tile Workshops Gr. 7 (am) & Gr. 2 (pm)	10	11 Tile Workshop for Gr. 7	12	13	14
15	16 Financial Literacy Workshops for Gr. 7 & 8	17 Confirmation Retreat Grade 7	18	19 MAKER SPACE DAY!!	20 Speeches: School Competition at 9:15 (gym) Rehearsal for First Communion at the Church - 7:45 pm	21 First Holy Communion @ 5 pm -St. Peter's Church Earth Day
22	23 Interm. Girls Indoor Soccer Tournament	24	25 Interm. Boys Indoor Soccer Tournament Feast of San Marco at 9:30am -Catholic School Council-6:30pm SMO library -Junior Boys BB tournament	26 Junior Girls BB Tournament LAST DAY OF TERM 2 HOT LUNCH PROGRAM RSVP for MAD Science Family Night due today	27	28
29	30					

MARK YOUR CALENDARS SAN MARCO . . .

You're invited to San Marco's Family Learning Night:

MAD Science Night

Who: EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!

Where: San Marco Catholic School

When: **Thursday, May 10, 2018 from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.**

SCROLL DOWN FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THIS EVENT . . .

MARK YOUR CALENDARS SAN MARCO . . .

MAD SCIENCE FAMILY NIGHT: Thursday, May 10, 2018



We are super excited about our upcoming Mad Science Family Night! The event will take place on Thursday, May 10th, 2018. The evening will be full of fun scientific explorations and learning. As well, some of our learning projects that students have created this year will be on display. School doors will open at 6:00. We will have a FREE Family Science Night Photo Booth so that students and their families can take a special keepsake photo home with them. We will also be selling \$2.00 snacks all evening including popcorn, cotton candy and snow cones.

The evening will be organized as follows:

MAD Science Special Event Show – UP, UP AND AWAY!
6:30 – 7:15 pm

This is a spectacular science-themed show designed to amaze and entertain our students and their families! This spellbinding show introduces children to the principles of air pressure and illustrates how it affects the world around them. The Mad Scientist will make a hot air balloon out of a dry cleaning bag, create giant smoke rings, a Dinosaur Sneeze and demonstrate how pressure can be used to create special effects in the movies. Our grand finale will thrill everyone as an audience member experiences the wondrous and floating powers of a Mad Science Hovercraft!

MAD Science Fun Stations
7:30 – 8:30 pm

We will have Science Fun Stations set up around the gym for our students and guests to explore including:

Slime” where children will learn the basics of polymer construction and molecular bonding while making their own ooey, gooey Mad Science Slime to take home. Watch as your children concoct a mixture that will transform from a runny liquid to slippery slime before their very eyes.

Mad Science Putty: our San Marco scientists will create a chemical reaction by mixing three liquid ingredients and finishing with stretchy Mad Science Putty to take home while learning some of the basics of polymers and molecular bonding.

Dry Ice: Your family will explore the three states of matter and learn about the exciting change known as sublimation. Our Mad Scientists will concoct bubbling potions, colour changing

mixtures, and grandiose fog effects with Dry Ice. Each participant will make 'Mad Science snow' to bring home with them.

Superballs: Toys are science too! Students will explore the science of motion and hear how some of their favourite toys work. At this booth students can make their very own bouncy ball to bring home with them!

UV Beads: Although we are often aware of the dangers of UV light, we may not know how little UV light can cause skin damage. Students can make their own UV detector key chain at this booth, and will learn when they must protect their skin.

Feel the Pressure: Students will *feel the pressure* as they mash marshmallows, rescue a diver, and participate in our pressure mat challenge. Our crazy Mad Scientist will demonstrate Bernoulli's principle and students will experience it first hand as they make their own Mist Maker to take home.

We hope to see you there! Please take a moment to fill out the RSVP form and return to your child's homeroom teacher **no later than Thursday, April 26, 2018.**

Sincerely,

R. Gravina
Principal



MAD SCIENCE FAMILY NIGHT: Thursday, May 10, 2018
Please return on or before Thursday, April 26, 2018

Family Name: _____

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We will be in attendance at San Marco's MAD Science Family Night on Thursday, May 10, 2018.

Total number of people in attendance: _____

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We will **NOT** be in attendance at San Marco's MAD Science Family Night on Thursday, May 10, 2018.

