



York Catholic District School Board

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*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus
Christ from the dead.*

1 Peter 1:3

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We are now approaching our second Easter of the COVID-19 pandemic. This time last year, we knew very little about the virus and could not anticipate all the ways our lives and school systems would change. This Easter, however, we are much more hopeful. We can reflect upon everything we have learned, appreciate the science that has brought us vaccines and feel grateful for the ways we have pivoted so that learning could continue. We can celebrate our resilience and the ways we have come together to support one another, and we are thankful for the little things that we had taken for granted in the past.

This Easter, although we still may not be able to gather with extended family, or in person with our entire congregation at Church like we traditionally would, we truly do have reason to celebrate. We celebrate life, sacrifice and new beginnings. We nurture the living hope that Jesus' sacrifice and resurrection has given us.

The York Catholic District School Board is deeply committed to the health and well-being of its students, staff and families. The Easter break will provide much needed time to reflect and nurture our souls and mental health. Easter is a time to celebrate renewal and rebirth, for *"those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength"* (Isaiah 40:31).

Here is an Easter Sunday prayer you can say with your family:

*Jesus, we stand in awe at the mystery of your death and resurrection.
We wonder at the depths of your love for us.
May all peoples of the Earth receive the good news of your Gospel.
As your people we ask this day for the power to live in the joy of your rising.
May we sing with all creation: Hail, O Light of Christ! Welcome, Risen Lord. Amen.*

On behalf of the Board of Trustees at the York Catholic District School Board, I wish you and your family a very Blessed Easter!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Theresa McNicol'.

Theresa McNicol
Trustee