



ST. CLARE CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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JUNE 2020 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is hard to believe that this is the final newsletter that I will be sharing with you for this school year... and what a year it has been. While we continue to face challenges brought upon us by the Covid-19 pandemic, I will choose to look back on this school year as a testament to the remarkable strength and resilience of the St. Clare school community. From staff, to students, to parents, you have all shown that guided by our belief in God, we can truly overcome any obstacles.

It truly takes a village to create a safe and caring learning environment where our students can thrive and experience success both inside and outside the classroom. I would like to thank a few people who helped in making this year most memorable. Thank you to **Monsignor John** and **Fr. Antonello** for their spiritual guidance. Thank you to our Trustee and YCDSB Chair, **Ms. Maria Marchese** for her support. A heartfelt thank you to our Superintendent, **Dr. Opiyo Oloya**, for his leadership and support throughout the year. I would like to thank the **staff** of St. Clare for all their caring, expertise, time and effort in meeting the needs of all their students, for giving up their time for extra-curricular activities to develop a well-rounded approach to life in our students. A big heartfelt thanks goes out to the **Catholic School Council** and **parent volunteers** whose efforts have made so many things possible for our students and our school community.

Lastly, thank you all **SCE students!** You truly are the best part of our school. While this is not how we hoped our school year would end, I cannot wait until we can come together again to continue all of the fun and excitement we experienced during our first seven months together. I hope you rest up during the summer because I've got a lot planned for when we get back! From Kindergarten to Grade 8 remember that we love you, we care about you, and united, we are SCE... the best place to be!

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mr. F. De Bartolo, *Principal*

**Catholic School Trustee
& YCDSB Chair**
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and lates, please dial:**
1-855-856-7862
OR
go.schoolmessenger.ca

SCE SCHOOL DAY:
8:35 Supervision Begins
8:50 Morning Entry
10:20 AM Recess
12:00 Lunch
12:20 Lunch Recess
1:00 Afternoon Entry
2:20 PM Recess
3:40 Dismissal

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





MONTHLY VIRTUES

Each month, a different Catholic virtue is highlighted board wide. Students are encouraged to demonstrate these attributes in their daily actions both at school and at home.

During the month of June, we celebrate the virtue of **Honesty**. Daily reflections and classroom discussions will be centred around this virtue.

VAUGHAN COMMUNITY OF SCHOOLS FOOD DRIVE

On Tuesday, May 12, SCE participated in a board wide food drive. All donations collected from the one day event were donated to the Vaughan Food Bank. All three bins were overflowing by the end of the day. My heart was overjoyed to see the generosity shown by our school community during this difficult time. Thank you to all those who participated!



VIRTUAL SUNDAY MASS

Our community parish, St. Clare of Assisi has virtually opened their doors, allowing us to pray, gather and experience the sorrow of Jesus' crucifixion along with the hope of his resurrection, as a true community of

faith. It is my hope that this will assist us all in feeling more connected during this time of physical distancing, as God gathers us within our own homes.

St Clare of Assisi Church

<https://saintclareofassisi.ca/>



NOT RETURNING IN SEPTEMBER 2020?

If you are moving out of the area and/or your child will not be returning to St. Clare in September 2020, please notify as soon as possible. **Please note, parents of graduating students do not need to call.**



SCHOOL STRUCTURE FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

The process of creating class lists for September 2020 will begin shortly. The first step in this process is to determine class organization, grades JK through eight, meeting the current criteria of Board, Ministry and contract guidelines. As a school board, we are awaiting further details from the Minister of Education regarding school structuring parameters in September across the province of Ontario.

However, as per our regular practice, each student will be individually discussed and placed, taking into consideration individual needs. Your child will be placed where the staff feels will be the best learning environment for the student. Our goal is to establish balanced classes to provide effective teaching/learning groups which will benefit all children in each class. Teachers will virtually meet to carefully consider the following criteria:

- Learning Styles
- Academic Abilities
- Social Groupings
- Balance of Males/Females
- Behavioural Needs
- Special Education
- English as a Second Language Needs
- Previous Placement in a combined grade

I know that you can appreciate that determining the best and most functional class groupings possible is a task which requires much thought and careful planning. Accepting parental requests for specific teachers, classes or peers would **not** be in the best interest of all students in the school, as it could restrict school staff from forming the most ideal classroom groupings. The teachers who have been working with the students all year know them well, and they will make the determination of placement in their best interest.

On the behalf of the staff, I thank you as we greatly appreciate your anticipated cooperation in trusting us to make the best decision for your child.

HONOURING OUR GRADE 8 GRADUATES



Special preparations are currently being finalized to honour our Graduating Class of 2020. While we are still hopeful that a formal ceremony will be able to take place in the fall, we could not let the year end without a special send off to our

beloved Grade 8s. More information will follow in the coming days!

SCE YEARBOOK

We are pleased to announce that SCE will continue our rich tradition of offering a magnificent yearbook of memories for our students to purchase. Stay tuned for more information!

RETRIEVAL OF SCHOOL ITEMS

A process for families to retrieve items students left at school before school closures will be shared with our community shortly. Thank you for your patience as this plan is being finalized by the Board in collaboration with York Region Public Health. On this day, families will also be able to pick up any Epi-Pens and medication left at school. Your cooperation in strictly adhering to this shared plan is greatly appreciated as safety is our top priority.

FOLLOW US ON TWITTER

Please follow our very active Twitter account at [@sce_ycdsb](https://twitter.com/sce_ycdsb). Turn on notifications and never miss an update!

ST. CLARE IS A CHARACTER SCHOOL

Each morning, as part of our school announcements, we remind all our students at St. Clare is a character school. This means that we always hold ourselves to a higher standard. If students should ever find themselves in difficulty and cannot resolve a problem on their own, they are reminded to approach a caring staff member for assistance. We review daily that we must keep our hands and feet to ourselves and only to use kind words, even when we are provoked. Both the YCDSB and our school places excellence, equity, community and positive relationships at the heart of student success and well-being. ***We are a Catholic Learning Community of collaborative partners, called to serve one another by being committed to and accountable for quality learning by all with Jesus as our inspiration.***

STUDENT BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS

It is the expectation of the YCDSB and St. Clare Catholic Elementary School that students will:

- ★ Demonstrate honesty and integrity
- ★ Respect differences in people, their ideas and their opinions
- ★ Treat one another with dignity and respect, especially when there is a disagreement
- ★ Respect and treat others fairly
- ★ Respect the rights of others
- ★ Take appropriate measures to help those in need
- ★ Seek assistance from teachers to resolve conflicts peacefully
- ★ Demonstrate respect for people in positions of responsibility
- ★ Respect the need of others to work in an environment that is conducive to learning and teaching
- ★ Be courteous and polite at all times

We thank you for reviewing these expectations for behaviour and overall conduct with your child.