

# Note from Ms. Bortolussi

## Week of November 13 - 17th



Dear Parent(s)/Guardians:

The Elementary Progress Report Cards will be available **Wednesday, November 14th** on the Parent Portal at 4:00 p.m. for your review. If you are not able to access the parent portal to print your progress report card copy please notify the office and a hardcopy will be provided. The purpose of this report is to communicate the following about your child in all subjects since the beginning of the school year:

- development of the six categories of learning skills and work habits (responsibility, organization, independent work, collaboration, initiative, and self-regulation)
- general progress towards the achievement of the curriculum expectations.

In terms of structure, the Progress Report Card consists of two pages which both contain teacher comments highlighting your child's strengths and next steps for improvement. The first page focuses on learning skills and work habits while the second page speaks to each subject area. Since it is too early to accurately assign a letter grade or percentage mark, your child's progress in each subject area will be noted using the following indicators: *Progressing With Difficulty, Progressing Well, or Progressing Very Well.*

The Progress Report Card is designed to establish effective lines of communication to strengthen positive home-school relationships for the whole school year. This report will help to focus rich dialogue around student learning between teachers, their students, and parents/guardians. Please take some time to review the Progress Report Card

All parents have been invited to participate in Parent-Teacher interviews so that student progress can be addressed in more detail. The dates set for interviews are **November 16th and 17th** according to the availability of the classroom teacher. Should you require an interpreter to facilitate effective communication, please contact the school office. **You are reminded SMM is a fragrance free school, no cologne, perfume or scented products to be used. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in keeping the school a safe space for all.**

Wishing you all a successful rest of the year. Thank you for allowing me the wonderful opportunity to serve this community and getting to know your amazing children. Wishing you many continued blessings. Mrs. Synder will assume her role as Principal effective Monday, November 20th.

God's speed,

J. Bortolussi - Acting Principal

Heavenly Father,  
 We lift up our hearts to you acknowledging the sacrifices of the many men and women who sacrificed themselves in times of war. We pray for peace to reign not only in the Church, in our families, and among nations but also within our hearts. We ask you, Lord, to grant our leaders and those around the world the wisdom and insight to choose peace. May we be blessed to become a people of peace, as we pray for all throughout the world to turn their hearts toward peace. For you, Jesus, are the Prince of Peace. Amen



**Please review the upcoming events:**

Monday, November 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Pizza Day</b></li> </ul>
Tuesday, November 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Hero Burger</b></li> <li>● <b>Report Cards available in Parent Portal (4:00 pm)</b></li> <li>● <b>Grade 2 Communion Meeting at Parish 6:00 p.m.</b></li> </ul>
Wednesday, November 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Quesada Lunch</b></li> </ul>
Thursday, November 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Express Chicken</b></li> <li>● <b>Parent Teacher Interviews</b></li> <li>● <b>Catholic School Council Gift Basket fundraiser hosted in the Pit (front foyer) 3:30 - 5:00 pm / 6:00 - 8:00 pm</b></li> <li>● <b>Grade 7 Confirmation Meeting at Parish 6:00 pm</b></li> </ul>
Friday, November 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>PA Day</b></li> <li>● <b>Parent Teacher Interviews continued</b></li> </ul>



## Message from SMM Catholic School Council:



The Catholic School Council will be holding its annual Gift Basket Fundraiser on Interview Night, during both the afternoon and evening appointment blocks on Thursday, November 16.

Families are invited to the Pit in the front foyer for some refreshments and an opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win 1 of 10 themed baskets and prizes – our largest offering of prizes to-date!

Baskets will be on display for you to select which basket you’d like to win by placing your tickets in the corresponding ballot boxes.

All proceeds will go toward supporting school initiatives this year.

The CSC would like to send a heartfelt thank you to families who have donated prizes for this fundraiser and thank you all for your support!



## Reminders

**November CSC Meeting Rescheduled : Wednesday, November 22nd at 7:00 p.m. in the library**

**Student Resource Area on YCDSB Website:** Access to the elementary section of the Student Resource page has changed. Students are now required to log into their YCDSB Google account to view the available resources and login credentials for those resources. Students may access the elementary resources by visiting the student section of the Board website via this URL: [www.ycdsb.ca/students/student-resources](http://www.ycdsb.ca/students/student-resources).

**M Y S P**  
**Multi-Year Strategic Plan**

**Mission**  
With Jesus Christ as our model, we provide all students with a Catholic education rooted in equity, well-being and learning.

**Core Values**  
Catholicity, Excellence, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, Fiscal Responsibility, Integrity, Respect

**Vision**  
A recognized leader in Catholic education committed to inclusion, excellence and innovation that develops socially responsible global citizens.

**Strategic Commitments**  
Catholic Faith, Equity and Inclusion, Student Achievement, Well-Being

York Catholic District School Board

