

San Marco C.E.S. Newsletter

September 2018
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Principal's Message Welcome Back!

Dear Parents/Guardians,

On behalf of the San Marco staff, I would like to extend a warm welcome to you and your family as we begin the 2018-2019 school year. We are very excited to be back and hope that you enjoyed a relaxing and fun-filled summer with family and friends. A special welcome to our new staff members and all the new families who have joined our San Marco school community.

The staff at San Marco looks forward to working with you in partnership to provide the best education for your child(ren) in a spiritually rich, Christ-centred learning environment. I am delighted to continue to serve this community as Principal and I look forward to working together in bringing new and exciting educational initiatives and learning experiences to our school community.

Please look for our monthly newsletters on our website: smo.ycdsb.ca. Newsletters will be posted on our school website each month. In addition, please continue to follow us on twitter @SanMarcoCES for updates and important reminders.

Best wishes to all for a successful school year!

Ms. R. Gravina,
Principal.

Prayer for September

*God of love, Jesus the teacher, Spirit of wisdom:
We place our dreams and our cares before You.
Be with us in our hope, be with us in our challenges.
Be with us in our learning, be with us in our friendships.
Let us know that You are always walking with us,
to give us courage and strength for the journey through this school year.
Amen*

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Ms. R. Gravina

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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

Masses and Liturgies

Throughout the school year we will celebrate our faith through various liturgies and masses. These dates will be posted on our website and newsletters. We hope you can join us!



Catholic Virtues

This month's virtue is **COURAGE**. Staff will encourage students to demonstrate character traits of the virtue of Courage through their daily activities at school. Each month, students who exemplify the virtue will receive a certificate as well as be part of a group photo that will be displayed in the school on our Virtues Wall.



Holy Sacraments

Preparation for Reconciliation & First Communion (Gr. 2) and Confirmation (Gr.7) has begun. **Students celebrating these sacraments must register with St. Peter's Church.** Notifications for meetings will be coming from the Parish through Sunday bulletins. Please watch for special notices.

School Dress Code

San Marco is a Dress Code School. We appreciate your support in encouraging your child(ren) 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 our dress code 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. No jeans/demin.

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.

Elementary Student Dress Code

Our new school year is well underway. I wanted to inform you about policy 219 A--Elementary Dress Code. This policy was approved on November 28, 2017. Section 3.9 provides each school the opportunity to review the existing dress-code every six years.

The 2018-19 school year is year 6 of the elementary student dress code, which means that the process for potential change to the school's current student dress code must be addressed at the first meeting of our newly elected Catholic School Council. Our current student dress code will be reviewed during our first Catholic School Council meeting in September (date to be determined and noted on our school website and calendar). If you are interested in considering a change to our current student dress code, you are invited to attend this meeting or communicate to me your interest via phone or email prior to the meeting date.

Catholic School Council (CSC)

San Marco CES Catholic School Council is looking for a dedicated group of parent representatives to work in collaboration with representatives from staff, and the Principal.

IMPORTANT DATES:

CSC Nomination Forms due:

Friday, Sept. 14th by 3:40 p.m. (to office)

Council Meeting in the library - An election will take place, if needed to establish 2018-

2019 CSC: Thursday, Sept. 20th @ 6:30 pm

Additional information and nomination forms have been sent home with your child

Traffic Safety & LOOP

All drivers are asked please slow down and continue to drive with great caution near the school.

A few friendly reminders: should you decide to use the bus loop in front of the school, it is understood that you cannot park your car or leave it unattended at any time. Please note you cannot walk your child to the school yard if you are using this loop. Students who use this loop will then make their way to the back of the school using only the sidewalk/path on either end of the loop. They are not allowed to go through the school. Students/pedestrians must NEVER cut through the parking lot as this is unsafe and are asked to use the sidewalks and paths, whenever possible.

Drivers are reminded to continue to be vigilant and cautious of students who are crossing the sidewalk on either side of the loop and to obey all traffic/safety signs clearly displayed as well as the STOP sign which is located at the end of the loop.

Please do not pass vehicles that are unloading students as this poses a serious safety concern. 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 and please keep goodbyes brief.** This will help prevent any backlog of vehicles that spill onto the street waiting to come in.


We are asking all parents who drive/accompany their children to school to park their cars in a safe location and use sidewalks and walking paths when entering the school grounds. We need your collective cooperation to make student safety **A PRIORITY. Together we can make our school community safe for everyone. Our sincere thanks to all for your continued cooperation and support. Thank you.**

Emergency & Freedom of Info

Emergency and Freedom of Information Forms have been sent home with each child. Please ensure that the information on the Emergency form is correct (make any necessary changes right on the form), sign, date and return it to school as soon as possible. The Freedom of Information form must also be signed, dated and returned to school as soon as possible. It is very important that each student has these forms on file.

Reporting Student Absences/Safe Arrival

One of our greatest priorities is ensuring that all our students arrive safely to school every day. In order to report your child(ren)'s absence or late, you are required to access our **Safe Arrival Program**. The **Safe Arrival Program** allows parents and guardians to report their child(ren)'s absence or late in advance, or before bell time for the current day. The YCDSB has implemented an enhanced **Safe Arrival Program** through *SchoolMessenger*, which includes a new website and APP. The Safe Arrival Phone Number **remains the same (1-855-856-7862)**. **Parents/guardians can report their child(ren) as late or absence using any of the 3 methods below:**

- Call the **Toll Free Safe Arrival Phone Number 1-855-856-7862** to report an absence using the automated phone system.
- Use the **Safe Arrival SchoolMessenger website:** go.schoolmessenger.ca
Note: The first time you use this website, select **Sign Up and choose Canada** to create your account. To report an absence, select **Attendance** followed by **Report an Absence**.
- Use your mobile device to download the **SchoolMessenger App**  from the *Apple App Store* or the *Google Play Store*.
Note: The first time you use the APP, select **Sign Up and choose Canada** to create your account. To report an absence, select **Attendance** followed by **Report an Absence**.

These options are available **24 hours a day, 7 days a week**. **Future absences can be reported at any time**. In addition, *SchoolMessenger* will send an automated notification to parents and guardians who have not reported their child(ren) as absent or late. If our system is unable to reach a designated contact after the required amount of time, office staff will follow up. By reporting your child(ren) absent or late in advance or before the bell time, you will not receive these notifications.

Visitors to the School

We welcome visitors to our school and we ask your support with the following procedures:

1. If you wish to speak with a teacher, kindly schedule an appointment. Teachers want to communicate with you but this is not possible or practical during morning entry or during class time. The teacher's focus and attention must always be on student safety.
2. Staff and visitors are asked to access the building through the front doors and must report to the main office. All doors will remain locked for security reasons and for the safety of our students.
3. Visitors must sign in at the office and wear a visible badge that identifies them as visitors.



Pediculosis

"The York Catholic District School Board recognizes concerns related to pediculosis (head lice) at the school and community level. Pediculosis (head lice) are not a public hazard, as they do not cause illness, but they are a nuisance. To prevent pediculosis (head lice) from becoming a problem at our school we all need to work together. Please check your child's head on a regular basis for lice or nits. If you find lice or nits, you must contact the office so that we can notify other parents to keep a special watch for any signs of head lice. A student's readmission to school is contingent upon the Parent/Guardian submitting a completed and signed "**Pediculosis Treatment Form**" communicating to the Principal that treatment for pediculosis (head lice) has been administered. More information on the identification, treatment and prevention of pediculosis from the Canadian Pediatric Society (<http://www.caringforkids.cps.ca/handouts/headlice>) and Toronto Public Health (toronto.ca/health) is available on the school's website.

Anaphylaxis

We will continue to take a proactive approach to make our school a safe environment for our students with life-threatening allergies. Staff have been trained regarding administration of the Epi-Pen and in recognizing reactions/symptoms. Because anaphylaxis can be life-threatening, our entire school is allergy aware. Students will not be permitted to share or distribute snacks. In accordance with our School Allergy Awareness Plan, please do not send any snacks to be shared for celebrations, special days (e.g. Valentine's, Christmas, etc.) including birthdays. Please help us to keep San Marco Allergy Aware and Nut-Safe by providing snacks and lunches for your child that do not contain any traces of nuts or nut products and that are made in a nut free facility.

Thank you for your continued cooperation in this

Medication

If your child requires medication (prescribed by a physician), please notify the school and complete the necessary S16 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. All medication must be sent to the office for safekeeping.

Policy 206: Protection of Students with Asthma

In accordance with the *Act to Protect Pupils with Asthma* (Ryan's Law: Ensuring Asthma Friendly Schools, 2015) the Board approved a new policy # 206: *Protection of Students with Asthma* at its June 21st Board Meeting. The York Catholic District School Board recognizes that there are some students within the school system who have a diagnosis of asthma which could be life threatening. The York Catholic District School Board also recognizes that asthma management is a shared responsibility among students, parents, caregivers and the entire school community.

It is the responsibility of parent(s)/guardian(s) to advise the school immediately upon registration and/or when in receipt of a diagnosis of asthma. It is also the responsibility of parent(s)/guardian(s) to ensure that all medical information pertinent to their child's diagnosis of asthma is always current. If your child has a diagnosis of asthma please contact the school office immediately so that the appropriate forms are completed and school records are up to date in accordance with Policy 206. Thank you for your immediate attention to this request and your ongoing support in the shared responsibility for asthma management in our school. Please refer to the Board's website for more information related to Policy 206.

Curriculum Night

Please join us on **Wednesday, September 12th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. for our Open House and Curriculum Night.** This will be an opportunity to meet your child's teacher(s) and to learn about your child's program and expectations for this year. We look forward to seeing you!



San Marco Library News

Welcome back! We are beginning another exciting year here at San Marco and there are a number of wonderful activities planned for this upcoming school year. This month we will have many Fall resources and new books ready for sign out. Please return any books that were forgotten in June. Any lost books need to be replaced and the cost remains \$10.00 per book. With Fall upon us, the best way to spend a chilly day is curling up with a great book. Looking forward to a wonderful school year.

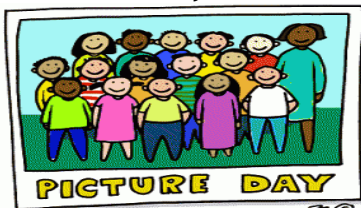
Happy Reading!

Ms. Boragina (Teacher-Librarian)

Read! Learn! Grow! Inspire!

PICTURE DAY!!

Picture Day for JK to Gr. 8 is scheduled for **Thursday, September 20th**. For students who are absent that day, re-takes will be Monday, Oct. 29th. Please note, students **do not** have to wear Dress Code items that day.



Student Agendas

The student agenda is an excellent tool for teaching students organizational and time management skills. It is also an excellent means for communicating with your child's teacher. Student agendas are available for purchase at a cost of \$6.00. A letter was sent home with your child. Kindly return to your child's homeroom teacher with payment to San Marco CES on or before **Friday, September 14, 2018.**

Safety Awareness Week

It is important that every school year staff and students review emergency procedures and safety drills. Students and staff will participate in safety drills such as Fire Drills, Extreme weather, Hold & Secure, and Lockdowns. **Safety Awareness Week will begin on Sept. 25th.**

VIP Presentations

We are pleased to announce that York Regional Police will be visiting our Grades 3, 6, 7 and 8 students throughout the year to speak about a range of safety topics. A letter will be sent home explaining the **Values, Influences and Peers Program** in greater detail. We look forward to these presentations!

Crime Stoppers Presentation

In keeping with our Anti-Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan, we are pleased to announce that we have organized a presentation from Crime Stoppers of York Region on Friday, September 14, 2018 for our Gr. 7 & 8 students. The focus of the presentation will be on safety, bullying prevention and cyber-safety as well as internet and social media safety. There is no cost for this presentation and we hope it will provide relevant and important information to help keep our students safe by fostering a caring, inclusive, respectful learning environment and a positive school climate.

PA Day - Monday, Sept. 24, 2018 is a PA Day and there will be no scheduled classes for students. School resumes on Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2018.

School Newsletters Online

San Marco will continue to have a **paperless newsletter**. We will continue to post our newsletter on our school website. **Should you require a hard copy of our newsletter, please notify the office.**

San Marco Cross Country Team

The San Marco Cross Country team is eager and ready to lace up their running shoes in preparation for the **Cross Country meet on October 4th at Bruce's Mill in Stouffville**. The San Marco cross country team, comprised of junior and intermediate students, will begin practicing for their meet soon. Letters and permission forms will be sent home with students shortly.



CIVVIES DAYS Please note, Civvies Day will be scheduled the first Friday of every month. If there is a PA day then the Civvies day will be on the Thursday, as it was last year. **Our first civvies day is Friday, October 5, 2018.**

TERRY FOX SCHOOL WALK



We are encouraging all families to donate funds for our "Terry Fox Walk" for cancer research on **Wednesday, September 19, 2018**. In the event of inclement weather day, we will walk on Friday, September 21, 2018. Students will walk with their classes outside on school property in our playground, with their teacher.

We will be walking on school property in honour and in memory of those who have passed from cancer. We will also be celebrating those who are cancer survivors. Students are asked to bring all pledges on or before Monday, September 17, 2018 to their classroom teacher.

As always, thank you for your continued support!

San Marco CES Staff

Principal:	R. Gravina
Secretary:	A. Linardi (Head Secretary), T. Gismondi
Office Support:	R. Russo, S. Falbo; ECE: S. Saito, T. Colavita
JK/SK:	
Grade 1/2:	C. Frustaglio/S. Pertili
Grade 1:	S. Carrera
Grade 2:	P. Giudice
Grade 3:	D. Amato
Grade 4:	S. Rea
Grade 4/5:	D. Tari
Grade 5/6:	S. Rizzi
Grade 6:	C. Vigliatore
Grade 7:	A. DiBello
Grade 8:	J. Salituro
Hearing Centre:	L. Garofalo, L. Marchetti
ISA Centre:	J. Palumbo
Teacher Librarian:	C. Boragina
Italian Teachers:	L. Montesano, A. Lisozzi
Core French Teachers:	E. Loiacano, L. Varricchio
Physical Education:	L. Maraventano, L. Araujo
Music Teacher:	G. Culmone
Core Resource:	G. Ferraro, J. Albonese
Educational Assistants:	A. Altomare, M. Allegro, M. Protomanni D. Stephenson G. DiGuglielmo (Head Custodian), M. Gamrat
CWY:	
Custodians:	

Bus Information & Safety

If your child's bus has not arrived on time, please check the School Bus website at: schoolbuscity.com or call the appropriate bus company directly. Please keep in mind that sometimes weather and traffic are contributing factors to delays.

In the fall, we will have special bus safety presentations. Bus Safety and Evacuation teaches children how to approach school buses in a safe manner, what to do in and around buses, and how to exit the school bus safely. This presentation is for all students in the school. The dates of these important safety presentations will be posted on our school website.



Bell times

8:35 A.M.	Yard Supervision begins
8:50 A.M.	Entry
10:25 A.M.	Morning Recess
10:40 A.M.	Recess ends
12:00 P.M.	Lunch in the classroom
12:20 P.M.	Lunch recess
1:00 P.M.	Afternoon classes resume
2:20 P.M.	Afternoon recess
2:35 P.M.	Recess ends
3:40 P.M.	Dismissal



- In the morning students are supervised in the school yard between 8:35 A.M. and 8:50 A.M. Please ensure that your child is not arriving earlier than 8:35 A.M. since there is no supervision.
- For safety reasons and to build independence, parents are kindly asked not to enter the school yard or building when dropping off and picking up children.
- Kindergarten students are to be dropped off and picked up in their fenced area.
- Please avoid picking up students early whenever possible as this disrupts instructional time. Thank you.






Lunch Table

Please label your child's lunch with his/her name and the teacher's name and leave it on the small table in the foyer. Your child will come to the foyer to pick up his/her lunch at the bell.

San Marco Catholic School



September 2018			Important Information and Dates			
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3	4 First Day of School	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 Curriculum Night at 6:30-7:30 pm 	13	14 -Agenda payment due (\$6.00) -CSC nomination forms due today by 3:40 pm CRIME STOPPERS Cyber Safety Presentation Gr.7&8	15
16	17	18 Seizure Management Staff Lunch n Learn	19 Terry Fox School Walk 	20 Picture Day  CSC Meeting & election, if needed at 6:30pm	21 (Rain Date for Terry Fox Walk)	22
23	24 PA Day No School Today	25 SAFETY WEEK	27	28	29 All FOI (Freedom of Information) and Emergency forms due	30

SAFETY WEEK: SEPT. 25 - SEPT. 29, 2018



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September 2018

Welcome back students, parents, families and staff to the 2018-2019 school year! I extend a warm welcome to the new families, school administrators and staff of our Woodbridge schools.

This September, YCDSB has introduced a few new exciting programs in our Woodbridge high schools. Our Board's first-ever **High-Performer Athlete Program** is now available at Holy Cross Catholic Academy and **Secondary French Immersion** is now running at Father Bressani Catholic High School. To learn more about these programs, visit www.ycdsb.ca.

In May 2018, the Board of Trustees approved a new International Baccalaureate (IB) Program at Holy Cross CA. The IB program meets the Ontario curriculum while also offering a rigorous, internationally-recognized curriculum. This school year, Holy Cross CA will begin the application process to become a certified IB school.

Over the summer, some extensive renovation work took place to get many of our schools and classrooms ready for back to school. These included school yard improvements, painting, roof repairs and mechanical system improvements. These projects took place at Our Lady of Fatima CES, St. Angela Merici CES, St. Margaret Mary CES, Holy Cross CA and Father Bressani CHS.

Publicly funded Catholic education in Ontario is a blessing and a gift to be preserved. To help us nurture the gift of Catholic Education in the years to come, I encourage all parents to check your Property Assessment information to make sure that you are a **Separate School Supporter**, as this demonstrates to the government your support of our publicly funded Catholic schools. Check today by calling the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation at 1-866-296-6722, or visit their website at www.mpac.ca. You can also get an Application for Direction of School Support by downloading it from the Board website at: <http://www.ycdsb.ca/admissions/about-separate-school-support/>.

To our students, I wish you a fantastic start to the school year. May the Lord guide you during this school year, and may God bless you always.

As always, you may reach me with any questions or concerns at dino.giuliani@ycdsb.ca or at (905) 893-3300.

Best wishes for a successful school year.

Sincerely,

Dino Giuliani
Trustee for Woodbridge Area 2, Ward 2

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School Website regularly
for information, school
newsletters and
important updates at:**

smo.ycdsb.ca

**Also, San Marco is now
on Twitter. Please
follow us on Twitter
@SanMarcoCES**

SAN MARCO C.S. IS AN ALLERGY AWARE SCHOOL

San Marco C.E.S. is **an allergy-aware school and a nut and peanut-aware school.** We have several students with allergies to peanuts and nuts. A few are so severe that they may react to something as simple as nut residue on a carpet or desk. Please ensure that all snacks and lunches are **free of nut products** and please read labels carefully. Labels can be misleading. Please check carefully and ensure that products are both peanut and tree nut free. Please continue to refrain from bringing in class treats for celebrations. A non-edible treat (pencils, erasers, a book for the class) is welcomed.



In addition, your child’s class may have students with severe allergies to other products such as fish, eggs, or sesame seeds, etc. In these cases, parents have already received two letters indicating the specific allergy in the classroom. We would ask that you kindly not bring any foods that your child’s classmate(s) have severe allergies to. In this way, we can work together to keep everyone safe. Thank you very much for your continued support and vigilance in this area. It is very much appreciated.



