



# ST. CLARE CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## JANUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy New Year and welcome back! We hope everyone had a joyful Christmas break. On behalf of the entire staff, we would like to extend a sincere thank you for your generosity and kindness during the Christmas season, and especially for your on-going support and cooperation in supporting our various Christmas activities. Thank you to all who donated in the one day Toy Drive! Your generosity has made a positive impact on many families in our community.

We welcomed back our students on January 4th in a different way this year. Staff and students will engage in remote learning for the first week of school and we hope to welcome back most students in person on Monday, January 11. Thank you to the dedicated staff, resilient students and patient parents for all of their efforts during this period of remote learning.

As we look ahead, with grateful hearts, we humbly ask God's blessing on all St. Clare CES families as we begin this new year. May this be a year of continued growth in faith, hope and love for our entire SCE community. Our virtue for the month of January is Unity. In today's world, it is more important than ever to focus on the similarities that unite all people and how we can be a positive influence to everyone that we encounter. Let our daily actions be a true reflection of our commitment to leading inclusive, compassionate and Christ-centred lives.

Kindergarten registration time is upon us once again! For further information regarding the registration process please read the important inserts in this newsletter.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mr. F. De Bartolo  
Principal

**Catholic School Trustee**  
Maria Marchese

**Superintendent of Education**  
Opiyo Oloya

**Pastor**  
Rev. Msgr. John Boreon

**Associate Pastor**  
Rev. Andre Lima

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Sandra Carvalho

**Administrative Assistant**  
Maria Boem

**Principal**  
Francesco De Bartolo

**To report student absences and lates, please dial:**  
1-855-856-7862  
**OR**  
[go.schoolmessenger.ca](http://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

<p><b>Mission Statement</b></p> <p>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.</p>	<p><b>Vision Statement</b></p> <p>Our students will become creative and critical thinkers who integrate Catholic Values into their daily lives, as socially responsible global citizens.</p>	<p><b>Core Values</b></p>	<p><b>Strategic Commitments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Integration of Our Catholic Faith</li> <li>Continuous Improvement of Student Achievement</li> <li>Effective Use of Our Resources</li> <li>Engaging Our Communities</li> </ul>
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### 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 January, we celebrate the virtue of **Unity**. Daily reflections and classroom discussions will be centred around this virtue.

### CIVVIES DAY

Our next Civvies Day will be held on **Friday, January 29**. Students who wish to participate are asked to wear appropriate clothing to school and don't forget your loonie or toonie. Thank you for your support in our ShareLife campaign.

### VIRTUAL ROSARY APOSTOLATE

The St. Clare community once again welcomes the Rosary Apostolate back to our school. They will be visiting our classrooms virtually on a monthly basis. Our first virtual session was held in December. We thank the staff, students and Rosary Apostolate representatives for leading us in prayer.



### CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, January 14th at 7:00 p.m.**



### FAMILY LITERACY DAY

Family Literacy Day takes place every January 27th to raise awareness about the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family.

Since 1999, thousands of schools, libraries, literacy organizations and other community groups have taken part in the initiative. Taking time every day to read or do a learning activity with children is crucial to a child's development and is proven to improve a child's literacy skills dramatically. More information will follow on how SCE plans on celebrating Family Literacy Day.



### UPCOMING PA DAYS

Please note that there are two upcoming PA Days in the next few weeks. There will be no school for students on **Friday, January 15th & Monday, February 1st**. Staff will be engaged in planning, preparation and professional development activities on both days.

### FAREWELL

After 14 years at St. Clare, we would like to wish Ms. Tanel-Logozzo a fond farewell. Ms. Tanel-Logozzo has contributed greatly to our school over the years and her dedication to student learning and student success reached far beyond the classroom. Whether she was teaching Health, Phys Ed., or coaching a team or club, Ms. Tanel-Logozzo has always engaged students in a meaningful way. Students will remember Ms. Tanel-Logozzo as someone who always encouraged them to give their best effort to live an active and healthy life. We wish Ms. Tanel-Logozzo well in her new teaching assignment and invite her to visit St. Clare often!

Thank you to Ms. Walton who is leaving St. Clare after several years and is continuing her role in supporting students at another school. Ms. Walton's gentle manner and smile will be missed by all staff and students.

We would also like to wish Ms. Tomasi a fond farewell and thank her for her hard work and efforts at St. Clare. In a short time, Ms. Tomasi has made a lasting impact at our school.

### WELCOME

While it is never easy to say goodbye, we are happy to welcome back some of our beloved staff members who we missed. We would like to welcome Ms. Ciccone back to her Grade 2/3 class.

Welcome to Ms. Alusio to our French Department & Ms. Alexander, as well as Ms. Spence to our Special Education Department.

We also welcome Ms. Campoli who will be taking on the role of Health & Phys Ed teacher at St. Clare.

## SAFE & CARING SCHOOLS

### EXTREME TEMPERATURE THRESHOLD/WARM

The extreme temperature threshold at St. Clare CES has been set at -18 degrees celsius. That means if the temperature (including the windchill) is less than -18 degrees celsius, students will be heading outside for recess. Please ensure that students come to school appropriately dressed for the weather.

### EXTRA CLOTHING REMINDER

It's that time of year again and the weather is getting colder, wetter and can be quite unpredictable. Please send extra clothing to school with your child for those cold, wet and/or muddy days. Extra socks are especially important as students will often have wet socks on rainy or slushy days. Extra clothing may be kept in the bottom of the knapsack. Please label your child's clothing whenever possible. With winter approaching, please ensure your child comes to school appropriately dressed for recess times.

If a parent feels their child is too ill to go out for recess, then the child should be kept at home until they are better and are able to enjoy the outdoor recess routines.

### **NEW!** HELPFUL TIPS ON INCLEMENT WEATHER DAYS

When an Inclement Weather Day has been declared, an email will be sent to you from the school with the following information and reminders:

- All schools will be closed
- Students are NOT to come to school
- All student learning will be remote
- Staff will teach remotely through their virtual classroom
- B&A Programs will NOT run
- Child Care Centres remain open at the discretion of the operator
- Tests, quizzes, non virtual parent meetings are cancelled for today, and will be rescheduled
- If your child is not attending class via remote learning, please input their absence in the Safe Arrival system by calling 1-855-856-7862 or online at <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca> before the start of the school day.

### MASKS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

Parents are reminded to wear masks at all times when on school property. This includes at drop off in the morning and pick up in the afternoon, as well as when entering the school.

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### VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

Visitors are not to enter the school during hours of operation unless identified through a prearranged exception. It is expected that parents/guardians **contact the school by telephone first at 905-856-6643 if assistance is required**. Visitors will only be allowed to enter after they have reviewed the self-assessment notification posted at the front door. Visitors will be admitted individually by buzzer and remain in the front foyer. Visitors are expected to wear a mask at all times when inside the school and to sanitize their hands upon entry. If visitors are invited to enter the office beyond the foyer, a reminder to please respect a two-metre physical distance at all times. As usual, all permitted visitors must confirm their arrival by signing in/out. If a parent/guardian needs to meet with the Principal or teacher, **the meeting must be scheduled in advance**. While we are always willing to partner with you regarding any questions or concerns you may have, **drop-in visits to speak with the Principal or a teacher are not permitted at this time**.





# Kindergarten Registration

## Registration for the 2021-2022 school year begins January 4, 2021

Parents are invited to register online at:

[www.ycdsb.ca/admissions](http://www.ycdsb.ca/admissions)

Following submission of an online registration, you will be asked to upload the following documents via a secure link:

- Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate (child or parent) or a Catholic Church in Communion with the Holy See of Rome
- Proof of age
- Proof of legal status in Canada
- Proof of residency
- Proof of Separate School Support (i.e. MPAC Assessment Notice), or you can complete a school support form that is included in the registration package.

**JK:** Children must be 4 years old by Dec. 31, 2021 (born in 2017)

**SK:** Children must be 5 years old by Dec. 31, 2021 (born in 2016)

*If your child is already attending a YCDSB school for JK registration is not required.*

For information, contact the Admissions Department:



[www.ycdsb.ca/admissions](http://www.ycdsb.ca/admissions)



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