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APRIL 2021 NEWSLETTER - HAPPY EASTER!

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Catholics around the world will be celebrating Easter this coming weekend. Did you know that the Easter season continues for fifty days until Pentecost? It is the beginning of a new season of grace and a time of joy and thanksgiving. During the first week of April, we observe Golden Rule Week. The Golden Rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," was taught by Jesus in his Sermon on the Mount. When we follow this rule, we are practicing the virtue of reverence.

This month, we celebrate the virtue of Reverence. Reverence refers to the proper attitude we should have towards God. Respect is another dimension of Reverence, and it means to see the other person with new eyes. Our ShareLife week is in full swing and thank those who have already donated to our online campaign. Details on how to donate online were sent in an email to parents and guardians on March 31st and can be found on our website as well.

The third wave of the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact how we go about our daily lives. With a rise in Variant of Concern cases around us, it is important now, more than ever, to follow the protocols put in place by the school as directed by York Region Public Health. With the warmer days and April Break ahead, we should not lose sight of the importance of following protocols outside of school to ensure the safety of all in our community. We will continue to forge ahead with implementing all COVID-19 protocols and appreciate your continued support.

On behalf of the entire St. Clare staff, I would like to wish you and your loved ones a blessed Easter and a safe and restful April Break ahead.

Yours in Catholic Education,
Mr. F. De Bartolo, *Principal*

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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

<p>Mission Statement</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>Vision Statement</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>Core Values</p> <div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="border: 1px solid white; border-radius: 50%; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">Excellence</div> <div style="border: 1px solid white; border-radius: 50%; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">Equity</div> <div style="border: 1px solid white; border-radius: 50%; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">Fiscal Responsibility</div> <div style="border: 1px solid white; border-radius: 50%; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">Catholicity</div> <div style="border: 1px solid white; border-radius: 50%; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">Inclusion</div> <div style="border: 1px solid white; border-radius: 50%; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">Integrity</div> <div style="border: 1px solid white; border-radius: 50%; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">Respect</div> </div>	<p>Strategic Commitments</p> <div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="border: 1px solid white; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">Integration of Our Catholic Faith</div> <div style="border: 1px solid white; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">Continuous Improvement of Student Achievement</div> <div style="border: 1px solid white; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">Effective Use of Our Resources</div> <div style="border: 1px solid white; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">Engaging Our Communities</div> </div>
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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 April, we celebrate the virtue of **Reverence**. Daily reflections and classroom discussions will be centred around this virtue.

SACRAMENTS

Please note that registration forms for First Communion and Confirmation were due on March 26th. The Sacrament of **First Communion** will take place on **Saturday, May 15 at 12:30pm** and **Confirmation** on **Wednesday, May 19 at 7pm**. St. Clare of Assisi Parish is offering the following dates for the Sacrament of Reconciliation:

First Reconciliation for First Communion Students
Saturday, April 24 from 10:30am to 11:00am

Reconciliation for Confirmation Students
Monday, April 26 from 8:00pm to 9:00pm

Reconciliation will take place at St. Clare of Assisi Parish.



Registration packages are currently available online only and can be accessed from the board's website at www.ycdsb.ca/admissions.

We look forward to welcoming your child into our school and encourage you to invite your neighbours and friends who live within our school's boundaries to begin the registration process.



WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY

On April 2nd, people around the world observed World Autism Awareness Day. On this day, people around the world wear blue as a show of support and to help raise awareness, increase acceptance and celebrate our friends on the autism spectrum. St. Clare participated in Autism Ontario's Raise the Flag event on Tuesday, April 6th.

SHARELIFE WEEK @ SCE

At St. Clare CES it is our goal to grow students to become creative and critical thinkers who integrate Gospel values into their daily lives so they can become socially responsible citizens who demonstrate compassion, resilience, responsibility and hope. Charitable giving to help people who are less fortunate is one of the ways we can foster these values in our students. St. Clare is proud to announce it will be running a charitable campaign for ShareLife from April 6 – 9, 2021. Details on how to donate to our online campaign were emailed to parents on March 31st, and can be found on our website. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

SCE ShareLife 2021 Week				
MONDAY, APRIL 5	TUESDAY, APRIL 6	WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7	THURSDAY, APRIL 8	FRIDAY, APRIL 9
ShareLife Supports Food Banks & the Less Fortunate	ShareLife Supports the Deaf Community	ShareLife Supports Seniors Citizens in our Community	ShareLife Supports Counselling & Mental Health	ShareLife Supports Newcomers to Canada
Easter Monday	Suggested Activity:	Suggested Activity:	Suggested Activity:	Civvies Day!
Thank you for your generous donations to our One Day Lenten Food Drive last week!	Learn how to sign a simple greeting	Make a card and/or have a video chat with a grandparent of your family to cheer up their day!	SCE Day of Kindness & Giving. Make an effort to spread kindness throughout the school.	Dress in your favourite bright colours to represent how we welcome ALL into our school and country!

APRIL BREAK

School will be closed from Monday, April 12 to Friday, April 16 for the postponed March Break. Both in school and online classes will resume on Monday, April 19. Wishing you a safe and restful break.

Staying Safe @School

Changes to Covid-19 Practices

The Ministry of Education and York Region Public Health recently made the following changes for schools, effective February 16, 2021.

One Symptom



If you have **just ONE** Covid-19 symptom you must **stay home** from school and **get tested** at an Assessment Centre.

More Masks



All staff and students in **Grades 1- 12 must wear a mask** on school property throughout the day (except at lunch). JK/SK students are encouraged to wear masks. Two- or three-layer reusable cloth masks are recommended for students.

Parents/visitors should wear a mask when on school property, even **during drop-off/pick-up.**



Students and staff need to wear masks everywhere on school property, **even OUTDOORS** during recess.



Students should **bring four (4) masks to schools each day** and a clean paper or breathable cloth bag to store them in.

Entire Household Treated the Same

If **anyone in your household is sick** and does not have a negative COVID-19 test or an alternative diagnosis, **EVERYONE** in the household must stay home from school.



If anyone in your household has **travelled outside of Canada**, **EVERYONE** must stay home from school until their 14-day quarantine period has ended.



If anyone in your household was **identified as a high-risk/close contact of a COVID-19 case**, **EVERYONE** in the household must stay home from school until notified they can return.

Updated Screening



All students and staff must complete the **York Region Public Health school and child-care screening tool** before going to school each day. **DAILY CONFIRMATION** of screening is required for **staff and secondary students.**