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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We welcome you to what we are certain will be another faith-filled Christ-centred year of growing and learning together! We hope that the warm summer months afforded you time with your children and families, energizing everyone for the school year ahead. Our staff has been working diligently to prepare for the 2022-2023 school year. Our custodians have ensured the building is gleaming, our secretarial staff have set up our various in-school systems, and our academic staff have put the finishing touches in creating vibrant and engaging learning environments. With the arrival of our students on the first day, our hallways are once again filled with laughter and love. Of course, we look forward to our continued partnership with you in building our dynamic Catholic learning community.

On September 6, staff worked diligently to prepare for the upcoming year, clean the school and prepare classrooms, organize start up materials, and review guidelines and protocols to prepare a safe and welcoming environment for FHN students. Please refer to the [2022-2023 COVID-19 Health and Safety Measures - Families](#) for updated COVID information.

Our monthly newsletter is a means of keeping you informed of school policies and procedures, along with notable accomplishments and upcoming events. The school newsletter will continue to be available on-line through our home on the world wide web. Visit our school's website FHN.ycdsb.ca for our newsletter on the first Friday of every month. You can also follow us on Twitter at [@ycdsbFH](#). If you would like a hardcopy of this newsletter, please come see us in the office for one.

We invite you to join us for Curriculum Night on **Wednesday, September 21st, at 6:30pm**. Curriculum Night provides an opportunity to meet your child(ren)'s teacher(s) and receive an overview of the curriculum for the year. We hope to see you there!

Yours in Catholic Education,

J. Bortolussi
Acting Principal

Loving creator,

Map your goals for us in our hearts. Make our classrooms oases in the busy world. Make them places of warmth and trust. May our affirmation of our students enable them to stretch themselves as they seek holistic growth in a safe, nurturing, Catholic environment.

Amen

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1-855-856-7862 or visit go.schoolmessenger.ca

FHN School Day:
8:15 - Indoor Supervision Begins
8:30 - Morning Entry
9:50 - AM Recess
11:25-12:25 - Lunch
11:45-12:25 - Lunch Recess
1:45 - PM Recess
3:00 - End of Day

<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> <p>Excellence, Equity, Integrity, Respect, Catholicity, Inclusion, Fiscal Responsibility</p>	<p>Strategic Commitments</p> <p>Integration of Our Catholic Faith, Effective Use of Our Resources, Continuous Improvement of Student Achievement, Engaging Our Communities</p>
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Catholic Communities of Faith

2022/2023 Father Henri Nouwen CES Faculty

Mrs. Nazario - FDK	FDK
Mrs. Lunin	Grade 1 / 2
Ms. LoDuca	Grade 2/3
Ms. Baker	Grade 4/5
Mr. Onofrio	Grade 5/6
Mr. Bozzo	Grade 7
Mr. De Lisi	Grade 8
Mrs. Crescenzi	French Teacher
Mrs. Pelliccione	Teacher Librarian
Mrs. Gioacchini	Core Resource teacher
Ms. Sciulli	ESL Teacher
Mr. Guillemin	Physical Education Teacher
Ms. Lahoud	Music Teacher
Mrs. Orlando-	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Schaumer	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Krstovic	Educational Intervenor
Mrs. Perfetti	Secretary
Mr. Florio	Custodian
Ms. Bortolussi	Acting Principal



SCHOOL AND PARISH

PARTNERSHIP: We value the strong partnership the school has with St. Mary Immaculate Catholic Church and with Father Pawel. Together, with the Church, we support parents in the faith formation of their children. Preparation for Reconciliation and First Communion (Grade 2), and Confirmation (Grade 7) takes place through the parish. Students receiving a sacrament this year must register their child at St. Mary Immaculate. Please refer to the [church website](#) for the most up to date information.

SCHOOL VIRTUES: Each month a different Catholic virtue is emphasized throughout the school. Students are encouraged to demonstrate these virtues in their daily actions and words with one another. By doing this, we show that as a community we always strive to respond to Jesus' call. During the month of September, the Catholic Virtue of Courage will be highlighted in our daily prayers and in our classroom reflections.

What does the Bible say about **COURAGE**? In scripture, it is also often defined as 'boldness' and 'confidence'. God is always there with us, encouraging us to have courage in our life and to face our challenges with bravery.

*Be strong and courageous,
For the Lord your God will be with you,
Wherever you go. - Joshua 1:9*

SCHOOL MASSES AND PRAYER

CELEBRATIONS: Our family of schools will be meeting next week with Father Pawel to set dates for our masses. We look forward to gathering as a faith filled community to celebrate a mass very soon. Stay tuned ...



TERRY FOX RUN : Our annual Terry Fox Run will take place on Thursday September 22, 2022. The students will participate in a Terry Fox assembly.

Afterwards, the students will then have an opportunity to run/walk as a school community. Please ensure they have a good breakfast as the run/walk will take place in the morning. Also, please ensure they are dressed comfortably and for the weather (sunscreen, hat, etc). More information on how to donate will be sent home in a letter closer to the date. Thank you, in advance for your participation and generosity.

FHN CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL: A sincere thank you to the 2021-2022 Catholic School Council members that gave of their time and efforts in supporting school endeavors and enriching the school experience for our students. Good schools become great schools where parents are engaged and involved. Your commitment and involvement is an integral part of creating a strong Catholic school community and we are proud of our active and hardworking Catholic School Council.

Please consider becoming a member of our CSC ! Our council is always accepting of new parents and guardians that want to join and lend their talents, expertise and ideas. A nomination form is attached to this newsletter and is available in the school office. Completed forms are due back no later than the end of the school day on **Monday, September 26th**. Forms returned after the above noted date will not be accepted. Elections will be held at our first Catholic School Council meeting **Wednesday, September 28th 2022 at 6:30 p.m.** We hope to see you there!

NOMINATION FORM: See attached Nomination Form below.

CURRICULUM NIGHT:

This year's curriculum night will take place on Wednesday, September 21, 2022. Please take advantage of this opportunity to meet your child's teacher, see their learning space and become informed about expectations and curriculum. Classroom teachers will be in their own classrooms. We will be offering two sessions from 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm and 7:00 pm to 7:30 pm.



EMERGENCY FORMS, TECHNOLOGY FORMS AND MISCELLANEOUS FORMS FROM THE OFFICE :

Forms will be sent home. Please ensure that you complete these forms as soon as possible in order that we may have the most up to date records for your child(ren).

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY LEARNING COMMONS:

Welcome back to the FHN Library Learning Commons. We are looking forward to a great new school year filled with regular weekly visits, guest speakers, a book fair and hopefully increasing our wonderful library collection. In the weeks to come we will be starting our weekly book exchange and we ask that you continue to take great care of the books you take home and be sure to return them on their due date. Looking forward to an exciting year!

PACE TESTING: All grade 4 students in the YCDSB will take part in a group standardized assessment to see which children may benefit from our program for gifted students known as Program for Academic and Creative Extension (PACE). The assessments take place in SEptember and are completed over a 3 - 7 day period. The classroom teachers will administer the Canadian Cognitive Abilities Test (CCAT) to their classes. A letter of notification to our grade 4 students is to follow.

SUPERVISION OUTSIDE: Outdoor supervision in the mornings begins at 8:15 a.m. Students should not be in the school yard areas before this time.

LATES: Please note that after 8:30 am all exterior doors will be locked, and students trying to access them will be considered late. If your child is late, they will need to enter the building through the main front doors, and sign in at the table in front of the office. A late slip will be required to enter their classroom.



STUDENT AGENDAS: Again this year, we will be using agendas as a communication and organizational tool for students, teachers and parents. Your child in Grades FDK -6 will be receiving an agenda from their teacher, at no cost this year. If you need to communicate with the teacher, please email or call the school.

CONCUSSION AWARENESS/ROWAN'S LAW : On Wednesday, September 28, 2022 we will be recognizing #RowansLawDay by educating and engaging students in activities and discussions that increase awareness about concussions and to share Rowan Stringer's Story.

ORANGE SHIRT DAY: FHN will be marking Orange Shirt Day on September 30th, 2022. On this **National Day of Truth and Reconciliation**, we recognize



Canada's indigenous people, children and families impacted by Canada's Indian Residential Schools. As Catholics, we often focus on reconciliation; this day marks our commitment to acknowledge that these wrongs should never happen to anyone again.

Students are invited to wear Orange on Friday, September 30.

FHN TWITTER ACCOUNT AND FHN WEBSITE:

Now, more than ever, it is extremely important to stay connected to our parent and school community. Please follow our school twitter account (@ycdsbFHN) and check our website (www.fhn.ycdsb.ca) often for updates.





COVID 19 SCREENING TOOL: Students and staff should perform daily COVID-19 screening before arriving at school using the [The Provincial Screening Tool](#) has been revised as of August 31, 2022

- The screening tool provides direction on how long to stay home and how long to wear a mask; follow the most recent screening tool's direction
- Masks are welcomed for those who wish to wear them, but masking is optional
- Rapid Antigen Tests will continue to be provided to staff and students "upon request" or upon return from an absence due to illness (i.e. having experienced COVID-19 symptoms);
- Hand sanitizer will continue to be provided and the expectation for practicing proper hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette will remain in effect;

ANAPHYLAXIS & ALLERGIES: The YCDSB has an anaphylactic policy to help protect students affected by life threatening allergies. As outlined in the Board's policy, parents are asked to inform the school of such allergies, and required to fill in S15 and S15a forms which are available in the office. For students whose allergies were previously known to the school, forms were emailed to families in June. Each form must include a passport sized photo so that the student is easily identifiable by staff. Parents are asked to ensure that students for whom Epi-Pens are prescribed have two EpiPens at school. It is strongly advised and encouraged that one Epi-Pen is to be on the student's person at all times and the other stored in the office for emergency use. We continue to remind and inform our students NOT to share food in our school environment (including on the school grounds, buses, before/after school and in any school sanctioned events for students) and wash their hands. If you are new to our school and your child has an allergy, please contact the office for the appropriate documentation if required. 'Allergy Safe' environment signs are posted by the classroom

doors. S15 & S15a forms will be reviewed by classroom teachers, itinerant teachers, support staff, and supply staff. Staff have also received training and information on recognizing the signs of an anaphylactic reaction, how to take appropriate action, and how to administer the Epi-Pen. Learn more about our school Allergy/Anaphylaxis Plan on our website or here: [FHN Anaphylactic Plan](#)

Forms:

- [S15\(a\)Administration of Medication for Anaphylactic Students](#)
- [S15 Administration of Medication for Anaphylactic Students Consent Form](#)

ASTHMA PROTECTION: The York Catholic District School Board recognizes that there are some students within the school system who have a diagnosis of asthma that could be life threatening. The Board also recognizes that asthma management is a shared responsibility among students, parents, caregivers, and the school community. It is the responsibility of parent(s)/guardian(s) to advise the school immediately upon registration and/or when in receipt of a diagnosis of asthma. It is also the responsibility of parent(s)/guardian(s) to ensure that all medical information pertinent to their child's diagnosis of asthma is always current.

If your child has a diagnosis of asthma, please contact the school office immediately so that the appropriate forms are completed and school records are up to date in accordance with Board policy. Thank you for your immediate attention to this request, and ongoing support in the shared responsibility for asthma management in our school.



REPORTING TO THE OFFICE: All visitors must report to the office upon entering the school for any reason. A visitor pass will be given if needing to enter the main area of the school.

EMERGENCY AND FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

Emergency & Freedom of Information (FOI) forms are being sent home with each child. If there are changes to be made, kindly make them right on the form. Please sign, date and return the form to the school as soon as possible. FOI form asks for explicit consent by way of having parents authorize a number of specific statements. The form must be completed, signed, dated and returned to the school as soon as possible.

PEDICULOSIS: The YCDSB appreciates concerns related to Pediculosis at the school, community, and regional level. The Board also recognizes that the Ministry of Health does not designate Pediculosis as a communicable disease, and as such, it is not considered a health hazard to the community. Anyone can get head lice, regardless of cleanliness. Head lice is not a public hazard, as it does not cause illness, but they are a nuisance. Please check your child's head regularly for lice or nits. If you find lice or nits, kindly contact the school office. Students will be readmitted to school once treatment has been administered and confirmed by the parent, in accordance with the procedures of this policy.

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL: Whenever possible, we ask that medications be administered at home. However, should your child require medications to be administered at school please pick up the required S16 and S16a forms from the office. Complete the form (including physician's signature) and return it to school. Students are not to keep medication (aside from inhalers and EpiPens) in their knapsack or in the classroom. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



INDOOR & OUTDOOR SHOES: For student safety and the cleanliness of the school, we ask that all students have a pair of indoor shoes to change into once they enter the school. Students are to leave their indoor shoes on the coat racks outside their classrooms.

PERSONALLY OWNED ELECTRONIC DEVICES:

Students are encouraged to leave personally owned electronic devices (e.g., cellular phones, tablets) at home, however if brought to school, students must keep these devices turned off and stored away out of site during instructional time unless used under the supervision and instruction of their teacher. Please note that students are responsible for the care and security of their own personal device. Neither the York Catholic District School Board nor the school is liable for any device lost, stolen or damaged. For further information, please consult the school board's policy number 318.

Safe and Caring School Community

PARKING LOT SAFETY: Everyone must feel safe and welcome when they come to our school, and that begins in our parking lot. A friendly reminder that when buses are loading or unloading students at the front of the school please do not pass the buses. We kindly ask that all parents wait to drive thru the front of the school when the buses have departed. We highlight parking lot safety in our newsletters so our community is aware of our rules. We are grateful for the support of our parent community, our community liaison officer, and municipal parking officers for their guidance, cooperation and support.

KISS AND RIDE: Please remember that the kiss and ride is not intended for parking or stopping. This area is designated for drivers to pull in, unload safely, and drive through. Drivers who wish to leave their vehicles and accompany children to the playground or kindergarten pen are reminded to park in available parking spots or use street parking where appropriate.

FIRE ROUTE: We respectfully remind our community not to park or idle in our bus route or entry and exit gates. This area is for buses and emergency vehicles. We must not choose haste and convenience over the safety of our children. Please do not pass school buses when the buses are in this area. We also ask that drivers do not drive into the parking lot from the exit gate at the north side of the lot. The front driveway is designed for one way traffic only with vehicles entering, when appropriate, from the south entrance. Thank you for respecting these traffic safety rules.



SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR
YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

2022 - 2023

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PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DAYS

- E/S Tuesday, September 6, 2022
- E/S Friday, September 23, 2022
- E/S Friday, October 21, 2022
- E/S Friday, November 18, 2022
- E Friday, January 20, 2023
- E/S Friday, February 3, 2023
- S Friday, May 5, 2023
- E Friday, June 2, 2023
- S Friday, June 30, 2023

MANDATORY HOLIDAYS

- Labour Day September 5, 2022
- Thanksgiving October 10, 2022
- Christmas Dec 26, 2022 to Jan. 6, 2023
- Family Day February 20, 2023
- March Break March 13 - 17, 2023
- Good Friday April 7, 2023
- Easter Monday April 10, 2023
- Victoria Day May 22, 2023

Legend

- EX** January Sem 1 Exams (Secondary) Gr 9 to 12
- EX** June Sem 2 Exams (Secondary) Gr 9 to 11
- EX** June Sem 2 Exams (Secondary) Grade 12
- Exam Review Days
- M** Mandatory Holidays
- B** Board Approved Holidays
- E/S** Elementary /Secondary PA Days
- E** Elementary PA Days
- S** Secondary PA Days

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FHN CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM 2022-2023

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Welcome back as we begin another school year, for students, staff and parents alike. We cannot emphasize the importance of this learning partnership enough, and with that in mind, extend an invitation to our parent community to consider becoming a member of the FHN Catholic School Council. This is an exciting opportunity for parents to become involved in the academic, social and spiritual aspects of school life here at Father Henri Nouwen. Nomination forms will be accepted from **September 12th, 2022 to the end of the school day on September 26th, 2022**. Following the aforementioned date and time, nomination forms will not be accepted. Please review the responsibilities and procedures outlined below and submit the forms by the indicated deadline. We look forward to working with you.

Responsibilities of Catholic School Councils per Regulation:

- Conduct yearly elections - within first 30 days
- Hold a minimum of 4 meetings a year
- Hold meetings in school or in a location accessible to the public
- Keep minutes of meetings
- All financial transactions must be recorded
- Publish an annual report; submit to Principal & Board
- Consult with parents on matters under consultation by the council
- Focus on initiatives that promote student learning and achievement
- Foster our Catholic faith and help students to practice and live their faith through council initiatives
- May engage in fundraising initiatives as per School Board policy

Catholic School Council Membership:

- Parents (5 Executive Committee members & parent representatives maximum 15)
- Student Representatives (2) appointed by the Principal
- Community Representative (2 appointed by Council)
- Non-Teaching Staff (2; elected by non-teaching staff)
- Teacher (2; elected by Teachers)
- Principal (automatic member)

Procedures for Voting:

You are invited to an open election meeting which will be held on **Wednesday, September 28, 2022 at 6:30pm** in the school library. All candidates will be given approximately 2 minutes to present a brief overview of why they are interested in a position on Council and also what experience/attributes they bring to the role. This will be followed by the casting of secret ballots for the election of up to 15 Council members. A second election for executive members will follow that evening. If you are interested in becoming a candidate for election, or if you would like to nominate a candidate, kindly complete the form below and forward it to the school Principal by the end of the school day on September 26, 2022.

Nominations will be accepted from September 12 to September 26, 2022 (end of school day)

Candidate Name:		Address:	
Home Phone:		Business / Cell Phone:	
I am the parent/guardian of:			

I wish to declare my candidacy/nominate for election position as a parent representative on the Father Henri Nouwen Catholic School Council. I have read and understood the responsibilities of a member of the School Council.

Signature: _____ Date: _____