

# ST. NICHOLAS CES

## Principal's Message

Greeting Parents/Guardians,

We welcome spring and the new month of April. April sees the highpoint of the Church Calendar with the celebration of Easter and appreciation of new life as signs of Spring become present all around us. Heading into the Easter long weekend, we were led by our Grade 8 students with a powerful virtual presentation of the Stations of the Cross on Holy Thursday. Our grade 8s once again rose to the occasion with their student leadership and demonstrated the power of prayer and faith as we gathered to recognize Holy Week virtually as a school.

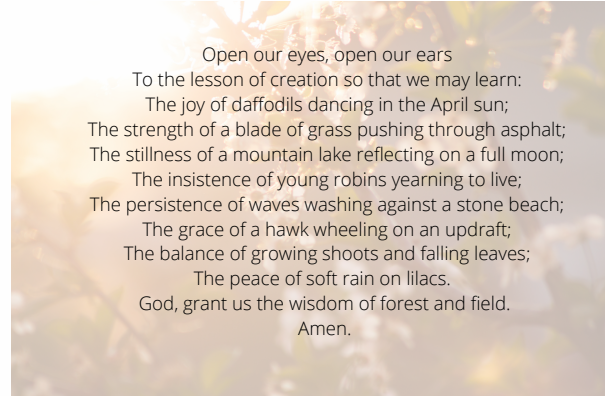
Once we return to school from the Easter long weekend, we celebrate ShareLife week. Students will be engaged in various forms of reflection and learning around the important role of ShareLife in our community. Throughout the week of April 6th to 9th, students will engage in prayer, reflections, fact-gathering, and a green and white day on Friday, April 9th. Families are also invited to make an electronic donation to [ShareLife2021@ycdsb.ca](mailto:ShareLife2021@ycdsb.ca). Instructions on how to make a donation were emailed to families a few weeks ago and can also be found on our school website; <https://sns.ycdsb.ca/> On behalf of St. Nicholas CES and the York Catholic District School Board, I thank you for considering donating to this very worthy cause.

New to this April is our Spring Break (postponed March Break) the week of April 12th to 16th. Staff and students look forward to re-energizing over this break and coming back full of energy and positivity as we work through the final third of the school year.

As we head into the Easter long weekend, I wish you and your families a Happy and Blessed Easter.

Sincerely,

Mr. Zorzi



Open our eyes, open our ears  
 To the lesson of creation so that we may learn:  
 The joy of daffodils dancing in the April sun;  
 The strength of a blade of grass pushing through asphalt;  
 The stillness of a mountain lake reflecting on a full moon;  
 The insistence of young robins yearning to live;  
 The persistence of waves washing against a stone beach;  
 The grace of a hawk wheeling on an updraft;  
 The balance of growing shoots and falling leaves;  
 The peace of soft rain on lilacs.  
 God, grant us the wisdom of forest and field.  
 Amen.

### KEY DATES IN APRIL

- April 2nd: World Autism Day
- April 2nd: Good Friday
- April 4th: Easter Sunday
- April 5th: Easter Monday
- April 6th: Easter Mass (live-streamed from our parish)
- April 6th-9th: ShareLife Week
- April 9th: ShareLife Day - Green & White
- April 12th - 16th: Spring Break
- April 20th: CSC Meeting (virtual)

<b>Mission Statement</b> 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.	<b>Vision Statement</b> Our students will become creative and critical thinkers who integrate Catholic Values into their daily lives, as socially responsible global citizens.
<b>Core Values</b> Excellence, Equity, Fiscal Responsibility, Catholicity, Inclusion, Integrity, Respect	<b>Strategic Commitments</b> Integration of Our Catholic Faith, Continuous Improvement of Student Achievement, Effective Use of Our Resources, Engaging Our Communities



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