

San Marco C.E.S. School Newsletter

October 2018
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The inspiring colours of autumn are upon us as we settle into the second month of school. Let us rejoice in the beauty of nature and thank God for our many blessings. The staff and students are busy preparing for liturgies, athletic events, and other clubs and activities as well as devoting their efforts to academic endeavours. The spirit of collaboration is very much alive at San Marco as we come together to work for a common goal where everyone's gifts are valued and appreciated.

A Thanksgiving Prayer

God of compassion and holiness, we praise You and thank You for the gifts that You have given our children. May we teach them to have grateful hearts through our own example. May they know that if we want thanks, we give thanks; if we want forgiveness, we grant forgiveness; if we want respect, we give respect; if we want fairness, we act fairly; if we want compassion, we act compassionately. God of love, touch us with hope and joy. May we help our children become discerning believers. May they be loving companions on our own journeys of faith.

Amen

Please look for monthly newsletters on our school website: smo.ycdsb.ca
Yours in Catholic Education,
R. Gravina,
Principal.



San Marco Catholic School Council: 2018-2019

Congratulations and welcome to the following parents from San Marco community as members of the Catholic School Council:

J. Merianos (Chair)	N. Marchelletta	S. Fusco
N. Rigato (Vice-Chair)	R. Fanelli	C. Taylor
S. Sturino (Treasurer)	M. Brown	L. Arguelles
G. Pagliaroli (Secretary)	M. Tragianis	H. Belfiore
L. Cicchillo	D. Tucci	

Our next council meeting will be **Wednesday, November 7, 2018 at 6:30pm**. All meeting dates are posted on our school website. *All are welcome!* Future meeting dates are as follows:

As always, all are welcome.

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



Thanksgiving Mass

We will be celebrating Thanksgiving with a School Mass on **Friday, October 5th** in our school gymnasium at 10:30 a.m. Please join us for our school mass, if possible.



Feeding the Community

Luke 4:18 Food Drive

The Luke 4:18 Committee will organize our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive this coming Thanksgiving holiday. We are asking students to contribute non-perishable food items to support needy families. Thank you in advance for your generosity. **Our Luke 4:18 Committee is comprised of dedicated staff and students who work to organize social justice projects to help the needy in our community and globally.**



Catholic Virtues

This month, we celebrate the Virtue of **COMPASSION**. In Luke's Gospel we read, "**Be compassionate as God is compassionate**", Luke 4:18. We understand that compassion is not only the ability to empathize with another person, but also to act on behalf of that person. If we are truly compassionate, then we will more genuinely be able to express thanks or gratitude for others because we truly care about the person.



Holy Sacraments

Please 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 and attend enrollment ceremonies.

Confirmation Enrolment: Oct. 19, 2018 at 7:30

First Reconciliation: at School; Date TBD

First Holy Communion: May 4, 2019 at 5pm

Confirmation: May 9, 2019 at 7pm

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.



San Marco Terry Fox Walk

On Thursday, September 19, our students participated in the San Marco Terry Fox Walk for cancer research. **THANK YOU San Marco for your generosity and support! We have set a RECORD this year!**

Together we raised:

\$ 2,737.15

EQAO

Attached please find the highlights of our school results on the provincial EQAO (Education Quality and Accountability Office) test written last spring (please scroll below for results). We will be reviewing our detailed EQAO results and other school assessment data, in order to build on our strengths and address areas requiring improvement. The students who participated in the assessment will be receiving their individual results later this month. For additional information about this and other province-wide assessments, please visit www.eqao.

Cross Country

Our cross country team has been training for their area meet. Their dedication is something to be admired! We wish them luck at the meet on **Thursday, October 4, 2018** at Bruce's Mill. Parents are welcome to join us and cheer us on. All cross country team members will arrive & return via the bus at school.



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

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

Picture Re-Take Day: Oct. 29

Any students who were absent during last month's picture day will have their picture taken on **Monday, Oct. 29**. (dress code attire is optional if taking re-takes)

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. This will help prevent any backlog of vehicles. You are not to park or leave your car unattended at any time. **PLEASE DO NOT ENTER THE PARKING LOT AT THE END OF THE DAY** (accessible parking permits excepted) Thank you all for your cooperation.



Hallowe'en Dance-a-thon

Every year with the help of our dedicated Catholic School Council and parent volunteers, the school promotes at least one major fundraiser in an effort to raise funds for learning resources that will benefit our students. The Hallowe'en dance-a-thon is a CSC driven fundraiser with the goal of raising funds to help support a variety of school goals and initiatives. It is the generosity and support of our school community that enables us to purchase resources that truly enhance student learning. **Last year many, many learning resources were purchased and numerous school activities were supported through YOUR generous donations including: Mathematics carts, Mathematics manipulatives, chrome books, literacy resources, anti-bullying presentations, new mats for our school gymnasium, JUMP Math Night, Science Night, Christmas Concert and much more!** These resources and opportunities enhance our students' learning so we **THANK YOU in advance for your support!**

It's that time again! We are busy preparing for our annual **Hallowe'en Dance-a-thon Fundraiser**, to be held on **Wednesday, October 31st**. The children are excited to soon begin collecting pledges in support of their school. As always, we have **A-M-A-Z-I-N-G Prizes !!** More information and Pledge Sheets will be coming home soon.
Remember to pledge! pledge! pledge!

NEW RESOURCES ARRIVE AT SMO!

NEW GYMNASIUM MATS: Our new gym mat installation is completed and looks great! Thank you to our Catholic School Council and to all our parent community for our fundraising efforts! Students love their new gym.



NEW MATHEMATICS AND LITERACY RESOURCES

ARRIVE: Last month we received many new mathematics and literacy resources which have all been distributed to classrooms to help enhance student learning. Once again, thank you parents for supporting our school fundraising initiatives!



Safety Week

Our safety drills were conducted with great success and we will continue to review emergency procedures throughout the year. We also continue with our **VIP PROGRAM** and welcome Officer Toni Passarrelli of the York Region Police who will work with our school and our grades 3, 6, 7 and 8 students.

Bus Safety Presentations: October 9th



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 on October 9th is for all students.

Upcoming Holiday & PA Day: Oct. 8 and Oct. 22

Please note that Monday, Oct. 8th is **Thanksgiving Monday**. Also, Monday, Oct. 22nd is a **PA DAY**. There will be no scheduled classes on those days.



COMING NEXT MONTH!

Fall is definitely upon us and what better way to enjoy these cooler days than to cozy up with a great book. Thanksgiving and Halloween books are available for check out and we have added many new titles for our students to enjoy. Since our students really enjoyed our **MakerSpace Day** back in April, I have booked Vaughan Public Library to come in on **October 23 for another MakerSpace Day**. There will be tons of exciting technology based activities for the students to enjoy. Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving & a "Spook-tacular" Halloween. Happy Reading! Ms. C. Boragina

HOT LUNCH Starts Oct. 10th



Our Hot Lunch Program begins on Wednesday, Oct. 10th. Many thanks to our dedicated Catholic School Council and parent volunteers, without whom, this program would not be possible.

THANK YOU!

Snacks Sales -Wed & Thurs

Once again, we will be selling nut safe snacks at lunch on Wednesdays and Thursdays which will coincide with our **Hot Lunch**

Program. Students may come down to the servery after eating their lunch to purchase a snack. Snacks are sold \$1.00 - \$3.00.

Intermediate Dance Club is coming soon!!! . . .

This year we will be offering an Intermediate Dance Club at San Marco. Information and permission letters were sent home with interested students



ORANGE SHIRT DAY-Oct. 1

October 1 will be ORANGE SHIRT DAY at SMO where students will be invited and encouraged to wear an orange shirt to school to bring awareness to residential schools in our Canadian past and to acknowledge the important themes of inclusion, reconciliation and "Every Child Matters"



Ukulele Kids Club coming soon!

We are pleased to offer a unique musical experience for students in Grades 1-3. Ukulele Kids Club will visit San Marco for an information presentation to our students on Oct. 4. Information flyers and registration forms will be sent home next week.



Civvies Day - Fri. Oct. 5th

Friday, October 5th is Civvies Day. Please donate to our Food Drive and help those less fortunate in our community. Thank you!

Hearing Clinic- Oct. 19th

On October 19th we will have our Hearing Screening Day. Permission forms and information will be sent home shortly with all information.

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 & gym apparel. The components of our SDC are as follows:

Bottoms: dark bottoms -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 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 once again 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. Our current student dress code was reviewed during our first Catholic School Council meeting in September. If you are interested in considering a change to our current student dress code, you are invited to communicate to me your interest via phone or email prior to November 1, 2018.

San Marco CES - OCTOBER 2018



Important Information



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 ORANGE SHIRT DAY FOOD DRIVE Please Donate	2	3 HOT LUNCH & SNACKS begin iWalk Day: Walk to School Day! San Marco class iWalk Day during DPA!	4 Cross Country Meet	5 Thanksgiving Mass at 10:30 am in the gym Civvies Day (please support our Food Drive) →	6
7	8 Thanksgiving - No School	9 Bus Safety Program Jk - Gr. 8	10 Gr. 6 VIP Program	11 -Gr. 7 Immunization	12 Grade 6 Excursion	13
14	15	16	17 Gr. 6 VIP Program FDK Excursion	18	19 Hearing Clinic Day Confirmation Enrolment at the Church@ 7:30 pm	20
21	22 PA Day-No school City of Vaughan Elections	23 Maker Space Day!	24 Gr. 6 VIP Program	25	26	27
28	29 Photo Re-take Day	30	31 HALLOWEEN DANCE-A-THON!	OCTOBER IS INTERNATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH! On Oct. 3 students will walk on school property as a class with their teachers during DPA (daily physical activity) and receive iWalk Stickers! Join the movement and get ACTIVE!! (rain date Oct. 4 th or 5 th)		



HALLOWEEN DANCE-A-THON

PLEASE BRING IN YOUR PLEDGES AND HELP SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL GOALS AND INITIATIVES THAT ENHANCE STUDENT LEARNING! THANK YOU!





ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL

What is Active School Travel?

You may have heard the terms Active Travel, Active School Travel, Active Transportation or Sustainable Transportation before. What do these terms mean?

Active School Travel is the use of any form of human-powered travel, such as walking or wheeling (including cycling, rollerblading, skateboarding, or using a wheelchair) to get to and from school or to the school bus. These forms of transportation are sustainable because they have a low impact on the environment.

Do your children currently walk or wheel to school? The York Catholic District School Board is committed to encouraging Active School Travel in all of our school communities and providing education on the many health benefits of Active Travel. Over the course of the 2018-2019 school year we will provide tips and information to educate and encourage students to walk and wheel to and from school. For those who can't walk or cycle to school every day, choosing active travel once, twice, or a few days a week or parking a block away from the school and walking the rest of the way still provide benefits.

MAKE A COMMITMENT TO WALK THIS OCTOBER

October is International Walk to School Month (IWALK), and on **October 3, 2018**, YCDSB will join communities across the globe in celebrating International Walk to School Day! Join the movement! Teachers, administrators and Catholic School Councils can learn more about IWALK or register their school to participate in IWALK Day at: <http://ontarioactiveschooltravel.ca/international-walk-to-school-month/>.

We encourage all students to WALK to and from school for the month of October.



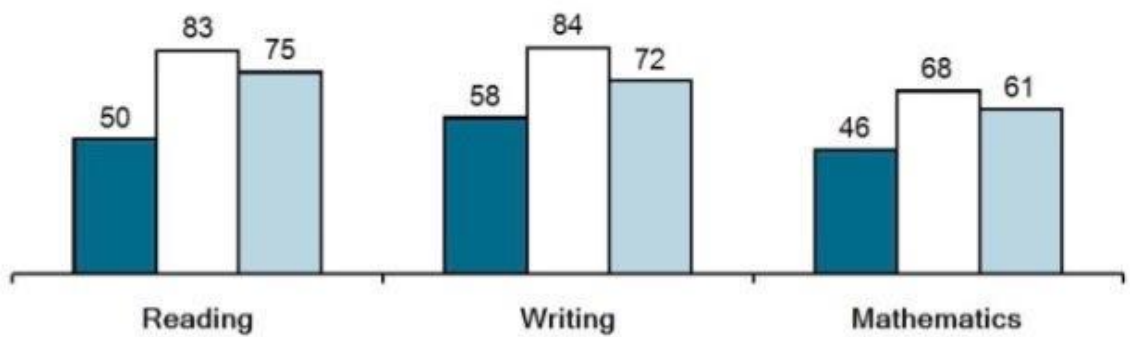
Enjoy the Walk,

YCDSB Active School Travel Team

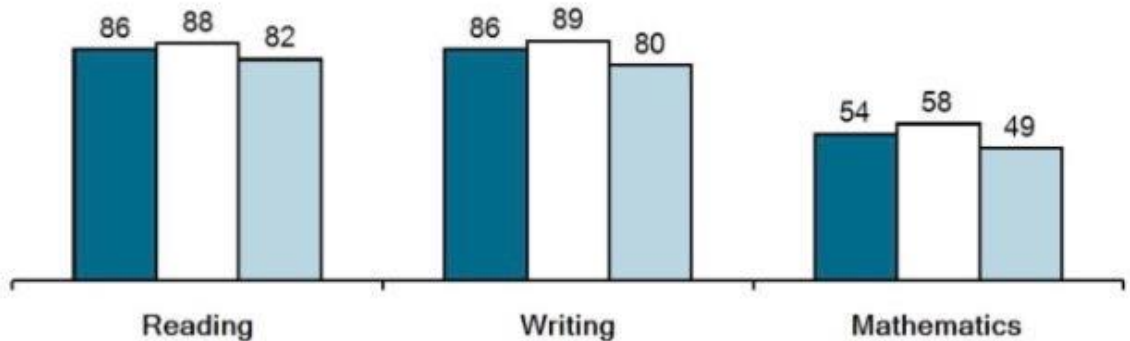
SAN MARCO - EQAO RESULTS, 2017-2018

PERCENTAGE OF ALL STUDENTS AT OR ABOVE THE PROVINCIAL STANDARD (LEVELS 3 AND 4), 2017-2018

Grade 3



Grade 6



■ School □ Board ■ Province

