

# San Marco C.E.S. School Newsletter

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## Principal's Message

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The month of May brings with it many exciting events at San Marco Catholic School including **Catholic Education Week** beginning May 6<sup>th</sup>. It promises to be a very busy month once again at SMO with events such as our much anticipated **MAD Science Night** on May 10<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:00 pm with an exciting interactive Science Show, and our TAP (Teaching Awareness Through Puppetry) presentations for our JK to Grade 3 students on May 9<sup>th</sup>. We also have a special Knights of Columbus Living Rosary Celebration on May 11<sup>th</sup>, our Confirmation Mass for our Grade 7 Confirmandi on May 8<sup>th</sup>, our beautiful Mother's Day Tea in our grades 1 to 3 classrooms on May 11<sup>th</sup> and many more wonderful and memorable learning experiences for our students. It is also the month of Mary and the month that we celebrate Mothers and all significant women in our lives!

Let us once again 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, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:30pm**. All meeting dates are posted on our school website. *All are welcome!*

## Holy Sacraments: Dates



Please continue to watch for special Church notices with specific information regarding preparation for the sacraments.

**Confirmation: Rehearsal is on May 7 at 7pm at the Church for students and sponsors. Confirmation will be held on May 8, 2018 at 7pm**

## Civvies Days

Our next Civvies Day will be during Catholic Education Week on **Friday, May 4 and 11, 2018** and we would like to have **COLLECTION** to support St. Peter's Church mission in the Dominican Republic. Students are invited to bring a loonie or a toonie. Thank you for your support!



## Knights of Columbus Rosary - May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018

On May 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 am, we will have a special Knights of Columbus Living Rosary Celebration in our school gymnasium. As always, all are welcome. We hope you can join us for this beautiful celebration.

## Catholic Virtues

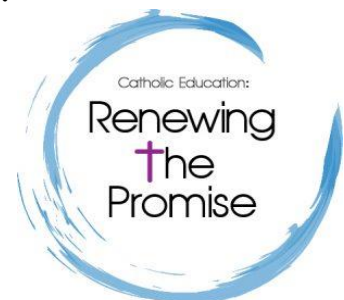
### May Virtue: Responsibility

In May, we celebrate the virtue of responsibility. Many students will either be confirmed this spring or have received their First Communion. One dimension of these sacraments is their acceptance of their Christian responsibility of Baptism. It means that they will not only think and talk about ways of goodness but they will also look for ways of putting this goodness into action. To live this virtue is to be dependable and reliable and it means honoring commitments even when difficult.

## Catholic Education Week: May 6 - May 11, 2018

Please mark your calendars for Catholic Education Week which begins on May 6<sup>th</sup>. The theme for this year is **"Renewing the Promise"**.

San Marco Catholic School will be organizing and hosting numerous events during the week including our **MAD SCIENCE NIGHT**, on Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, our Volunteer Appreciation Gathering, several presentations for students including, **"TAP: Teaching Awareness Through Puppetry"** which focuses on friendship and acceptance, our Mother's Day Tea, and much more. Please scroll down for more information 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](http://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.

## Classroom organization:2018-2019

The process for formation of classes for September 2018 will soon begin. The first step in this process is to determine class organization consistent with Board, Ministry and contract guidelines. Our goal is to create balanced classes to provide effective working groups which will benefit all children in each class as much as possible. In forming classes, teachers, special education staff, along with the Principal will carefully consider the following criteria:

- learning styles*
- academic abilities*
- social groupings*
- special education needs*
- English as a Second Language*
- behavioural needs*
- balance of male/female*
- general dynamics within the class*
- student experience in combined classes*
- balance of maturity levels*

You can surely appreciate that creating the best and most functional class groupings possible is a task which requires much thought and careful planning and should be left to the discretion of the school staff. Accepting parental requests for specific teachers would not be in the best interest of all children in the school as it could restrict school staff in forming what we consider to be the most ideal classroom groupings. Teachers who have been working with the students all year in their classrooms know them well and will make determinations of placement in their best interests.

Should you wish to share additional information relative to the considerations lists above, please **write a letter to the Principal's attention by no later than May 22, 2018. Verbal information cannot be accepted.** Specific teacher requests are not to be included in the letter. Please remember that the final decision for student placement and school organizations remains the responsibility of the Principal.

***Thank you for your continued support.***

## San Marco Highlights . . .

### Welcome to Kindergarten and First Impressions

On Wednesday, June 6, 2018 new Kindergarten students and their parents have been invited to attend the "Welcome to Kindergarten" and orientation at the school. There are two sessions scheduled. Please refer to the note you received for the time you are scheduled to attend.  
**Welcome to San Marco Catholic School!**

### Gr. 8 Graduation: Save the Dates!

*Ceremony & Dinner:*

*Monday, June 25, 2018*

*at 5:30 pm*

*Da Vinci Banquet Hall*



*Graduation Mass:*

*Monday, June 19, 2018*

*at 9:15 am*



### Are You Moving?

Please notify the school in writing if your child is not returning to San Marco Catholic School in September, 2018. Please include the name of the school that your child will be attending. This will assist us with staffing in a timely manner.

### Lost and Found

Parents, please remind your child(ren) to check the lost and found for any lost items. Parents may check for items either before or after the school bell times of 8:35 a.m. and 3:40 p.m. Any items that have not been retrieved by Friday, June 22, 2018 will be donated to a charitable organization.

### EQAO - OQRE



Between May 22 and June 1, 2018 grade 3 and 6 students will be taking part in the provincial Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics, Primary/Junior Division, created by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO).

Explanatory letters have already been sent home with all grades 3 and 6 students. This assessment is administered to all Grade 3 and Grade 6 students in Ontario's publicly funded school system. Please visit the EQAO website for parent and student resources at [www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com).

Please ensure that your child attends school during this time and that all students attend school on time to minimize disruptions. More information has been sent home to all grade 3 and 6 parents. Thank you for your continued support.



## HOT LUNCH- Wed/Thurs

Our Hot Lunch Program and Snack Program continue every Wednesday and Thursday.



**THANK YOU!**

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

**LAST DAY OF HOT LUNCH IS  
THURSDAY JUNE 21, 2018**

**Reminder:** Pizza Day will be moved to Friday, June 15 (no pizza on Thurs. June 14) due to Track & Field

## Upcoming PA Days & Holidays

Please note that May 21 is Victoria Day and the school will be closed.

June 4<sup>th</sup> is a PA Day. There will be no scheduled classes for students.

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## May News

May is in full bloom and so are our **Catholic Education Week** resources. These are on display in our library to commemorate this wonderful week in Catholic Education. Our **Maker Space Day** was an overwhelming success and the students really enjoyed participating in the various technology-based activities. Vaughan Public Libraries holds many wonderful presentations and workshops for students. Please refer to the information that was sent home. Congratulations to our Oral Communication winners, Keira P. and Alexandra S. They represented us at our Area competition this past week and did extremely well! We are most proud of them! As always I thank you all for encouraging your children to return their books on time. Enjoy the beautiful weather with a wonderful book.

**Happy Reading! Read! Learn! Grow! Inspire!**  
C. Boragina

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## SAN MARCO YEARBOOK ORDERS AND COVER CONTEST

It's 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.** Also, order forms for San Marco's Year Book were sent home this month. Please return Year Book orders on or before **May 31, 2018.**

## Weather Conditions & Sun Protection

Students are asked to dress appropriately for the weather conditions of the day. This includes wearing rain gear, sun hats, and rain boots. They are also asked to change into their indoor shoes before entering the classroom. **It is also very important to please send extra socks and a change of clothes for wet weather.**

Sunny days and wet weather are ahead. Students may spend up to 2 hours outside in a school day. Please ensure that your child puts some SPF on in the morning before leaving for school. Since SPF is only effective if it is put on 20 minutes before exposure to sun, it is important that they put it on before coming to school.



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## 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.



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## 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.



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## Important Information

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Area Oral Communications @ St. Michael the Archangel	3	4 Civvies Day for Dominican Republic	5
6	7 Confirmation Rehearsal for Confirmandi AND their Sponsors at 7pm at St. Peter's Church Volunteer Appreciation @ 2:20 <b>Catholic Education Week</b>	8 <b>CONFIRMATION at 7pm at St. Peter's Church</b>	9 TAP Puppetry shows JK-Gr.3	10 <b>MAD Science Night</b> 6:00-8:30 pm Gr. 7 Immunizations	11 Knights of Columbus Rosary at 10:45am Civvies Day for Dominican Republic	12
					<i>Mother's Day Tea Gr. 1-3 at 2:30</i>	
13	14	15 Core Resource visit to Holy Cross	16	17	18	19
20	21 Victoria Day - NO SCHOOL	22 EQAO Gr. 2 Spelling Bee at St. Peter's Church	23 EQAO	24 EQAO Year Book Contest Cover Entries due today	25 EQAO "Dress Loud" Civvies Day for Hearing Awareness	26
27	28 EQAO	29 EQAO	30 EQAO	31 EQAO Year Book Orders are due today	<b>JUNE 1</b>  Civvies Day  <b>NOTE: June 4<sup>th</sup> is a PA Day</b>	

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS SAN MARCO . . .

You're invited to San Marco's **MAD SCIENCE Night**:

Who: EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!

Where: San Marco Catholic School

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

*We hope to see you all there! Please scroll down for all our*  
**Catholic Education Week Activities**

<b>Catholic Education Week School Events</b> <b>May 7 – 11, 2018: "Renewing the Promise"</b> <b>SCHOOL NAME: SAN MARCO CATHOLIC SCHOOL</b>	
<b>Monday, May 7</b>	<b>School Community Volunteer Appreciation Gathering:</b> San Marco Library at 2:20 pm  Student-Led daily Education Week prayers and announcements
<b>Tuesday, May 8</b>	<b>Grade 7 Confirmation:</b> St. Peter's Catholic Church at 7:00 pm  <b>Staff Learning Day</b> with Chris Reda, ICT Coordinator: Exploring Google Drawings  Student-Led daily Education Week prayers and announcements
<b>Wednesday, May 9</b>	<b>TAP Student Workshops: Teaching Awareness Through Puppetry</b> Student workshops and presentations  <b>First Workshop:</b> 10:00am - 10:30am (kindergarten) <b>Second Workshop:</b> 10:50-11:50am (grade 1-3)  Student-Led daily Education Week prayers and announcements
<b>Thursday, May 10</b>	<b>MAD Science Night-</b> 6pm – 8:30 pm at San Marco Catholic School Enjoy \$2 snacks (popcorn, cotton candy, snow cones). The community will enjoy an interactive, hands on Science Show following by Science Fun Stations where students explore science concepts with their parents and make a take home project at each station  <b>A portion of the evening's proceeds to go to SHARELIFE</b>  Student-Led daily Education Week prayers and announcements
<b>Friday, May 11</b>	<b>Monthly Virtues Recognition</b>  <b>LIVING ROSARY:</b> The community will gather for our Living Rosary Celebration led by the Knights of Columbus and San Marco students.  <b>Mother's Day Tea:</b> Our Primary Division is pleased to host our Mother's Day Tea in honour of the Month of Mary and of our awesome, supportive moms!  <b>Civvies Day – SMO collection for St. Peter's Dominican Republic Fund</b>  Student-Led daily Education Week prayers and announcements





**Municipal Election 2018**  
**Monday, October 22, 2018**  
**Voting Information for Catholic Ratepayers**

*Protect and promote Catholic education...Ensure you are registered to vote as a Catholic separate school supporter*

- Ensuring you are registered as a separate school supporter is important for the protection and preservation of Catholic education in Ontario.
- As a registered Catholic school supporter, you have the opportunity to elect trustees who will represent and address your interests and concerns at the school board level and at various levels of the government.
- Registering your Catholic school support ensures your school board's assessment roll is accurate. This is important because:
  - Your school board's assessment base is a public record of the breadth of support for Catholic schools
  - It helps track demographic trends for educational planning purposes
  - It guarantees your right to enroll your children in Catholic schools

**How to check if you are registered:**

- Visit [voterlookup.ca](http://voterlookup.ca), an online service created by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) to check the accuracy of your voter information.
- Or call your Municipal Clerk's Office to inquire how to check the local list of electors.

**If your name is not on the list of electors or if the information is incorrect (e.g., name, address or school support data missing or incorrect) you should:**

- Update or change your information, add a name to an address, or change your school support directly on the [voterlookup.ca](http://voterlookup.ca) website.
- Go to the municipal offices for your community and fill out an application to be added to the list or to correct information. Proof of identification may be required. Please call your municipal office to determine what documentation you may need.

**At the Polling Station:**

- Verify that you are registered as a separate school supporter. If your support status is incorrect ask for an 'Application to Amend Voters' List'. This form may be completed and submitted at the polling station.
- Ensure the ballot you are given is a separate school ballot.

**Voting for Catholic School Board Representation:**

- Catholic ratepayers must declare themselves to be Catholic and separate school electors in order to cast a vote in the election of separate school trustees in municipal elections.



Ontario Catholic School  
Trustees' Association

