



St. Angela Merici Catholic School

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Friendly Friday Update # 18: Jan. 19th - Jan. 23rd



Prayer for Christian Unity

Loving God,
As we gather during this week of Christian unity,
Open our hearts to the richness of our shared faith.
Help us overcome divisions with compassion and love.
May the love of Christ guide our hearts toward greater unity and understanding.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Week at a Glance

Monday 19th	Tuesday 20th	Wednesday 21st	Thursday 22nd	Friday 23rd
<i>Jr. Boys Volleyball Tournament @ SAM</i>	<i>Jr. Girls Volleyball Tournament @ St. Clement</i>	<i>Happy Wednesday</i>	<i>Happy Thursday</i>	<i>Civvies Day Rosary Apostolate</i>

Looking Ahead:

- January 26th - Scientists in the Classroom, Grade 6
- January 27th - St. Angela Merici Feast Day Mass, 10:40 am.
- January 29th - Junior Sharelife Volleyball Tournament
- January 30th - PA Day
- February 10th - Term One Reports available in Parent Portal, 4 pm.
- February 16th - **Family Day Holiday**
- February 17th - STREAM Centre, Grade 6
- February 17th - Shrove Tuesday
- February 18th - Ash Wednesday Liturgy
- February 23rd - Fire Education Class Presentations
- February 26th - Intermediate Snowtubing Trip
- February 27th - Civvies Day, Rosary Apostolate

SAVE THE DATE:

- April 14th - Grade 8 Grad Photos
- April 30th - Grade 8 Grad Retakes and Spring Photos
- May 28th - **St. Angela Merici CES 25th Anniversary Celebration**

Catholic School Council Our next Catholic School Council meeting will be held Wednesday, February 11th at 6:45 pm. Please see the attached agenda for this upcoming meeting. All members of our school community are always welcome to join.

Spirit Wear Update: Our St. Angela Merici Spirit Wear Store has been recently upgraded to make it easier for parents to place their orders. Note the new website link: [SAM Spirit Wear Store](#)

Safe and Caring School Environments

Policy 701 – Access to School and Board Premises

PARKING LOT

Parents, if and when using the school parking lot, you cannot double park. This is a safety concern.

Also, only those drivers with a valid accessible parking permit are permitted to park in our handicap parking spaces. Please do not park in these spaces if you do not have a valid handicap parking permit.

Thank you for respecting these parking safety rules.

BUS LOOP/FIRE ROUTE

We respectfully remind our community not to park or idle in our bus route, entry or exit. **Absolutely no parking or drop off in our bus loop.** This area is for buses and emergency vehicles. If your child is late, then please use the Kiss and Ride and your child will walk to the front doors or park on Martin Grove Road and they can use the walkway/pathway to the front doors.

Safe Arrival: Please continue to use our Safe Arrival System to report absences and lates. Before bell time for the current day, please call 1-855-856-7862 or online at: [go/schoolmessenger.ca](https://go.schoolmessenger.ca). As well, you may choose to use the SchoolMessenger App (blue icon) from the Apple App Store or Google Play store.

Continuous Improvement of Student Learning / Achievement

Kindergarten Registration for September Classes is Now Open

Parents and guardians can register their child online at: www.ycdsb.ca/admissions

Starting Kindergarten is an exciting time in a young child's life, filled with new experiences and opportunities to learn and grow. Kindergarten registration at the York Catholic District School Board is now open for the 2026-2027 school year, which starts in September.

Children must be four years old by December 31, 2026 and born in 2022 to register for Junior Kindergarten, or five years old by December 31, 2026 and born in 2021 to register for Senior Kindergarten.

York Catholic's Full-Day Kindergarten (FDK) program teaches children through inquiry and play-based learning methods. Teachers and Early Childhood Educators work together in Kindergarten classrooms to support each child's unique needs. Children explore their world through play and real-life experiences. In York Catholic's FDK program, students actively engage in problem-solving and inquiry in an atmosphere that fosters fun and cooperation. The FDK program helps children build a solid foundation for future learning by enhancing their social, emotional, cognitive, language, and academic skills in a safe, caring, nurturing, and fun environment.

Parents and/or guardians can register their child for Kindergarten online at www.ycdsb.ca/admissions and will need to upload the supporting documents listed below after submitting their online registration. Students currently attending Junior Kindergarten at a York Catholic school do not need to re-register for Senior Kindergarten. Parents and/or guardians can look up the Kindergarten program in their area by using **York Catholic's online school locator** at <http://locator.ycdsb.ca>, or by calling the **Admissions Department** at **905-713-2711 or 416-221-5050**.

The following supporting documents are needed to register for Kindergarten:

- A baptismal certificate from a Roman Catholic Church or a Catholic Church in Communion with the Holy See of Rome (child or parent)
- Proof of child's age
- Proof of legal status in Canada
- Proof of residency
- Proof of Separate School Support (e.g. MPAC Assessment Notice, or a completed Direction of School Support).

To learn more about York Catholic's Kindergarten program, please visit:

www.ycdsb.ca/programs-services/kindergarten.

Integration of Our Catholic Faith

January Virtue of the Month: Unity

January 2026 “Pilgrims of Hope” Bulletin

We are pleased to share the OCSTA Catholic Education Week Committee’s “Pilgrims of Hope: On the Path to Holiness” bulletin for January, which includes activities and reflections that educators and staff can incorporate into the closing of our Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee Year and into the next steps.

This month’s bulletin invites us to reflect on ways to keep the Jubilee year of hope alive in our hearts and schools. Although the Jubilee Year of Hope has come to an end, the call to be Pilgrims of Hope has not. A Jubilee is meant to be a moment of renewal, a spiritual turning point that sends us forward changed. We are encouraged to carry the spirit of the Jubilee forward, living with hope, extending mercy, and building communities rooted in faith and love.

Click [here](#) for access to the January bulletin.

January Prayer for Unity

God of harmony and unity,
 You want us all to work together to build your kingdom.
 May our ears hear your voice clearly
 May our eyes see your beauty in all
 May our understanding break down walls of fear and pride
 May we make our school
 a place of friendship
 a place of belonging
 a place of welcome.
 where everyone feels safe.
 where everyone has a place
 where all are united in You, dear God. Amen.

