



## SNS Week at a Glance – May 5–May 9



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### Faith Opportunities at our Parish

Being an altar server is a great way for students (Grades 4 and up) to grow in leadership and service within the church. If your child is interested please contact the parish.

Students can also get involved in the parish's community Bread Program. This program provides meals to those in need. This initiative is a great opportunity for older students to witness faith in action and understand Catholic Social Teaching.

Contact: [communitybread@stjohnsnewmarket.ca](mailto:communitybread@stjohnsnewmarket.ca) for more information.

St. Nicholas

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[https://stores.inksoft.com/st\\_nicholas\\_spirit/shop/home](https://stores.inksoft.com/st_nicholas_spirit/shop/home) and will be shipped directly to the school.

### **Virtue of the Month**

This month we celebrate the virtue of responsibility. We reflect on the importance of honouring commitments even when it is difficult, and focus on trying to be more dependable and reliable.

### **Asian Heritage Month**

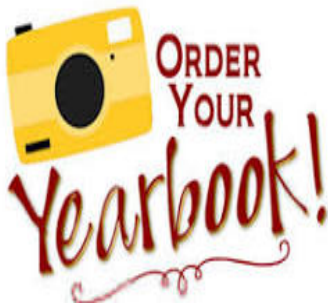
Celebrated in May by YCDSB, honours the diverse cultures, traditions, and contributions of Asian Canadians. It encourages appreciation of their impact on Canada, highlights the richness they bring to our faith and community, and invites ongoing reflection on their vital role in our history.

### **Better Speech and Hearing Month**

During the month of May we increase awareness about communication disorders and hearing health. We will highlight and honour these themes throughout the month during our morning prayers and announcements.

### **Easter Mass**

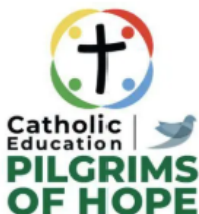
Thank you to our Intermediate students for organizing a beautiful Easter Mass, guided by the leadership of Mrs. O'Brien, Mr. Carniel and Mrs. Plati. We are grateful that so many of our families were able to join us in celebrating with Father Carlos.



### **St. Nicholas Yearbook**

Our yearbook plays an important role in helping us to all feel connected, and is something that can be treasured for a lifetime. The Nickelodeon is full of memories of the school year. We're sure that your child will want a copy of the yearbook to look back on these various moments. As you make choices about whether to purchase one for your child, please consider the long-term value of a yearbook as it captures forever the special events of the year.

To order a yearbook for your child, please make your purchase through [School Day](#) no later than May 12, 2025. The cost this year is \$35.00.



### **CEW/Children's Mental Health**

This upcoming week we joyfully celebrate Catholic Education Week. Centered on Pope Francis' call for each one of us to be

***Pilgrims of Hope***, the week invites our students to engage in meaningful, faith-filled, and inspiring experiences. We have a full lineup of exciting activities planned, including guided meditations, children's mental health initiatives, junior basketball tournaments, class wide and school wide activities connected to our sub-themes, and a special liturgy led by our Luke 4:18 students. The week will conclude with a vibrant display of student creativity through dance and art on Friday.

This year's theme for Children's Mental Health Week is "Unmasking Mental Health" to encourage people to learn, talk, reflect and engage with others on all issues relating to mental health. We look forward to a wonderful week of faith, learning, and celebration together.

### **Luke 4:18**

We are collecting packages of band-aids and milk bags (the exterior bag of the 3L milk products, see picture) to bring to the YCDSB Luke 4:18 symposium. At the symposium, together with other students from schools across the board, we will assemble health care kits and make mats out of the milk bags. The kits and mats will be shipped to families that need help in other parts of the world. Help us collect and make a difference. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.



### **Junior Basketball**

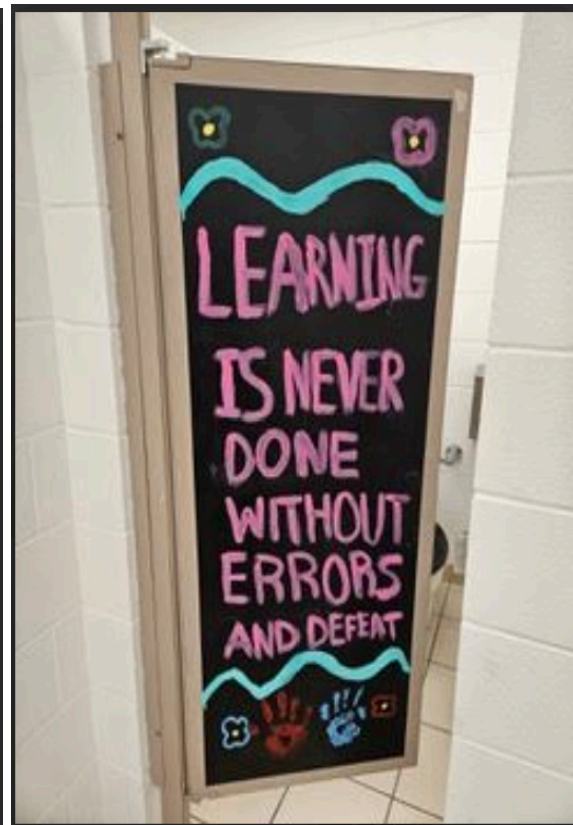
Our Junior Girls and Boys Basketball team will be making their debut this week at their respective tournaments. We will be hosting the boys tournament at St. Nicholas on Monday and the girls will head to Good Shepherd on Tuesday. Thank you Mrs. Colacicco, Ms. Buttigieri, Mrs. Franzin and Mrs. Senior for their time and commitment to coaching our teams and best of luck to our athletes. Go North Stars Go!

### **SNS Healthy School Initiative**

Our second floor bathroom stalls are beautifully transformed with vibrant artwork and uplifting messages. A heartfelt thank you to Mrs. McArthur and Ms. Anthony for their vision and leadership, and to all our student artists for their creativity and meaningful contributions. Your positive messages help make our school more inclusive, welcoming and safe for everyone. Thank you for making a lasting impact!









### **Dates to Remember:**

May 5-9 - Catholic Education Week  
May 5 - Junior Boys Basketball Tournament at SNS  
May 6 - Junior Girls Basketball Tournament at Good Shepherd  
May 7 - CEW Province Wide Mass @ 11:00 a.m. [Link](#)  
May 9 - Dance Performance Gr. 1-8 at 12:30 pm - All are welcome to attend.  
May 12-16 - Grade 8s at Arts and Athletics Camp  
May 15 - Ms. Buttiglieri's class visit STREAM Centre  
May 16 - Grade 7 Retreat to Sarah Elizabeth Centre  
May 19 - Victoria Day - No School  
May 22 - Welcome to Kindergarten  
May 23 - SNS Track and Field Day  
May 26 - 30 - EQAO - Gr. 3 and Gr. 6 Students  
May 30 - Luke 4:18 Symposium

*Wishing you a great week ahead.*

*M. Sanders*