

St. Edward Catholic School News

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

October

- ⇒ 1-Orange Shirt Day/
Civvies Day
- ⇒ 3-Cross Country Meet
- ⇒ 8-Thanksgiving
- ⇒ 11-CSC Meeting
- ⇒ 22-PA Day-No school
for students
- ⇒ 31-Halloween: Spook-a-Thon

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are truly grateful for a positive start to the school year! We thank students and parents for their wonderful participation in our Terry Fox Fundraiser. This year, we surpassed our goal of \$3000.00 and raised \$ 5143.60-thank you!

This month sees the perfect blend of school, parish, and home. Some of the highlights for the month of October include the Cross Country Meet, our Thanksgiving Mass on October 11th at 10:30 a.m. led by our grade 6 students, and our popular and the much-anticipated Halloween Spooktacular.

Thank you to all who were able to attend our Curriculum/Open House on September 20th and a special thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to serve on the Catholic School Council.

On behalf of the staff, we wish you a blessed and Happy Thanksgiving!

Kindest regards,
Mrs. C. Mills
Principal



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Integration of our Catholic Faith

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Faith Activities

OCTOBER: THE VIRTUE OF COMPASSION

This month we celebrate the virtue of compassion. In Luke's Gospel we read, "Be compassionate as God is compassionate." We understand compassion not only as the ability to empathize with another but also to act on behalf of that other person. If we are truly compassionate, we will more genuinely be able to express thanks and gratitude.

THANKSGIVING MASS

We are delighted to welcome Father Gerald from St Patrick's church to celebrate Thanksgiving as well as a special prayer for the Feast of St. Edward on October 11th at 10:30 a.m. Our grade 6 students will be leading us in prayer. Please join us for this special celebration.

THANKSGIVING

Monday, October 8th is the Thanksgiving holiday.

We hope that you enjoy time with your friends and family.

There is no school for students on this day.

TERRY FOX NATIONAL SCHOOL RUN DAY!



What a success! On Thursday, September 27th, students at St. Edward CES joined forces with many other schools in the province and ran/walked to raise awareness and funds for cancer research and to pay tribute to this remarkable young Canadian.

We raised **\$5143.60** which will be donated to the Terry Fox Foundation and surpassed our 2018 school goal of \$3000.00 THANKS TO YOU!

Thank you to Ms. Abraham, Mme Gouin, and Ms. Manserra and all teachers for coordinating this event for our school and to you, our generous community, for helping make the world a better place.

SCHEDULED MASSES FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR

October 11th, Thanksgiving 10:30 a.m.

December 7th, Advent Mass 10:30 a.m.

January 10th, New Year Mass 10:30 a.m.

April 5th, Lenten Mass 10:30 a.m.

May 10th, Catholic Education Week Mass
10:30 a.m.

June 21th, End of the School Year Mass
10:30 a.m.

FOOD DRIVE-OCTOBER 1-5

Students are encouraged to bring in non-perishable food items to help families in need. Items will be taken to the Markham Food Bank.

ORANGE SHIRT DAY

On October 1, 2018, St. Edward CES joined other schools in YCDSB to raise awareness and honour our Indigenous community by wearing an orange shirt.

Be the best you can be!

Best Practices

SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK **September 24-September 28**

We have a primary responsibility to ensure a safe learning environment for students and staff in our school community.

As part of our safety initiative this year, St. Edward, along with all the other schools in York Region, practiced a variety of safety protocols with staff and students the last week of September. During this week, staff discussed and practiced emergency procedures to help students and staff to understand the precautionary steps we need to take in the event of such things as a warning of severe weather, an intruder, or a fire. While we had a successful Safety Awareness Week, we will continue over the next few months to hold practice drills to acquaint students with various emergency protocols.

Thank you for supporting our proactive approach to responding to emergencies. If you have any questions, please contact the school.

STUDENT SAFETY

Our school remains committed to the Safe and Caring Schools initiative. The doors to the school remain locked during the school day. Visitors request entry, during school hours, by pressing the buzzer. Office staff will be able to see and speak with the visitor and will remotely unlock the front doors. All visitors are asked to report directly to the office for further assistance.

Lunch is a particularly busy time, as well as morning and afternoon recesses for our front office staff. We expect that there may be a brief delay in responding to the door buzzer during those times. Sending lunch to school with your child/children in the morning, as opposed to dropping it off during the lunch hour, will help to reduce traffic in and out of the school.

We are also asking that you accompany your child to the office after the morning bell and that you stay clear of the yard during school hours. Thank you again!

SCHOOL DRIVEWAY AND DROP-OFF

What a truly amazing community we have here at St. Edward! Thank you so much for your co-operation in our attempt to ensure the safety of our students as they arrive for school each morning. There are ten buses arriving and departing from St. Edward each day.

In order to keep our little ones out of harm's way, we are reminding everyone that buses are given priority in the driveway and that NO CARS may pass a bus in the driveway. Please keep in mind that most buses will have dropped off students by 8:20 am in the morning, thus freeing up the space for "Kiss' n Ride".

Also, please note that when dropping off your child/ren at the Kiss' N Ride, no one is to exit the car/van from the driver side. Students are to step out of the stopped vehicle via the passenger side, straight onto the sidewalk, where they are out of harm's way. Should you need to have the driver come out of the vehicle, please park your vehicle in the available parking spots.

Finally, another safety measure when using the Kiss' N Ride is to keep students' backpacks in the car/van and not in the trunk. No one should be getting things out of the trunk of a vehicle in a single lane Kiss 'N Ride.

Continuous Improvement of Student Achievement

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Best Practices (Cont'd)

EQAO RESULTS

We are pleased to provide you with the attached highlights of our school results on the provincial EQAO test written last spring. We will be reviewing our detailed EQAO results and other school assessment data, in order to build on our strengths and address areas requiring improvement. The students who participated in the assessment will be receiving their individual results later this month. For additional information about this and other province-wide assessments, please visit www.eqao.com.

PACE SCREENING

In September, all grade 4 students in our Board wrote the Canadian Cognitive Abilities Test (CCAT) to determine eligibility for the P.A.C.E. (Program for Academic and Creative Extension), or Gifted Program. The students selected for PACE attend St. Justin Martyr in Grade 5 for this program.

Results will be available in late November. Parents of students who may be suitable candidates for this program will be notified. The results of these tests also provide the school with information about all children's areas of strength and weakness. The results are placed in your child's Ontario Student Record Documentation folder.

GRADE 8 MORNING ANNOUNCEMENT LEADERS

This year, we have Grade Eight student volunteers who have taken on the responsibility of reading daily morning announcements. We thank them for their initiative and leadership-they are doing an excellent job.

CROSS COUNTRY

Best wishes Cross Country Running team at the Area Meet on October 3rd at Bruce's Mill. A big thank you goes out to our coaches Ms. Manna, Ms. Gouthro, Mme Toma, and Mme Montano. Go Royals Go!



VOLLEYBALL

Try-outs and practices have started for our Intermediate students for Volleyball. Practices will be held during lunch hours and after school, with dates and times to be confirmed. Thank you to Ms. Fraser, Mr. McInnes, Mme Yu, and Mme Xu our teams' coaches. Go Royals Go



Be the best you can be!

Catholic School Council News

St. Edward Catholic School Council elections took place on Thursday, September 21st, 2017. Congratulations and thank you to the new Council Members for 2018-2019:

J. Bahen (Chair)

T. Chan

B. Cruzat

C. Di Fonzo (Vice-Chair)

M. Fabregas

P. Giuliano (Faith Representative)

N. Muktar (Volunteer Coordinator)

L. Pino-Lopez (Secretary)

R. Pinto

C. Schifitto

L. Silveira (Treasurer)

S. Sugrue

ELEMENTARY DRESS CODE

Policy 219 A, Elementary Dress Code, was approved on November 28, 2017. Section 3.9 provides each school the opportunity to review the existing dress-code every six years. The 2018-19 school year is year 6 of the elementary student dress code, which means that the process for potential change to the school's current student dress code must be addressed at the first meeting of our newly elected Catholic School Council which was on September 20th, 2018.

At this meeting, it was confirmed that feedback from parents in St. Edward School community indicated an interest in reviewing the current dress code. Therefore, the Elementary Dress Code: Preliminary Survey (Appendix A) will be distributed to all eligible voting families in the next few weeks. If the preliminary survey results are greater than 30% of the total (eligible) number of families in the school community being in favour of a change, the full decision-making process will be initiated. For more information on the process, please refer to Policy 219A on the York Catholic District School Board website.

OPEN HOUSE

Many thanks for all parents who joined us on September 20th for our Open House. It was a big success. If you were unable to attend, please speak to your child's classroom teacher for any handouts you may have missed.

That evening, we had the visit from our YCDSB Trustee, Marlene Mogado and Fr. Gerald from St. Patrick Parish.

HOT LUNCHES

Tuesday-Kids Kitchen

Wednesday-Pizza

Thursday-Kids Kitchen

Friday- Catholic School Council Hot Lunch Committee to organize

SPOOK-A-THON DANCE

Our Catholic School Council will be holding its Halloween Dance on **Wednesday, October 31st**. Students are invited to wear costumes to school that day, although no face masks or even pretend weapons are permitted. The entire school will be full of very interesting characters!

Our Council Committee is always looking for volunteers who may be able to help with this event. If you think you may be able to assist in any way, please contact the school. Details to follow.

Engaging our Communities

The St. Edward CES School Council

Volunteer Form

September 2018

Hi Parents and Guardians,

Warmest welcome from your 2018-2019 School Council! This year's members are:

Jennifer Bahen, Tommy Chan, Beverly Cruzat, Cathy DiFonzo, Monique Fabregas, Paul Giuliano, Nadia Muktar, Laura Pino, Rene Pinto, Concetta Schifitto, Louella Silveira.

Thank you to all who joined this year's council. It's because of you that all of our kids will get extra activities and fun events around the school. With that said, we are hoping that YOU could sign up to help at one event or another, throughout the year. All you need to do is give your information below and when an event or hot lunch comes up, we can email the whole group and you can decide if you can help. This would include such opportunities such as hot lunch, Halloween, Pancake Tuesday, BBQ or Spirit Days. These small volunteer jobs can be only 30-60 minutes of your time BUT will make a huge difference overall. Please consider putting your name down and getting involved in your school.

YES, I want to be contacted about possible volunteering at our school events as needed.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Thank you for giving back to not only your child(ren) but all the kids in our school community.

If any questions at all, please contact our CSC Volunteer

Co-ordinator Nadia Muktar nmuktar@rogers.com

Please return the form to your child's teacher.

Be the best you can be!

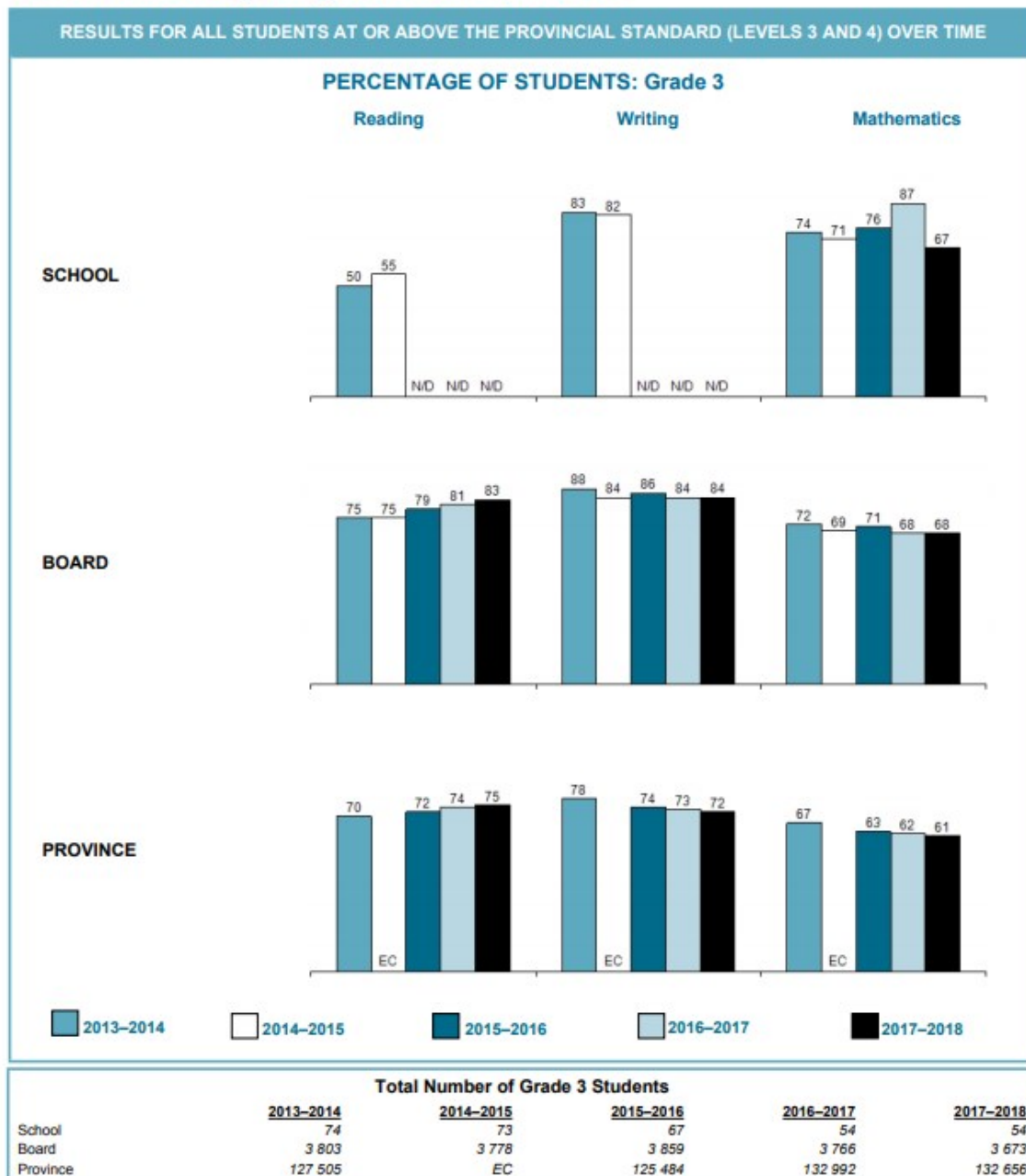
Engaging our Communities

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School Report

St Edward Sep S (788082)

Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics, 2017–2018



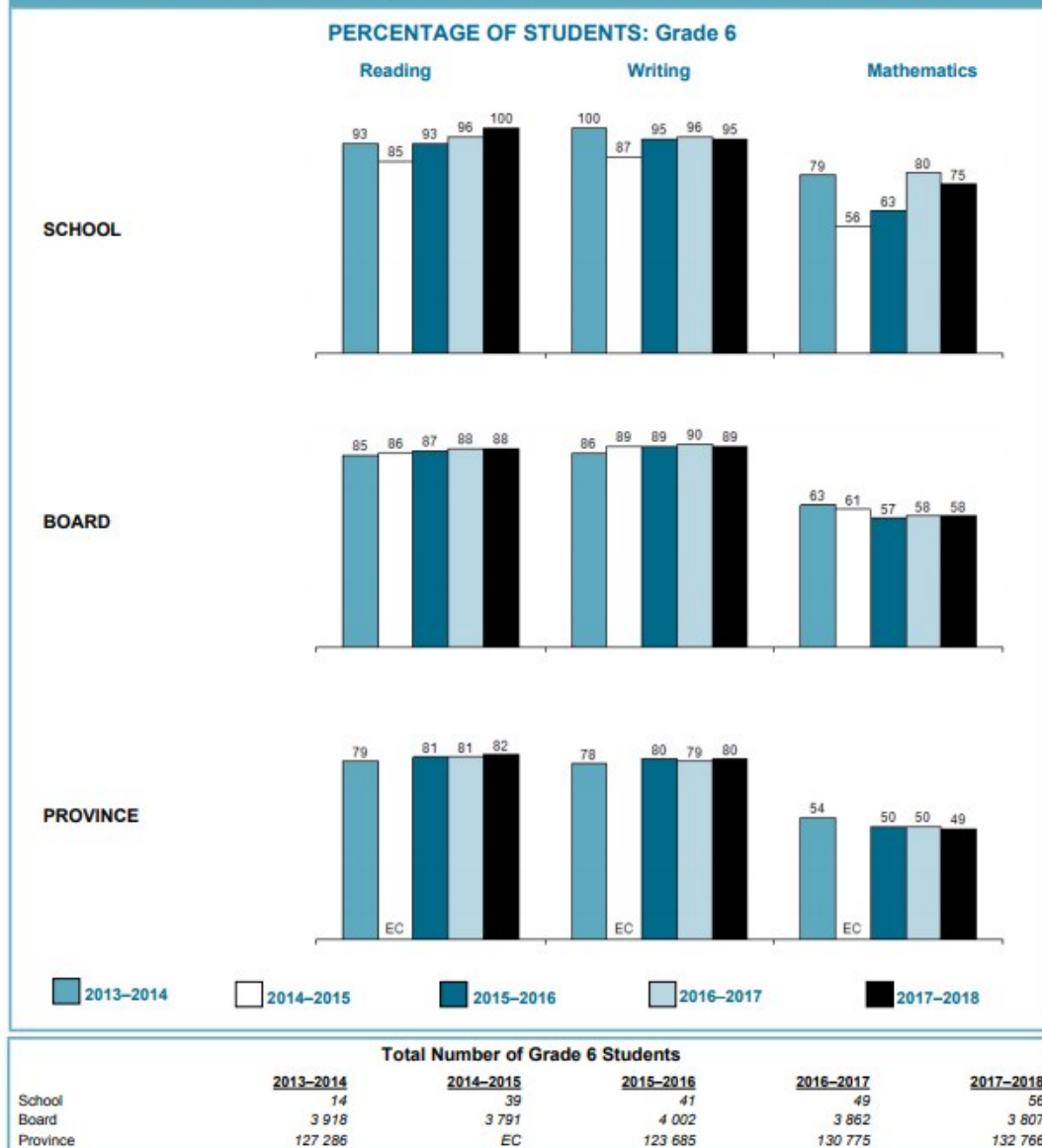
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RESULTS FOR ALL STUDENTS AT OR ABOVE THE PROVINCIAL STANDARD (LEVELS 3 AND 4) OVER TIME





ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL

What is Active School Travel?

You may have heard the terms Active Travel, Active School Travel, Active Transportation or Sustainable Transportation before. What do these terms mean?

Active School Travel is the use of any form of human-powered travel, such as walking or wheeling (including cycling, rollerblading, skateboarding, or using a wheelchair) to get to and from school or to the school bus. These forms of transportation are sustainable because they have a low impact on the environment.

Do your children currently walk or wheel to school? The York Catholic District School Board is committed to encouraging Active School Travel in all of our school communities and providing education on the many health benefits of Active Travel. Over the course of the 2018-2019 school year we will provide tips and information to educate and encourage students to walk and wheel to and from school. For those who can't walk or cycle to school every day, choosing active travel once, twice, or a few days a week or parking a block away from the school and walking the rest of the way still provide benefits.

MAKE A COMMITMENT TO WALK THIS OCTOBER

October is International Walk to School Month (IWALK), and on **October 3, 2018**, YCDSB will join communities across the globe in celebrating International Walk to School Day! Join the movement! Teachers, administrators and Catholic School Councils can learn more about IWALK or register their school to participate in IWALK Day at: <http://ontarioactiveschooltravel.ca/international-walk-to-school-month/>.

We encourage all students to WALK to and from school for the month of October.



Enjoy the Walk,

YCDSB Active School Travel Team



ST. EDWARD CES
OCTOBER 2018
CALENDAR
VIRTUE OF COMPASSION



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 Orange Shirt Day Civvies Day	2	3 Cross Country Meet at Bruce's Mill	4 Pizza Day Grade 7 Boys and Girls Immunization	5 Grade 3-Pickering Pioneer Museum Trip
8 Thanksgiving Day No School for Students	9	10 Pizza day	11 Thanksgiving mass at 10:30 a.m. CSC Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in library	12 Grade 6 Junior Achievement
15	16	17 Pizza day	18 Grade 6 Ripley's Museum Trip	19
22 PA Day No School for students	23	24 Pizza day Grade 8 students Visit St. Brother Andre	25	26 Civvies Day
29	30	31 Pizza day Halloween Spooktacular		

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