

York Catholic District School Board

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"Catholic education is above all a question of communicating Christ, of helping to form Christ in the lives of others."

--Pope Saint John Paul II

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Dear Families of the York Catholic District School Board,

It is our pleasure to welcome you to another school year! It is a joy to see the entire YCDSB community coming together again to participate in the very special mission of nurturing another generation of responsible citizens, caring family members and discerning believers (as our board is called to do in the Catholic School Graduate Expectations).

As Pope St. John Paul II told us, Catholic education is called to instill a Christ-like character in young people. We, as a Catholic learning community, take part in this mission because we know that Catholic education will greatly benefit the lives of these young people – and it greatly benefits everyone who encounters a person who is guided by a Christ-like love.

Because of this special mission, we want to thank all the staff for their hard work to make our schools ready for the first day, the parents/guardians who have been busy preparing their children for a successful new year and our students who bring their lifegiving energy to the YCDSB community. It is a blessing to have all of you in the YCDSB community.

To help you plan for the year ahead, we would like to share <u>this calendar, which lists some of the YCDSB's important dates</u>. Feel free to print it and post it in your home, if it would be a valuable resource for your family.

Please know that, as your local Trustees, you can always feel free to contact us if I can be of assistance. You can email us at: Jennifer Wigston, jennifer.wigston@ycdsb.ca, and Angela Grella, angela.grella@ycdsb.ca.

We look forward to celebrating the amazing accomplishments that will surely happen in your school this year. Please know that you are in **our** prayers as we start this new year.

Yours in Catholic Education,

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