ST. GIOVANNI BATTISTA SCALABRINI CES
SEPTEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE DESK OF PRINCIPAL: W. H. KWON

Welcome back to all of our Skyhawks from JK to grade 8 and their families. I do sincerely hope that everyone has enjoyed every last bit of summer with loved ones, and that we are ready to build on last year's collective achievements and successes. Still very fresh in my mind are the optimism and love expressed by our grade 8 students during their recent class promotion ceremony, dinner and dance, our much matured joyful SKs, as they make the big leap to grade 1 this year, and the excitement, happiness, and camaraderie that was clearly visible during our June school community BBQ. Despite the ever changing geopolitics, competing pressures and challenges that we may all currently face, the one constant that our students and their families can count on is the care, commitment and love that will always be at the heart of St. Giovanni Battista Scalabrini CES. I would like to thank our Catholic School Council for their advocacy and support to our school and look forward to working again with them this year to do great things! I'm also excited to be part of the Area 4 family of schools with support from Superintendent L. Paonessa. At this time, I would also like to welcome some new staff members to SGBS: Music teacher, Ms. J. Elbers and Gr. 6/7 teacher, Ms. E. Chung. The theme of this year's Catholic Education Week is "Becoming Artisans of Peace," and this is my earnest hope for this year to nurture the gift of peace that Pope Leo XIV describes as "First and foremost a gift. It is the first gift of Christ."

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL FOR 2026-2027

Please note the Catholic School Council election process for 2026-2027.

As a parent/guardian of a child at this school, you are eligible to self-nominate or nominate another parent/guardian of a child at this school to be a voting parent member of the Catholic School Council. Additional information regarding the nomination process, pertinent forms, and election if necessary will be communicated via School Messenger on September 9, 2026. Interested parents can also contact the main office for hard copy nomination forms. Please ensure that you submit your nomination form for yourself or another parent who you would like to nominate by 3:30 pm on Monday, September 21, 2026 in the main office





JUNE'S VIRTUE OF THE MONTH AWARD RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to the following students for demonstrating June's virtue of "Integrity" in word and deed: Xavier E., April A., Gabriel M., Jalynne K., Martin O-S., Nathan G., Nia Z., Peretz N., Constantine H., Nika R., Maksym S., Francesco S., Nita L., Anastasia A., Melanie M., Nyree M., Arianna T., and James G.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

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SUPERINTENDENT AREA 4
Mr. L. Paonessa

PASTOR
Fr. Ezio Marchetto

PRINCIPAL
Mr. W. H. Kwon

SENIOR SECRETARY
Ms. J. Zambito

CSC CHAIR, CO-CHAIR
Mr. J. Shiekh, Ms. P. Cedro

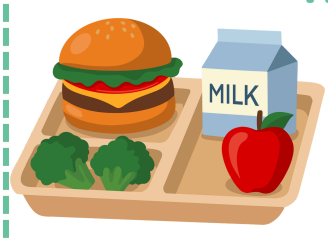
SK CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

Finahank you to our wonderful kindergarten team of Ms. C. Venier and Ms. C. Quadrini for a beautifully planned "Celebration of Learning" with our SKs and their families. This was also a day to reflect on all of our SKs' achievements and to acknowledge and celebrate this important milestone. We are excited by our students' growth in all areas of school life and look forward to assisting them with the transition to Grade 1.



Please contact the school at 905-886-3272 if you are interested in volunteering for any of these programs!

HOT LUNCH PROGRAMS



Information regarding this year's hot lunch programs and how to order online will be communicated in early September.

- Ciao Ragazzi Mondays.
  Proposed start: Mon. Sept. 28
- Pizza Tuesdays/Thursdays
  Proposed start: Tues. Sept. 29
- Korean Box Lunch Wednesdays.
  Proposed start: Wed. Sept. 30
- Eggsmart Fridays. Proposed start: Fri. Oct. 2

Note: Please write down in an accessible place all of your child's hot lunch program dates.

VOLUNTEERS AT SGBS

Dear SGBS Families,

Under the requirements of the Supporting Children and Students Act, 2025, amendments have been made to the Board Policy 608 Volunteers in Schools, to strengthen police record check requirements for all volunteers at YCDSB. Policy 608 Volunteers in Schools

Going forward, all volunteers in schools will be required to obtain a **Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC)** through the police department. This requirement applies to all volunteer activities, including supporting in classrooms and attending field trips.

When applying for a police record check, you must apply through the police service that serves your home address. For example, if you live in York Region, you will apply for a VSC through the York Regional Police. If you require a letter from the school to complete your application, one will be provided to you. Please contact the main office.

Volunteers are also asked to sign and return the Volunteer Confidentiality Agreement and the Volunteer Annual Criminal Offence Declaration. Both of these forms can be obtained from the main office upon request. If you are interested in volunteering at the school or at a school event before the end of this school year, please apply for your VSS, complete both the attached confidentiality and declaration forms, and return them to the main office.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support in keeping our school community safe.



GR. 8 CLASS OF 2026



Congratulations to all our Gr. 8 Skyhawks on the occasion of their class promotion and transition to high school. We miss them and wish them the very best this year!

IMPORTANT DATES

Sept. 8
First Day of School

Sept 14-18
Book Fair

Sept 17
Curriculum Night Open House @ 6-7pm

Sept 23
Terry Fox Run

Sept 24
Picture Day for all students











JUNE 2026 BBQ

There's no better way to end a year than a June school community bbq. Once again, thank you to all of the parent volunteers and our Catholic School Council members at St. Giovanni Battista Scalabrini CES for joining forces to make the event a joyful, fun and safe evening for everyone!

SAFE ARRIVAL ATTENDANCE REPORTING

Dear Families,

Re: Important Reminders for Student Safe Arrival Procedures

As we begin a new school year, we would like to remind families to report any student absences, especially during the first week of school. We recognize some families may be on extended vacations, transfer schools or move out of Board and ask that you contact the school at 905-886-3272 to inform office staff during the last week of August or on the first day of school.

As per Board Policy 228A SAFE ARRIVAL, SAFE DISMISSAL & ATTENDANCE – ELEMENTARY and Procedures , if your child's absence is still not verified even after exhausting different steps to connect with the family, York Regional Police will be contacted and may be dispatched to your residence.

We remind parent(s)/guardian(s) to update the school with all emergency contact information when changes are made. Thank you for your cooperation in reporting student absences.

W. H Kwon
Principal

SAFE ARRIVAL

STUDENT ABSENCE REPORTING

Partial or full day absences may be reported in advance, ***before*** bell time for the current day.

Phone: 1-855-856-7862
Website: go.schoolmessenger.ca
Mobile App: SchoolMessenger App

Parents should report their child(ren)'s absence prior to 9:00 am on any given day by calling Safe Arrival , using the web application or the School Messenger app. This is an effective method of informing the school of any planned vacations, appointments, early departure from school, illness, late arrivals, and so forth. After 9 am, we ask that you contact the school and speak with main office staff to provide your child's name, grade, teacher and reason for absence.



PREVALENT MEDICAL CONDITIONS AND (ANAPHYLAXIS, ASTHMA, DIABETES, AND/OR EPILEPSY) IN SCHOOLS-YCDSB POLICY 206

- **Anaphylaxis**

In accordance with Policy 206: Supporting Students with Prevalent Medical Conditions: Anaphylaxis, Asthma, Diabetes and/or Epilepsy, section 4.8.6, parents/guardians are required to confirm annually with the Principal or their designate that their child's medical status remains unchanged. The York Catholic District School Board has a comprehensive policy to help protect students with life threatening allergies. Protecting anaphylactic students from exposure to life threatening substances poses a major challenge for all elementary schools. As outlined in the policy, parents are asked to inform the school of such allergies immediately and are required to complete an **S15 Anaphylaxis Plan of Care,** which is available in the office. The Plan of care form must have a passport size picture attached so that the student is easily identifiable to staff. Parents are also asked to ensure that students for whom Epi-Pens are prescribed, have two Epi-Pens at school. One Epi-Pen should be worn by the student in a waist pack, shoulder pack, etc... at all times, which includes on the bus and on all other school related activities. The other Epi-Pen must be stored in the school office for emergency use only. Please let us know if your child will need to have access to the Neffy epinephrine spray instead of the epipen.





IMPORTANT: Please note that all student lunches must be nut free, as we have students with severe life threatening allergies. Also, students are not permitted to share food at any time. The school does not permit the distribution of edibles to mark birthdays, yearly events like Halloween, Valentines etc... In light of student and staff safety, 3rd party food deliveries, like Uber Eats are discouraged and drivers are not permitted to enter school property. We understand that emergencies may arise, but we discourage the dropping off of outside food, such as, McDonalds, Tim Horton's etc... many of these establishments are not nut-safe environments and cross-contamination can easily occur. An allergy alert letter and a homeroom specific letter that outlines all food realted allergies for any students in your children's classes will be sent home in the first week. Please review these items carefully.

- **Asthma**

If your child has asthma, please inform the main office as an S40 Asthma Plan of Care and Consent Form will need to be completed by parents/guardians and the appropriate medications identified and made accessible.



Information regarding Pediculosis can also be found on the school website at https://sgbs.ycdsb.ca/2026/08/19/pediculosis-head-lice-in-schools/

PEDICULOSIS (LICE) POLICY 210

The York Catholic District School Board recognizes concerns related to pediculosis (head lice) at the school and community level. Pediculosis (head lice) are not a public hazard, as they do not cause illness, but they are a nuisance. To prevent pediculosis (head lice) from becoming a problem at our school we all need to work together.

Please check your child's head on a regular basis for lice or nits. If you do find lice or nits, you must contact the office so that we can notify other parents in your child's class to keep a special watch for any signs of head lice.
The procedures, an addendum to this policy, shall be implemented in accordance with current public health guidance when addressing cases of pediculosis (head lice).
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Students shall begin appropriate treatment promptly. Absence from school shall be minimized and shall not be required solely due to the presence of head lice or nits. **Readmission to school shall not require proof of treatment; however, parents/guardians shall be encouraged to notify the school as soon as possible when treatment has begun.**

PREVALENT MEDICAL CONDITIONS AND (ANAPHYLAXIS, ASTHMA, DIABETES, AND/OR EPILEPSY) IN SCHOOLS-YCDSB POLICY 206

- **Diabetes**

Parents/Guardians with children who are diabetic are asked to speak with the main office, as a Diabetes Plan of Care, Form 16B will need to be completed and/or updated. An SE3 Parental Consent form will also need to be signed off by parents/guardians It is also incumbent upon parents and guardians to educate their children about their medical condition in consultation with their physician, supply their child and /or school with sufficient quantities of medication and supplies in their original, clearly labelled containers, as directed by a health care professional and as outlined in the Plan of Care, and track the expiration dates. Any changes to the plan of care should be communicated to the school as soon as possible.

- **Epilepsy**

Parents/Guardians with children who have epilepsy are asked to speak with the main office, as an Epilepsy Plan of Care, Form 16C will need to be completed and/or updated. An SE3 Parental Consent form will also need to be signed off by parents/guardians It is also incumbent upon parents and guardians to educate their children about their medical condition in consultation with their physician, supply their child and /or school with sufficient quantities of medication and supplies in their original, clearly labelled containers, as directed by a health care professional and as outlined in the Plan of Care, and track the expiration dates. Any changes to the plan of care should be communicated to the school as soon as possible.

- **Medications**

Our school does not have a school nurse. Therefore, whenever possible, have your doctor schedule medication to be administered outside of school hours. If, in extremely unusual circumstances, your child must take medication during the school day, please contact the school office to obtain and complete the required form S16. This form must also be signed by your physician. Students cannot have medication in their bags or desks at school. All medication must be kept in its original container with your child's name clearly visible to be safely secured by school personnel in a designated area within the main office.

PEDICULOSIS (HEAD LICE)

FactSheet

What are head lice?

Headlice are tiny, wingless insects that live on the human scalp and feed on blood. They can live on a person's head for up to 30 days. Head lice crawl, they cannot jump or fly.

Head lice eggs, called nits, are very small and often mistaken for dandruff, but unlike dandruff, they do not brush off easily. Adult lice are greyish-brown, about the size of a sesame seed (2–3 mm). Head lice are most often found on the head, especially behind the ears and at the back of the neck, but they can also be found on eyebrows and eyelashes.

Head lice are not considered a public health issue because they do not spread disease. Having head lice is not related to cleanliness.

What are the symptoms of head lice?

The mostcommon symptom is itching of the scalp, causedby an allergic reaction to lice bites. Some people may have head lice and not feel itchy at all, especially during a first infestation. Other symptoms may include:

- Scratch marks or redness on the scalp and neck
- Sores caused by repeated scratching (these can sometimes become infected)
- A tickling or crawling feeling in the hair or on the scalp

Symptoms can take several weeks to appear after first getting head lice.

How does head lice spread?

Anyone can get head lice.They spread mainly through direct head -to-head contact with someone who already has lice. This is common when children play or spend time close together.

Head lice can also spread by sharing items that touch the head, such as hats, helmets, scarves, combs, brushes, hair accessories, pillows, or towels, especially if these items were recently used by someone with lice.

Head lice do not live on pets, and pets cannot spread them. Since lice need human blood to survive, they usually die within 48 hours when not on a person.

PUBLIC HEALTH
1-877-464-9675
Dial 711 with a TTY device
york.ca/OutbreakManagement

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Policy/Program Memorandum 170 - Communication

The Ontario Ministry of Education has introduced **Policy/Program Memorandum 170** that includes standardized guidelines for boards of education that are aimed to enhance communication and engagement between parents and school boards.

Parent Engagement

In order to keep all of our parents/guardians up to date, the St. Giovanni Battista Scalabrini CES website https://sgbs.ycdsb.ca/ provides clear up to date information that will help parents/guardians keep informed of the key aspects of life as a student at our school.

SchoolMessenger (emails and/or phone calls) is used for specific information that needs to be relayed to families.

Newsletters, and other St. Giovanni Battista Scalabrini CES social media accounts, are also used to keep parents/guardians informed. Follow us on Instagram at



Process

Parents/guardians are encouraged to bring forward inquiries regarding your child's education through the following levels:

1. **Classroom level**: Inquiries should be directed to the classroom teacher or relevant support staff. Call the main office of St. Giovanni Battista Scalabrini CES at 905-886-3272 to reach staff members.

2. **School level**: School administration staff, Principal: William H Kwon will respond to questions related to school-wide inquiries or unresolved classroom-level inquiries.

3. **Board level**: An appropriate YCDSB board staff member will address broader inquiries based on the specific nature of the topic. The name of the Superintendent that oversees our school is located at the bottom of our website.

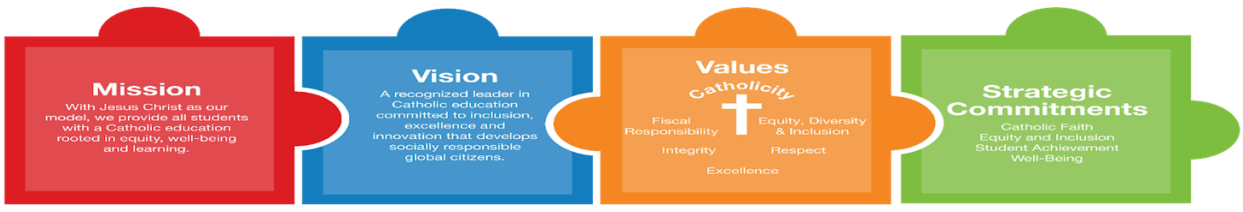
Response Times to Parent Inquiries

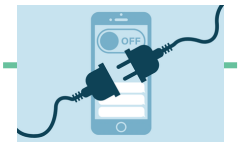
We will acknowledge any parent/guardian/caregiver inquiries within two (2) business days. We will also provide an estimated date of response if your parent inquiry cannot be fully addressed within five (5) business days of receipt.

At minimum, staff will confirm receipt of the inquiry within two business days.

If a response is not possible within five business days, staff will send a follow up email to provide an update on an estimated response time, outlining any next steps in the process.

We thank you for your continued support and partnership to best support your child's education and success.





THE RIGHT TO DISCONNECT

Fully supporting the health and wellbeing of students and staff is a priority for the York Catholic District School Board. Therefore, to enable everyone to enjoy a greater work-life balance, the Government of Ontario has created the Working for Workers Act (December 2021). Accordingly, the YCDSB developed the Right to Disconnect Policy 430, which sets clear parameters for YCDSB employees' availability.

Open lines of communication with our families remains a key priority at SGBS. This includes connecting you with the appropriate staff member during their regular school hours throughout the week. Families can communicate with staff via e-mail or Board approved applications, i.e. Google Classroom, and staff will endeavour to respond during their regular work hours. Please note that SGBS staff members are not obligated to respond to parent/guardian inquiries that are beyond their regular work hours. Policy 430's intent is ultimately to nurture and sustain a working and learning environment that maximizes health and wellness for everyone. We truly appreciate your understanding.

SAFETY MEASURES AT SGBS

Student safety remains our number one priority at SGBS. This is non-negotiable. We kindly ask all parents, guardians, visitors and volunteers to be aware of and abide by the following guidelines:

- ALL entrance and exterior doors are locked each day and will remain locked. Please use the electronic door system to buzz the main office staff, identify yourself and state the reason for your visit. Parents/Guardians are never permitted to enter the school via the Before and After School Doors as someone is leaving or use the side doors from the recess yard in order to gain access to the school.
- Students who arrive late are to report directly to the main office to account for their arrival by our office staff before proceeding to their class.
- Supervision of students at SGBS begins promptly at 8:45 a.m. Students should never be dropped off at the school prior to 8:45 am. Upon arrival, students are to immediately wait in their designated recess yard, which will be supervised by staff. Once parents drop off their children, we ask that they promptly leave the recess yard with the first day of school being the exception.
- In cases where a parent/guardian needs to speak with their child or their child's teacher, we ask that they please call the school or check in at the main office. Calling ahead will also facilitate this process.
- Students are not permitted to use their cellphones in class or anywhere in the school to communicate with parents/guardians. Should students need to call their parents, they should inform their teacher and use the phones in the main office. Conversely, office staff can also contact parents/guardians on behalf of students as required.
- Students are not permitted to bring electric scooters, e-bikes to school as a matter of safety for all.
- Smoking, vaping, etc... is prohibited in and on school grounds at all times (PPM 128, the Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017. This is the law).
- Dogs are not permitted in and on school grounds, notwithstanding service animals that accompany students, which the YCDSB may deny entry if an alternative accommodation can be provided.

BELL TIMES AT SGBS

For your reference, St. Giovanni Battista Scalabrini CES bell times are as follows:

- **Entry Bell – 9:00 am**
- **1st Recess – 10:20 – 10:35 am**
- **Lunch – 11:55 am – 12:55 pm**
- **Last Recess-2:15 – 2:30 pm**
- **Dismissal 3:30 pm**



We do understand that one off situations may arise that are beyond our control, i.e. traffic, accidents, illness, unexpected events and circumstances and so forth. The school respectfully asks that students arrive to school on time with everything that they need for the day, i.e. school work, articles of clothing, their lunch, snacks, required permission forms, etc... Organization, punctuality, and responsibility are key learning skills for life!

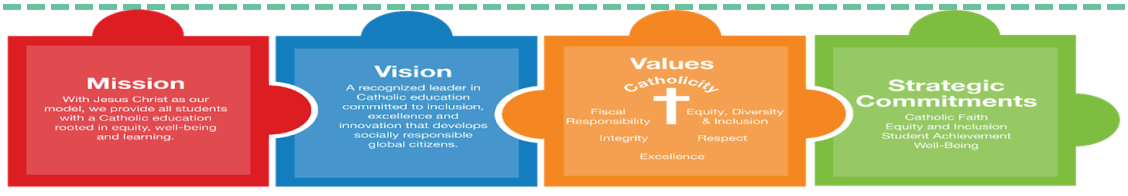
CELLPHONES AT SGBS

The Ontario Ministry of Education Policy Program memorandum 128, specifically, the Provincial Code of Conduct's updates continue to be the main legislation which sets legal parameters around the use of cellphones and other personal mobile devices. Personal mobile devices are not permitted during instructional time in both elementary and secondary schools, primarily to minimize unnecessary distractions and provide unimpeded learning for all students.

Please be advised that at SGBS, we continue to uphold a cell phone use policy. We recognize that students bring and have access to cellphones as an important communication tool for a variety of valid reasons and with full authorization from parents and guardians. However, the expectation for all students is that cellphone use is not permitted during the instructional day (9:00 am - 3:30 pm).

Please have the conversation with your children about the following rules around cellphones at SGBS:

- Cell phones are to be off or silenced and remain out of sight, stored in a safe place. They are not to be taken out at school, left to ring or vibrate on the student or in the desk, accessed at recess, lunch time, used in the washroom etc...
- Should a staff member observe that a student has a cell phone out or being accessed anytime during the school day, the student will be cautioned to put the device away immediately.
- Should a staff member observe the student using the device a second time, the student will be sent to the office, the Principal will make note of the repeated behaviour, issue a warning and take into possession the cellphone, which will be given back to the student at the end of the day.
- Should an additional incident with the cellphone occur, the device will be kept securely in the main office, the Principal will notify the parent/guardian to pick up the device by the end of the day.
- Any incidents relating to cyberbullying, access to social media using personal data, which is restricted in all YCDSB schools and enforced through the use of firewall technology will be addressed swiftly, thoroughly and judiciously.
- The key is to educate our students to be responsible and respectful in terms of this policy. The principals of progressive discipline will always applied.



Artificial Intelligence

Information for Parents and Guardians

What is artificial intelligence?

Artificial intelligence (AI) is a technology that enables computers to mimic human thinking by using data to learn, solve problems, and make decisions. In particular, generative AI (GenAI) can create different types of original content through prompts (refer to the table below).

Type	Example of Generated Content
Text	A short story, an essay, or an email written based on prompts provided by the user.
Images	A digital drawing or artwork created from a description.
Music	A melody or background music composed from a given style, mood, or instrument request.
Code	A simple calculator app created based on user input.

Where is AI in the curriculum?

The Ministry of Education advocates for promoting digital literacy, "the ability to solve problems using technology in a safe, legal, and ethically responsible manner," in every grade and subject. The Ontario curriculum specifically addresses emerging technologies like AI in elementary science, grade 9 geography, grade 9 technological education, and grade 10 computer studies.

How can AI be used at school?

In our schools, teachers carefully decide when AI can enhance learning and when it is not appropriate to use. They rely on their professional judgement to determine how AI tools fit within classroom activities, ensuring they are used in ways that benefit students. In some cases, teachers may choose not to use AI if it does not support the learning goals or is not suitable for a specific task.

AI can facilitate the development of both literacy and numeracy skills. For example, in literacy, AI tools can assist students by helping them brainstorm ideas for a writing assignment or providing suggestions to improve their grammar and sentence structure. In numeracy, AI can provide step-by-step explanations for solving complex math problems, helping students better understand the process and guiding them to solutions when they get stuck.

What are privacy considerations when using AI?

When using AI in schools, privacy is a top priority. AI tools can store data entered by users, so it is important that no personal or identifiable information about students, such as names, birthdates, or educational records, is shared with AI platforms. Teachers must ensure that sensitive information is not inputted, and AI platforms are chosen carefully to comply with privacy laws and protect student data. If a teacher plans to use AI in the classroom, a consent letter will be sent home for parents or guardians to review and approve before the tools are introduced to students.

How is academic integrity addressed?

As digital disciples, students are expected to properly cite or credit any work from any source, including AI. If teachers allow the use of AI, they will explain how and when it can be used in assignments, and students must give credit for any AI-generated content. AI should not be used if the teacher has not given permission. If AI is used without proper credit, it could be considered plagiarism, and the school will address this according to board policy. AI can help with learning, but students' own thinking and work should remain central to their education.

Additional Information

- Google for Education: Guardian's Guide to AI
- Citation for AI-generated content

BUS TRANSPORTATION

In terms of St. Giovanni Battista Scalabrini CES students who are eligible to use bus transportation, parents/guardians are encouraged to visit https://bp.schoolbuscity.com/TransportationEligibility to verify and confirm their child's bus stop location, bus route # in the morning and in the afternoon and the pickup and drop off time at the designated bus stop.

Stop location and times may have changed, so parents are encouraged to check their stop information using the School Bus City website a couple days before school.

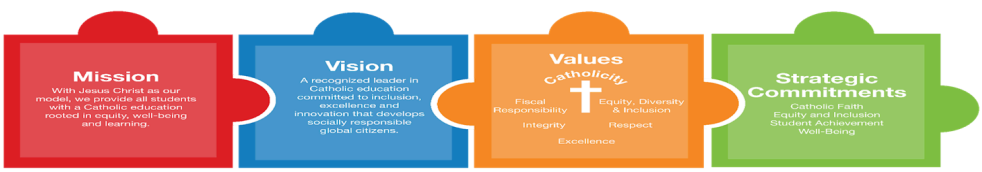
Please note that any service disruptions, including bus route delays, will be posted daily to the https://bp.schoolbuscity.com/Alerts. Parents/guardians and students are encouraged to review the late bus report prior to leaving for the bus stop in the morning and in the afternoon.

It is important to note that School Bus transportation is indeed a privilege to be respected, and it is still considered an extension of the school. Therefore, student behaviour is key. Bus drivers are required to document all student incidents and issue a pink slip report to the school principal. Repeated instances of unacceptable and dangerous student behaviour will result in a loss of school bus transportation for the student(s) involved.

For concerns relating to school bus transportation, parents and guardians are asked to contact Student Transportation Services at 905-713-2535 OR visit www.schoolbuscity.com.

Parents' and Guardians' responsibilities:

- Parents should review the STS Late Bus Report each morning and understand the need to make alternative arrangements for their child/children if the school bus is late or cancelled;
- Parents and/or students should arrive at the bus stop 5-10 minutes prior to the regularly scheduled pick-up and drop-off times. During the first week of school, it is recommended parents and/or students arrive at the bus stop 10 minutes prior to the regularly scheduled pick-up and drop-off times;
- Parents should ensure their child/children's safety and conduct while walking to, from and waiting at a designated bus stop;
- Parents should make alternate arrangements for their children if they are unable to meet them at a bus stop. To help ensure student safety, **Student Transportation Services recommends students in grades JK - 1 are met at their bus stop by a parent/guardian, and age-appropriate arrangements made for all other grades;**
- Parents should know their child/children's route number;
- Parents should know their child/children's bus stop location;
- Parents should know the school and bus company phone number in the event of an emergency;
- Parents are reminded to refer to the Late Bus Report on the Student Transportation Services website at www.schoolbuscity.com prior to leaving for the bus stop in the mornings and afternoons. Please note that Yellow Student Safe Rider stickers that indicate the school name, student name, grade, Bus route #, Bus stop location, etc... will be issued to our younger students from JK-Gr.3.



Student Transportation Services of York Region
320 Bloomington Road West
Aurora, Ontario L4G 3G8
905-713-2535
FAX: 905-713-2533
Web site: www.schoolbuscity.com

FROM: Niall Smith, Manager, Student Transportation Services of York Region

DATE: June 23rd, 2026

SUBJECT: Bus Planner Web Parent Portal User Account

Dear Parents and Guardians,

To improve access to important student transportation information and enhance the experience of the families we serve, Student Transportation Services of York Region (STSYR) is pleased to launch a Parent Portal user account through Bus Planner Web.

The Parent Portal user account will provide families with a convenient and secure way to:

- Access their child's or children's transportation information, including
  - Transportation eligibility;
  - Bus route number(s);
  - Pick-up and drop-off times and locations; and
  - The school bus service provider.
- The ability to register for email notifications regarding service delays or cancellations.
- The ability to Opt-Out of transportation if transportation services are not required.
- Utilizes multi-factor authentication to enhance security and help protect your personal information.

STSYR is committed to supporting student achievement by planning and managing safe, efficient transportation with a focus on customer service. The introduction of the Parent Portal user account will advance that commitment and make things easier for the families of York Region.

Thank you for your support, I wish you continued success for a safe and happy school year.

Sincerely,

Niall Smith
Manager, Student Transportation Services of York Region

How to Get Started:

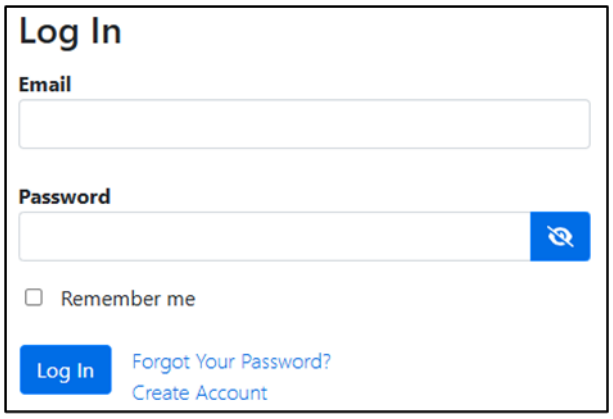
To access the Bus Planner Web Parent Portal, please go to the following secure website where you will be prompted to create an account:

https://bp.schoolbuscity.com/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fSubscriptions%2fChildTransportInfo&LoginType=Subscriber&showParentPopup=False

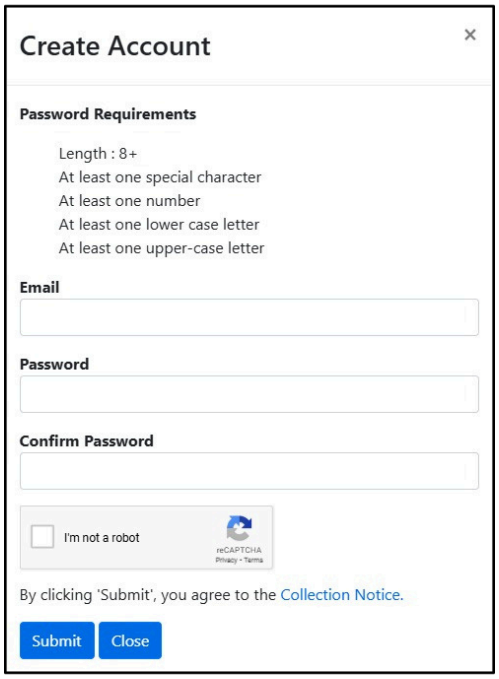
Account Creation:

Parents/guardians must register for the Parent Portal using the email address currently on file with their child's school. This will ensure that your student(s) are automatically linked to your account.

1. On the home screen, click the "**Create Account"** button to get started.



2. A pop-up box will appear. Enter your **email address** and create a **password** that meets the listed requirements.

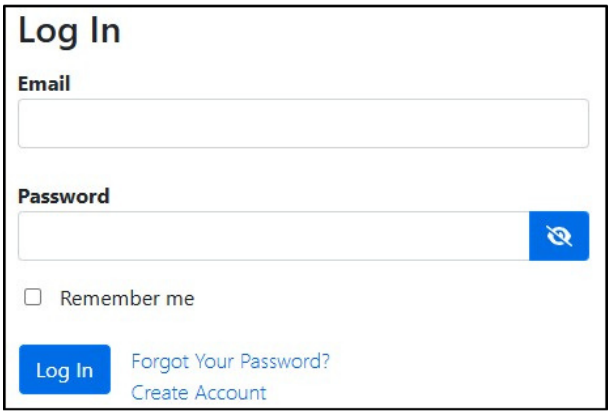


3. Once you've entered the required information, click **"Submit".**

4. Check your email inbox for a confirmation message. Follow the link in the email to complete your account creation.

Log In Instructions:

1. On the home screen, enter your **email address** and **password** in the provided fields. Click **"LogIn".**



2. Once logged in, your dashboard will appear on the screen:



3. From the dashboard, you can access the following tools:

- **My Students**

  Select this option to view the transportation details for the student(s) assigned to your account.

- **MySubscriptions**

  Use this feature to manage email notifications, including transportation alerts and general notices.

- **OnlineFormsandRequests**

  Use this feature to access the available online transportation forms. Currently, an Opt-Out Form to remove your child(ren) from the school bus rider list is available. You can choose to opt-out of morning service, afternoon service, or both, depending on your child's transportation needs.

Opt-Out Form:

1. Click the "**Online Forms and Requests**" icon available on your dashboard.



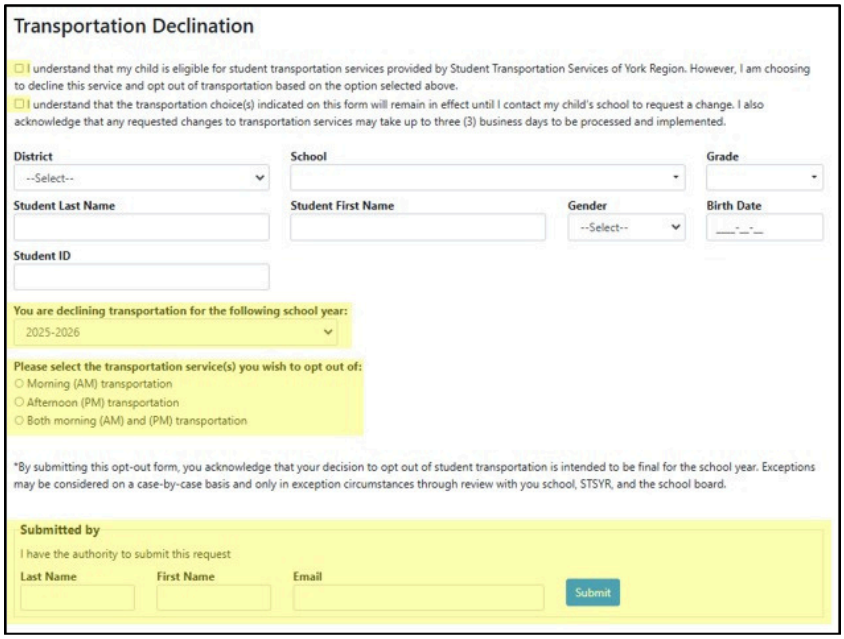
Online Forms and Requests

2. You will be directed to the **Online Forms and Requests** page, where a dropdown menu will display the students linked to your account.



3. Select a student from the dropdown menu and then click "**Opt-Out Form: Transportation Declination".**

4. The **Opt-Out** form will open. Enter the required information in the designated fields highlighted below, then click **"Submit".** Note that student information will be pre-populated in the non-highlighted fields.



Transportation Declination

☐ I understand that my child is eligible for student transportation services provided by Student Transportation Services of York Region. However, I am choosing to decline this service and opt out of transportation based on the option selected above.

☐ I understand that the transportation choice(s) indicated on this form will remain in effect until I contact my child's school to request a change. I also acknowledge that any requested changes to transportation services may take up to three (3) business days to be processed and implemented.

District --Select--

School

Grade

Student Last Name

Student First Name

Gender --Select--

Birth Date ___-_-_

Student ID

You are declining transportation for the following school year:
2025-2026

Please select the transportation service(s) you wish to opt out of:
- ○ Morning (AM) transportation
- ○ Afternoon (PM) transportation
- ○ Both morning (AM) and (PM) transportation

*By submitting this opt-out form, you acknowledge that your decision to opt out of student transportation is intended to be final for the school year. Exceptions may be considered on a case-by-case basis and only in exception circumstances through review with you school, STSYR, and the school board.

Submitted by

I have the authority to submit this request

Last Name **First Name** **Email** Submit

STANDARDIZED DRESS CODE

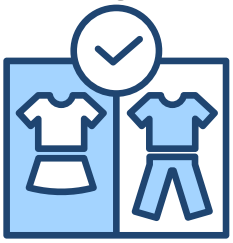
At St. Giovanni Battista Scalabrini CES, there is a Standardized Dress Code where items can be purchased at any local retailer. Previously purchased spirit wear with the Skyhawk logo for students is also acceptable as part of our standardized dress code. Previously purchased, Spirit wear can be worn at any time. More information regarding our Standardized Dress Code can be found on our website at: https://sgbs.ycdsb.ca/our-school/dress-code/

Tops:
Shirts can be any solid colour: White, Navy Blue or Red.
Style: short or long sleeves, collar, polo-style, turtleneck, crew neck
Brand: Logos on tops should ideally be smaller than a loonie
Sweaters, cardigans, sweatshirts of any solid colour are acceptable: White, Navy Blue or Red

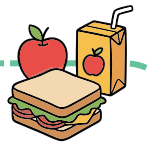
Bottoms:
Pants, Skirts or Shorts of a solid colour: Navy blue only (no stripes on the side)
Style: trousers, skirts (above knee length), cargo shorts (above knee length), athletic pants
·NOTE: Jeans are NOT permitted!
Dresses of a solid color: White, Navy Blue or Red
·Brand: Logos should ideally be smaller than a loonie

Note: All YCDSB elementary schools, including St. Giovanni Battista Scalabrini CES will be undergoing an Elementary Student Dress Code Review Process this year in 2026-2027 as required by YCDSB Policy 219A and every 5 years thereafter. Additional information regarding this process, which involves the distribution of an "Elementary Dress Code Preliminary Survey" to the SGBS parent community and the collection of results according to an established timeline will be communicated to all parents and guardians prior to the start of November 2026. The results of this preliminary survey will determine the school's next steps and whether to continue with the existing "Standardized Dress Code" or look to the creation of a "Dress Code Advisory Committee" composed of interested parents and continue to follow the dress code review policy and procedure with consultation and an additional Dress Code Voting process if necessary. Should any changes to the current dress code at SGBS be approved as part of the review process, implementation would happen in September 2027.

** Every LAST FRIDAY" of the month will be a Civvies Day for all students. We will continue with this tradition. Students may contribute a loonie or toonie on these days in support of ShareLife and its sister agencies and the great work that they do for people in need of assistance.







LUNCH TIME FOR STUDENTS

All students will eat lunch in their own classrooms from 11:55 am to 12:15 pm. Lunch recess is from 12:15-12:55 pm. All students are asked to bring a nut-free lunch and a refillable water bottle, which can be refilled at the school's designated water bottle filling station. Parents/guardians are permitted to drop off lunches/snacks during the school day by checking in at the main office and placing the lunch on the table in front of the main office; however, students are encouraged to have their lunch ready at the start of the day. All students and their families must adhere to our Nut Safe Plan/Allergy Alert policy (This will be reviewed with all classes). If a student is going out for lunch, they will need to be signed in and out by a parent or guardian inside the main office and come back to the school by 12:55 pm. This process will be monitored and facilitated by office staff. Please note that Tim Horton's, McDonald's, Wendy's, etc... other fast-food restaurants where cross contamination with nut products can occur, are strongly discouraged at the school due to students who have severe, life-threatening allergies to nuts, tree nuts, etc... Should a parent need to drop off a lunch that has been purchased from one of the above mentioned fast-food restaurants, please check in with the main office and we will assist in calling the student down to pick up their lunch and arrange for an alternative place for them to eat.

ANTI-BULLYING OATH AT ST. GIOVANNI BATTISTA SCALABRINI CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

St. Giovanni Battista Scalabrini Catholic Elementary School is a welcoming, safe and inclusive learning and working environment that is free of harassment and violence, where Jesus is always at the centre of what we do, and the students, their families and the community are who we serve!

In order to sustain and nurture this gift of God, which is our school, students are encouraged to commit to the following guidelines each and every day:

1) Respect and uphold everyone's dignity and recognize that everyone has worth and is a child of God.

2) Be and upstander, recognize and act on injustice.

3) Stand up and report to a trusted adult all instances of bullying behaviour (verbal, physical, social, emotional, online, and all forms of discrimination and racism).

4) Be empathetic and compassionate, not apathetic and uncaring!

5) Practice the Golden Rule: Treat others the way you would like to be treated.

6) Ask yourself: What would Jesus do?



FOOTWEAR

In an effort to promote student wellbeing and sustain a clean and healthy learning environment for everyone, we kindly ask that parents and guardians ensure that their children in JK to Gr. 8 have a pair of indoor shoes with non-marking soles to be kept at school in a place designated by their homeroom teacher. We ask that a pair of indoor shoes be available from the first day of school. Students should of course also arrive with shoes that will primarily be used as their outdoor shoes. Especially for younger students who are strengthening their fine motor skills, the school strongly suggests shoes with velcro straps as opposed to laces if possible. Thank you for your assistance!







INCLEMENT WEATHER

With summer days drawing to a close, parents and guardians are reminded of the school's Inclement Weather Procedures. During days of inclement weather, i.e. rainfall, harsh precipitation, etc... staff who are on supervision duty at 8:45 am will implement a direct entry process and usher in all students from outside via the main middle exterior recess doors, which can only be accessed by staff via a secure access point and lock afterwards. Parents are not permitted to enter the school building and are to entrust their children to the care of any staff member who is on duty. From that point on, all students will go directly to their classrooms and prepare for the day. Supervising staff will greet students as they enter and oversee their safe entrance. Any students who arrive late past 9 am are asked to access the school via the front doors and go to the main office to check in. We thank you for your support.

STUDENT DROP OFF, PICK UP AND PARKING

Our Bus loop will be operational starting on the the first day of school: Tuesday, September 8, 2026 and is strictly designated for the arrival of our buses during peak times in the morning, the safe unloading of student passengers and bus departures at the end of the day again during peak times. In the interest of student, staff and parent safety, there is absolutely no parking permitted in the Bus loop at any time. Temporary parking is also available on the neighbouring side streets. The school's side parking lot is available for parents and guardians during morning drop off and end of the day pick up. Parents/guardians can walk their children over to the appropriate school waiting areas in the morning and wait for them in the designated exit/entrance on the pavement area near their child's classroom at the end of the day. Younger children (JK – Grade 3) must be met by a parent/guardian at the end of the day. We thank you in advance for your continued vigilance and attention to maximize the safety of all our students, staff members and families. Please exercise caution and drive slowly when entering and exiting the parking lot. Also, it is important to note that there are new painted markings on the pavement where the stop signs are in both directions of the school parking lot exit and entrance. Parking lot lines have been repainted as well at the school's request. Drive and arrive safely





Active School Travel (AST) is the use of any form of human-powered travel, such as walking or wheeling (including cycling, rollerblading, skateboarding, or using a wheelchair) to get to and from school or to the school bus.
The York Catholic District School Board is committed to encouraging Active School Travel in all of our school communities and providing education on the many health benefits of Active Travel. In 2024, the Board created an Active School Travel Strategy to clarify the Board's commitment to AST and set system expectations for schools with respect to communication and tools available to encourage AST initiatives. Visit https://www.ycdsb.ca/student-transportation-and-active-school-travel/

ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL
York Catholic District School Board



If youlivewithin1.2-1.6kmofthe school we kindly request that families walk or cycle to get to and from school. If you live outside this distance have your children ride the school bus. If you need to drive then park a couple blocks away and walk with your children.

You Can Make Our School Zones Safer!

All **schools throughout** York Region encourage students and their families to use sustainable travel to school such as walking, cycling or riding the bus to and from school as often as possible.

Walking and cycling to school will:

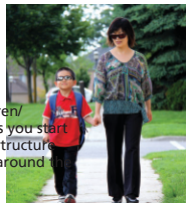
- Reduce tra c congestion, making it safer for everyone
- Improve air quality. Pollution can increase up to 3 times normal levels during drop-o and pick-up times
- Increase physical activity and self-confidence for kids, making them healthier and able to focus better during the school day

Be a part of the solution! Choose to make sustainable lifestyle choices over convenience.

School zones have many distractions for drivers and pedestrians. Drivers contribute heavy tra c volumes which crea dangerous conditions for pedestrians.



Safety Tips For Parents and Children



Parents and older siblings can begreat rolemodelsfor theirchildren/ younger siblings. Teach them about pedestrian safety as soon as you start walking with them. Young children can navigate simple street structure but the skills to navigate more complex environments develop around ages of 9 to 11.

To cross a street safely by themselves, children need three important skills:

1. Able to decide on and use a safe crossing route.

2. Able to properly assess a vehicle's speed.

3. Able to judge safe gaps in tra c.

Parachute 2019. Canada's National Charity Dedicated to Injury Prevention. www.parachute.ca





Make a Plan ...



It'simportant and always good forchildren to be familiar with their neighbourhoodincluding knowing where they live and key areas such as the location of the school they attend. It's important to talk about these things and develop a plan between you and your children. Review and practice your plan a few times including safe walking/cycling skills.





Safety in Numbers!
When your child is old enough, walking to school on their own gives them a great sense of independence. Encourage them t walk with a buddy. Driver awareness increases when more kids are out walking and cycling t school. This results in slower vehicle speeds.

York Region

Walk, bike or bus to school.

Children benefit from active, sustainable school travel each day!

If it's too far, park nearby and walk a block or two!



Obey Local School Zone Signage

The real penalty for not obeying traffic regulations is you may risk the safety of children!

BYLAWS AND FINES VARY BY MUNICIPALITY.
CONTACT YOUR LOCAL MUNICIPALITY FOR MORE INFORMATION.

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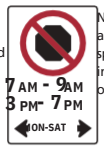
Signage commonly seen near York Region Schools



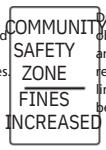
No Parking allowed at the specified times.



No stopping allowed during the specified times, including to pick-up or drop-o children



Parking in Fire Routes. These need to be clear for emergency vehicles. Fines range from $100 to $200.



Drivers must observe signage and watch for reduced speed limits. Fines may be doubled.



School Zone. Observe speed limit.


Supervised Crossing. Cross the street here. Obey the crossing guard.



Prepare to stop for a school bus at any time. Fines range from $400 to $2,000 with six demerit points for a first o ence.

Drivers please be alert. Obey all posted signage and rules of the road.

Only 25 per cent of children and youth aged 5 to 17 use "active transportation". That is, walking, cycling, rollerblading, or skateboarding to get to school despite that fact they live within walking distance.

Be the change. Don't adopt a "someone else will do it" mentality.

By making a small change today and walking to school we can create lasting impacts that will benefit the environment, improve our health, school zone and communities for all!



The Regional Municipality of York
17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket, Ontario L3Y 6Z1
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www.york.ca

Smart Commute

SCHOOL DAY ONLINE PAYMENT SYSTEM

SGBS will continue using School-Day, an online cashless system for use by parents, teachers and office administrative staff. In early September school messenger will be used to send Secure Match Key to unlinked students. Please note that School Day products and events that require parents/guardians' attention for review and payment will not be visible until after September 9, 2026 at 9:00 am.

School-Day can be accessed from any web-enabled device at school-day.com, and mobile users can find an enhanced version at school-day.app. This system gives parents real-time, secure access to up-to date information, and the ability to:

·Complete online payments for trips, other activities, products or services
·Approve permission forms instantly online
·Minimize the risks associated with sending money to school with your child ("backpack delivery")
·Reduce the environmental impact of photocopying permission forms and announcements

We are sure that you will find School-Day easy to use, and we appreciate your help in improving our communications and significantly reducing the amount of paper our school consumes. To participate in this exciting initiative, please take a moment to register by following the steps outlined below.

SCHOOL DAY ONLINE PAYMENT SYSTEM

1. Please go to the school website home page and click on the School-Day button. Or, go to www.school-day.com (or school-day.app for mobile users). Click Log In, then Register. Complete your information, making sure to include a valid email address (a personal email address if you are also an employee of YCDSB), as important information and reminders are forwarded from the school to the email you provide.

2. Once you make a School-Day account, you need to add a child:
a.Click Add Student
b.In the Secure-Match™ field, enter your Secure-Match™ Key which is: <<secure match key>> and then click Register.
c.Confirm you are the legal parent or guardian of the child.

Please protect your Secure-Match™ Key as it ensures the security of your School-Day profile. Contact your school if this key is misplaced and a replacement key will be provided. Up to two parents/guardians can use the same Secure-Match Key to add a child to their account. If you require an additional key so that another parent/guardian can add a child to their account, please contact your school administrator to have another Secure-Match™ key issued.

1. If you have multiple children, click Add Student again, and follow the steps outlined above using the second Secure- Match™ key. You will be able to view all of your children from a single account.

If you require assistance, please contact the School-Day Support Team. You can submit a ticket from within the School-Day system or email support.ticket@school-day.com. You may also call 1.855.253.1731 to leave a voicemail and request a support ticket be opened on your behalf. If you have questions about how to use School-Day, please search the articles found in the School-Day Support Centre and Knowledgebase at http://support.school-day.com/en/home

Mental Health and Student Wellbeing

Parents and Guardians are encouraged to visit the School Mental Health Ontario website to access a free copy of the “By Your Side”Toolkit which includes Parent/caregiver resources to support mental health learning and well-being for every family. These resources can help families navigate mental health literacy and support, together.

Key topics include:

Understanding mental health
Mental health at home
Mental health at school
Stress and anxiety management
Substance use prevention
Navigating digital technology use
Reaching out for help

Resources and supports are made available in multiple formats—including web content, PDFs, videos and webinars to ensure families can easily access information and strategies that promote mental health and well-being at home.

Visit: https://smho-smso.ca/by-your-side/



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(905) 886-3272 | https://sgbs.ycdsb.ca/

RE: Student Agenda for 2026-2027 at SGBS

Dear Parent(s) and Guardian(s):

Please note that the student agendas have been ordered for all students in Grades 1-8 and will be distributed to them during the first week of school for their and your immediate use. This school year, we will once again be implementing the agenda program from PiQ for our students from grades 1-8. The agenda is an important organizational tool that ultimately helps students plan, understand their teachers' expectations, create and meet timelines, set goals, monitor progress, track their own success and develop independent learning skills. The student agenda remains the **main communication tool** between the school and the parents and guardians of students at St. Giovanni Battista Scalabrini CES. Please take a moment to have a look at the student agenda which contains many important updated policies and procedures of the York Catholic District School Board.

The cost of the student agenda is $10 for every student from the Grade 1 to grade 8. The payment due date is Wednesday, September 30, 2026 by 3:30 pm for parents and guardians to pay for the agendas, **preferably**, online at https://www.school-day.com/, by **EXACT CASH**, or by cheque made payable to St. Giovanni Battista Scalabrini CES. If you are submitting a cheque payment for multiple children, please indicate their names and grades on the cheque memo line or on a small note if paying by cash. For all online payments, please follow the instructions for School Day and use your child's secure match key number. This information will be sent home with your child during the first week of school. Should you need this information, please reach out to the school at 905-886-3272 and press option # 2 and ask to speak with the secretary, Ms. J. Zambito.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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Principal

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St. Giovanni Battista Scalabrini

Catholic Elementary School

2026–2027 Staff List



FDK: Ms. C. Venier / LTO TBD & Ms. C. Quadrini ECE

Gr. 1/2: Ms. M-T. Ortiz

Gr. 2/3: Mr. M. Marcoccia



Gr. 3/4: Ms. I. Molle

Gr. 4/5: Ms. L. Gravel

Gr. 6/7: Ms. E. Chung



Gr. 8: Mr. J. Lima

Teacher-Librarian: Ms. M. Puopolo

ESL Teacher: Ms. I. Facchnii



French Teacher: Ms. D. Dente

Music Teacher: Ms. J. Elbers

Phys. Ed: Ms. M. Di Petta



Special Education: Ms. L. Tomasi

Educational Assistants: Ms. D. Sutheland, Ms. A. Padua

Senior Secretary: Ms. J. Zambito

Lunch Office Support. Ms. J. D'Ercole

Lunch Supervisors: Ms. D. Clement, Ms. J. D'Ercole, Ms. J. Cusimano

Head Custodion: Ms. V. Kurlienko

PM Custodion: Mr. A. George







SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

2026 - 2027

SEPTEMBER 2026

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PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DAYS

E/S	September 2 & 3, 2026
E	October 26, 2026
E/S	November 20, 2026
E	January 15, 2027
S	February 2, 2027
S	May 3, 2027
E	June 4, 2027
S	June 29, 2027
E/S	June 30, 2027

MANDATORY HOLIDAYS

Labour Day: September 7, 2026
Thanksgiving: October 12, 2026
Christmas Break: Dec. 21/26 to Jan1/27
Family Day: February 15, 2027
March Break: March 15 to 19, 2027
Good Friday: March 26, 2027
Easter Monday: March 29, 2027
Victoria Day: May 24, 2027

LEGEND

B	Board Approved Holiday
M	Mandatory Holiday
E/S	Elementary/Secondary PA Day
E	Elementary PA Day
S	Secondary PA Day

EX	Exam Day (Grades 9 to 12)
EX	Exam Day (Grades 9 to 11) - Semester 2
EX	Exam Day (Grade 12) - Semester 2
R	Exam Review Day

St. Giovanni Battista Scalabrini Catholic Elementary School

September 2026 — Calendar of Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30 Aug	31 Aug	**1** World Day of Prayer	**2** PA DAY PA Day	**3** PA DAY PA Day	**4**	**5** International Day of Charity
6	**7** Labour Day	**8** First Day of School International Literacy Day Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	**9**	**10** World Suicide Prevention Day	**11** Start-up Assembly for Students	**12**
13	**14** Book Fair (to Sept. 18)	**15** Book Fair International Day of Democracy	**16** Book Fair	**17** Book Fair Curriculum Night Open House, 6–7 pm	**18** Book Fair (last day)	**19**
20	**21** Catholic School Council Parent Nomination Forms due to main office by 3:30 pm International Day of Peace	**22**	**23** Terry Fox Presentation and Run	**24** Picture Day for all students	**25**	**26**
27	**28** Tentative start-up: Ciao Ragazzi Hot Lunch Program – Term 1	**29** Tentative start-up: Pizza Hot Lunch Program – Term 1 SGBS Catholic School Council Elections (if required)	**30** Orange Shirt Day Rowan's Law Day Tentative start-up: Korean Boxed Hot Lunch Program – Term 1 Agenda payment due	1 Oct	2 Oct Tentative start-up: Eggsmart Hot Lunch Program – Term 1 National Custodian Day	3 Oct

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Dates marked "Tentative" are subject to change. Grayed dates fall outside September.



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RE: First Day of School-Tuesday, September 8, 2026 and Start Up Information 2026-2027 for all Parents and Guardians of students at St. Giovanni Battista Scalabrini CES

Dear Parents/Guardians:

I welcome all of our Skyhawk families, current and new to the 2026-2027 school year at St. Giovanni Battista Scalabrini CES. I hope that all of our families are enjoying the remaining days of summer!

The return to school is a happy, exciting and busy time of the year for our staff, students and their families, as we prepare ourselves for a new year. The sustenance of a welcoming, safe and inclusive learning environment and the strengthening of the home-school-parish triad continues to be one of our top priorities at SGBS.

Please review the following information to assist you with the first day of school, which will take place on Tuesday, September 8th, 2026.

The start of our school day is 9:00 am and supervision outside in the main recess yard for students in grades 1-8 will commence at 8:45 am. Kindergarten students (JK and SK) will be met by members of the kindergarten team in the fenced in and gated Kindergarten play yard at the front of the school at 8:45 am.

IMPORTANT: On the first day of school, please have your children enter the back pavement area (Primary /Junior/Intermediate) where they will be able to locate their assigned teachers. Teachers will identify themselves to you and have a copy of an updated class list on hand. Other school staff members will also be available to assist. In the interest of a safe and streamlined entry procedure, parents are not permitted to enter the school building.

Our Bus loop will be operational. **In the interest of student, staff and parent safety, there is absolutely no parking permitted in the Bus loop**. The side parking lot is available for families. We thank you in advance for your vigilance and care with ensuring the safety of all our students, staff and families. Drive and arrive safely.

We ask that all SGBS parents and guardians be mindful of privacy and confidentiality if you decide to take photographs/ of your child(ren). Capturing that first day of school picture keepsake is a precious moment; however, taking photos/videos of other students/staff & families without consent is prohibited.

Our school staff is dedicated to the safe and happy return of all students. We thank you in advance for supporting this process by allowing our staff to focus on the procedures and safe arrival of students. If you have any questions/concerns, please feel free to contact our school office directly at 905-886-3272.

I would like to thank our dedicated St. Giovanni Battista Scalabrini staff, for their preparations for this upcoming year. We look forward to welcoming you!

In an effort to ensure that no families have been missed, this School Messenger broadcast is for existing families of students at St. Giovanni Battista Scalabrini CES and for any families who may have recently registered at the school.

Please review this September 2026 school newsletter which highlights important information which will effectively serve you well, as a point of reference, for the start of this school year and beyond, as it contains many important updates.

Information regarding your child's homeroom, grade assignment, teacher name and room # at St. Giovanni Battista Scalabrini CES for 2026-2027.

Please note to capture all new students who have registered recently and avoid any confusion, a School Messenger Broadcast will be sent to ALL St. Giovanni Battista Scalabrini CES parents and guardians after August 31, 2026 and prior to September 8, 2026.

Please continue to monitor your emails during that time frame and thank you for your patience and understanding.

Information to support the safe arrival/dismissal of our students.

End of School Day Procedures

· Dismissal is promptly at 3:30pm

· Your child's classroom teacher(s) should be aware of your child's after-school plan (bus student, parent pick-up, walk home, etc.)

· If you are picking up your child, please proceed directly to the back of the school, and wait for your child at their exit entrance on the pavement area. Younger children (JK – Grade 3) must be met by a parent. Temporary parking is also available on the neighbouring side streets.

· In terms of any kindergarten students and our younger students, current and new, who normally take bus transportation, should their parents/guardians wish to pick them up instead on the first

day, the first week, etc..., kindly communicate this directly to your child's teacher verbally and in writing on the first day so that there is no confusion.

Communications Between School & Home

· To ensure a safe environment for all students, we ask that parents/guardians review their emergency contact information. Please ensure that the school office has the most up to date and current methods of contact (cell phone, work phone, emergency contact information) as it is imperative that the school be able to reach someone when necessary.

IMPORTANT SCHOOL FORMS/FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL PACKAGES:

Please note that your child will be receiving a start-up package of important information during first week of school which contains letters regarding local walking excursions, Allergy Alert, Student Agendas, etc... All families are asked to review any school correspondence thoroughly and complete and return requested forms to your child's homeroom teacher by sending them with your child as soon as possible. In terms of the YCDSB online payment system (School Day), Secure Match Key information for each student will be sent home by the homeroom teacher in the first week of school.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION NOTIFICATION TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

During the 2026/27 school year, your child(ren) will participate in various school activities, learning experiences, excursions and events consistent with the aim of educating students in accordance with Ontario's Education Act.

As part of the student registration process with the York Catholic District School Board, you would have completed a Freedom of Information Consent. Please note that an Annual Parental Consent regarding the Freedom of Information must be completed for each student annually.

Personal information is collected pursuant to Ontario's Education Act and the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection Privacy Act. I would also like to bring to your attention specific instances in which you and/or your child's personal information may be disclosed without notification to you, for example:

- **Catholic School Council activities and Catholic School Council communications.**
- **Class lists, emergency phone networks, local Parish, Catholic Community Services, etc.**
- **The release of photographs, art, writing or other school work to school media (print/electronic) and/or school/Board website.**
- **The use of names, photographs, etc., used for display around the school, school newsletters, etc...**

If you have any objections and/or concerns regarding the use and disclosure of your child's personal information, please indicate this on your Freedom of Information Annual Parental Consent (FOI A.21) form, which will be sent home by your child's teacher.

Reminders About the S.2/S.2A Student Information Update Form

Once the S2/S2 Student Information Update Form is ready for distribution, it will be sent home with your child. Parents and Guardians are reminded that there is an instruction/introduction message 'Emergency Information Form - Action Required', which clearly asks parents to review, revise *(if changes are required*), sign and return the form to the school. We ask that

parents pay particular attention to email addresses, as any family/friend contact with an email address in the school's system will receive all school and board communications and will have approval authority on electronic forms for your child(ren). Parents are advised to cross out email addresses for contacts who should not receive such communications.

· Parent/Legal Guardian contact info is listed in order of contact information in school's Student Information Services database, and we ask that parents/guardians modify that order if necessary.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM:

For more information about the Upper Canada Childcare Before and After School Program and Contact information, please visit: https://uppercanadachildcare.com/location/st-giovanni-battista-scalabrini-ces/

Location Information

Central Address

290 York Hill Blvd, Vaughan, Ontario L4J 3B6

Central Phone

905-889-5270

Main Contact: Hannah Houston

Central Email:

stscalabrini@ucccc.ca

Hours of Operation:

Monday to Friday 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Thank you for your attention. We look forward to seeing all students back for the first day of school at SGBS this upcoming Tuesday, September 8, 2026.