



## St. Angela Merici Catholic School

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### Friendly Friday Update # 6: Oct. 14th - Oct. 18th



#### Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of the harvest,

Thank you for your graces and blessings.

Thank you for our food and shelter, our health, our family and our friends.

Remind us that the crisp mornings and cool nights bring with them the majesty and grandeur of the Autumn.

Remind us of the bounty that we have received through your grace.

Please grant us continued graces and blessings throughout the coming year.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, Your Son and our Saviour. Amen

## Week at a Glance

Monday 14th	Tuesday 15th	Wednesday 16th	Thursday 17th	Friday 18th
<i>Thanksgiving Monday</i>	<b>Happy Tuesday</b>	<i>Happy Wednesday</i>	<i>Loonie Toonie Civvies Day - Supporting Families in Need</i>	<i>Early Bird Fundraising Draw Regional Cross Country Meet Last day to order Mary Brown Chicken</i>

### Looking Ahead:

- **October 21st - PA Day**
- **October 22nd - Int. Girls Sharelife Invitational Volleyball Tournament**
- **October 23rd - Int. Boys Sharelife Invitational Volleyball Tournament**
- **October 23rd - Catholic School Council Meeting, 6:45 pm**
- **October 25th - Civvies Day**
- **October 29th - Photo Retake Day**
- **October 31st - Halloween Dance-a thon**
- **November 18th - 22nd - Friendship Week/Bullying Prevention Week**

### Safe and Caring School Environments

**Pediculosis (Head Lice):** 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 do find lice or nits, you must contact the office so that we can notify other parents in your child's class 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 (head lice) from the Canadian Pediatric Society [https://www.caringforkids.cps.ca/handouts/head\\_lice](https://www.caringforkids.cps.ca/handouts/head_lice) and Toronto Public Health ([toronto.ca/health](http://toronto.ca/health)) is available on the school's website.

**Hot Lunch Update:** We are excited to announce Mary Brown's Chicken is back! Orders are now being accepted for a new hot lunch option, Mary Brown's Chicken, which will be available Mondays starting October 28th. Please note the deadline to place your order is Friday, October 18th.

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**School Mental Health Ontario Resources:** *School Mental Health Ontario* has released a series of new/updated resources designed for parents and caregivers. This work is part of a collaborative project with the Coalition for Child and Youth Mental Health and Children's Mental Health Ontario's Family Care Centre designed to enhance parent/caregiver mental health literacy. These are the first of many resources in development, which will be released in their entirety in the form of a Parent/Caregiver Mental Health Literacy Toolkit in the new year. These first broad resources were developed to assist parents/caregivers in navigating and supporting their child's mental health and well-being.

**They include:**

• [\*\*\*Helping Your Child Manage Digital Technology\*\*\*](#) *(available in multiple languages)*

• [\*\*\*Noticing Mental Health Concerns for Your Child\*\*\*](#) *(available in multiple languages)*

[\*\*\*Noticing mental health concerns for your child-worksheet\*\*\*](#) *(available in multiple languages)*

• [\*\*\*Prepare, Prevent Respond - A suicide prevention guide for parents and caregivers\*\*\*](#) *(available in multiple languages)*

**SAM Spirit Wear:** [\*\*\*New Logos, New Designs and New Colour options!\*\*\*](#) Check out our new St. Angela Merici CES Spirit Wear Store offering a wide selection of clothing and accessory items. With the same flexibility of placing orders throughout the school year and knowing that deliveries will be made directly to the school, Parents/Guardians have the option of purchasing items with our new St. Angela Merici Knights logo or our Limited Edition 25th Anniversary design. Students will be permitted to wear all Spirit Wear purchased, including the Limited Edition 25th Anniversary items offered in Grey. Use the link to start shopping today: [\*\*\*SAM Spirit Wear Store 2024 - 2025\*\*\*](#)

## Catholic School Council Update

Our next St. Angela Merici CES Catholic School Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 23rd at 6:45 pm. All parents and guardians are always welcome to attend.

## Continuous Improvement of Student Learning / Achievement

As the 2024-2025 school year begins, TVO offers various free, curriculum-aligned resources and tools to support K-12 learning, both in-person and online. Please see the options below.

TVO Resource	One Pager	Audience	Description
<a href="#">TVO Learn: Learning Activities</a>	<a href="#">Link</a>	K-12	This resource provides educators and parents with grade and subject-specific resources to support student learning (refer to this <a href="#">overview video</a> ).
<a href="#">TVO mPower: Game-based STEM Learning</a>	<a href="#">Link</a>	K-6	This resource helps students boost foundational math skills and confidence with interactive STEM games (refer to this <a href="#">getting started tutorial</a> ).
<a href="#">TVO Mathify: Math Tutoring</a>	<a href="#">Link</a>	4-12	This resource offers free 1:1 online math tutoring to students with Ontario Certified Teachers (refer to this <a href="#">TVO Mathify Information Video</a> ). Tutors are available Monday to Friday from 9 AM to 9 PM, and Saturday to Sunday from 3 PM to 9 PM.
<a href="#">TVO Kids</a>	<a href="#">Link</a>	K-5	This resource offers ad-free videos, games, and content, along with a free YouTube livestream of TVO Kids programming on the <a href="#">TVOkids YouTube Channel</a> .
<a href="#">TVO Arts</a>	N/A	7-12	This resource explores and explains iconic Canadian artworks. Each episode lets you learn about the artists, their stories, and their diverse perspectives.

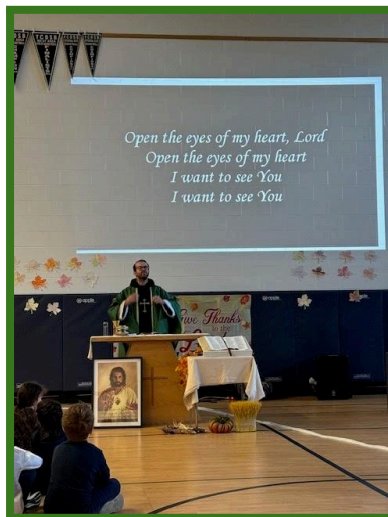
## Integration of Our Catholic Faith

**Sacred Heart of Jesus:** On Tuesday, September 24th, at the Regular Board Meeting, a special presentation took place, one where the introduction of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to all of York Catholic was celebrated. It is widely believed that the Sacred Heart of Jesus image is the most powerful symbol of the love of Jesus for us all. Blessed at our Opening Mass, the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be displayed in the Main Office.



## October's Virtue of the Month: **Compassion**

**Thanksgiving/Opening Mass:** Father Josh shared a message of Gratitude and Thankfulness for the many blessings we have in our lives. Thank you to our FDK, Grade 2 and Grade 7 staff and students for leading a beautiful Eucharistic celebration. We are always appreciative of all who were able to participate in our Opening Mass. The next opportunity to join in prayer will be **Monday, November 11th for a Remembrance Day Liturgy.**



This Year's 2024-25 Catholic Education week will take place from **May 5 to 9, 2025.**