

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Welcomes You



A close-up photograph of a person's hands clasped in prayer, resting on the pages of an open, thick book. The person is wearing a blue and white plaid shirt. The background is softly blurred, showing more of the person and the book. The lighting is warm and focused on the hands and the book.

Opening Prayer

Dear God,

We come before You today asking for Your protection and guidance over our school.

We pray for the students, staff and families, and all those involved in the care and education of our students.

Help us to create a safe, nurturing, and stimulating environment where children can learn, grow and reach their full potential.

Give us the wisdom and strength to strive for excellence in all that we do.

Guide us to make wise decisions and help us work together to achieve success.

Keep our minds open to new ideas, and inspire each one of us with Your love and grace.

As we embark on this new year of learning, we thank You for the opportunity to nurture the minds and hearts of our students.

Amen



YCDSB Land

Acknowledgement

We are gathered on the ancestral lands and waters of all Indigenous Peoples, who have left their footprints on Mother Earth before us.

We respectfully acknowledge, those who have walked on it, those who walk on it now, and future generations who have yet to walk upon it.

We pray to the Creator for strength and wisdom that all may continue to serve as stewards of the earth.

Welcome and Introductions

Administration

Ms. Cynthia Anniballi
Mr. Dario De Angelis

Office Staff

Ms. Felix, Head Secretary (Secondary)
Ms. McIntosh, Attendance & Bussing
Ms. Doyle, Guidance Department
Ms. Samide, Head Secretary (Elementary)

Guidance (Secondary)

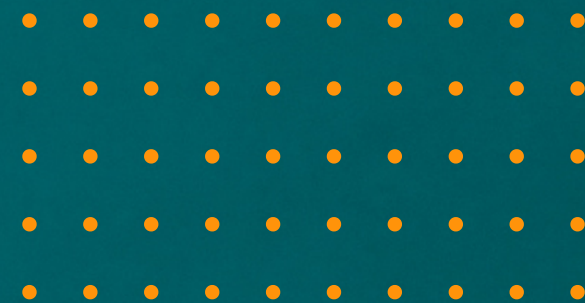
Ms. Mitchell

Chaplaincy

Ms. Akello

Library

Ms. Kalkowska



Special Education

Ms. Dovgala (Secondary); Mr. Cece & Ms. Westacott (Elementary)



A Year of Change

Elementary Model

- New daily schedule
- Elementary staff
- Room allocation & facilities
- Attendance/ Safe Arrival
- Lunchtime procedures
- SchoolDay Cashless Payments

Entering High School

- New daily schedule
- Change in expectations
- Lates & absences
- OSSD requirements
- Course changes
- Cell phone policy



Elementary Bell Times

8:50 am

Warning Bell and Music Plays

8:55 am - 9:03 am

Homeroom

11:40 am - 12:20 pm

Lunch time & recess

2:58 pm

Dismissal

**Elementary staff and students
to follow YCDSB Elementary
Calendar**



Secondary Bell Times

8:50 am

Warning Bell and Music Plays

8:55 am - 9:03 am

Homeroom

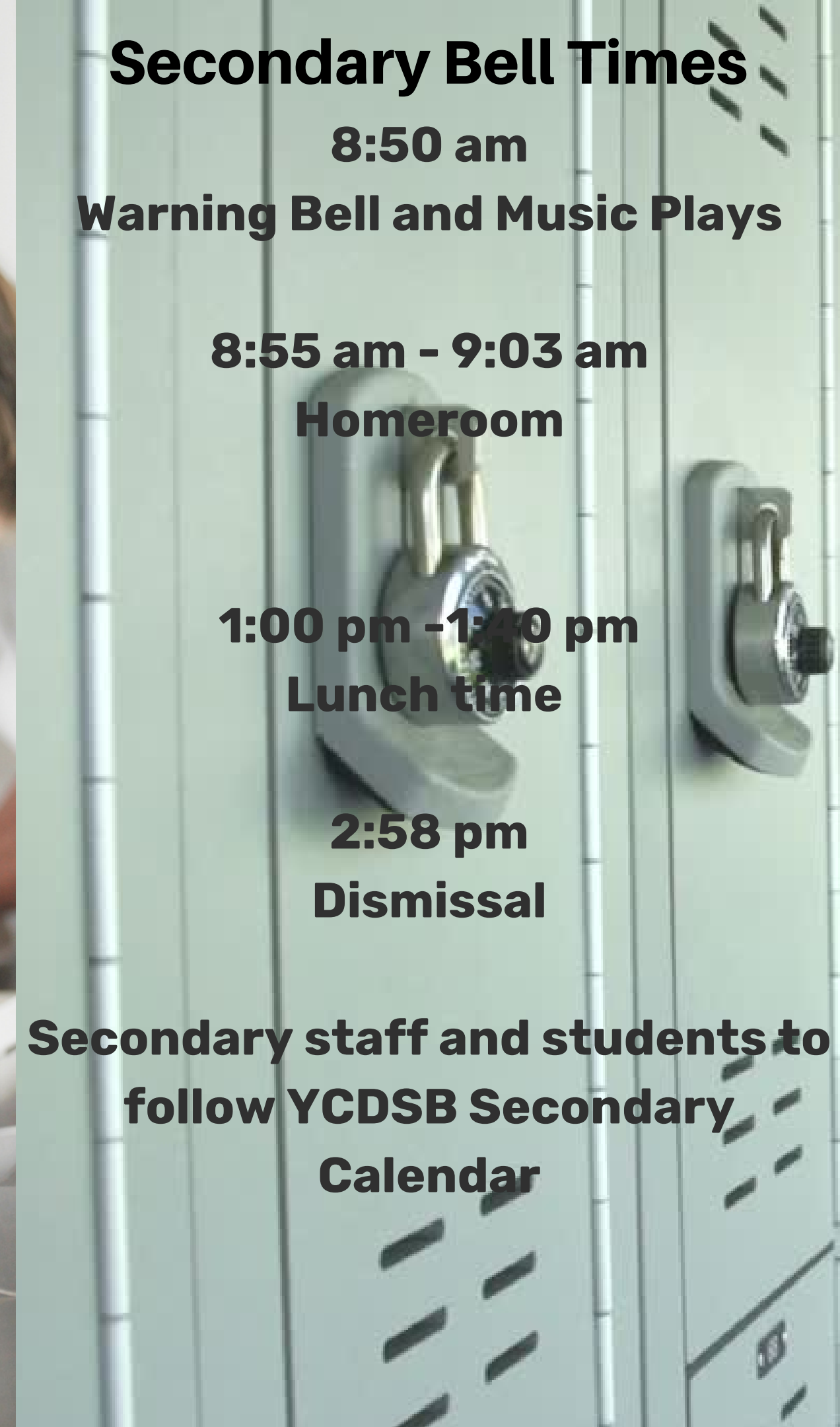
1:00 pm - 1:40 pm

Lunch time

2:58 pm

Dismissal

**Secondary staff and students to
follow YCDSB Secondary
Calendar**





Elementary



Elementary

Staff

1

Grade 7

Ms. Hisko, Ms. Greig/ Mr. Ianno,
Ms. Glazier, Ms. Spielmacher (FI, English
subjects)

2

Grade 8

Mr. Testani, Mr. Ottaway, Ms. Samide,
Ms. Gillies, Ms. Castelino (FI, French subjects)

3

Itinerant Teachers

Ms. Damiano (Music/Drama), Ms. Carvalho
(FSL), Ms. Genova (FSL), Ms. Seca (Family
Life for FI)



Elementary Facilities

Classrooms - Library Learning Commons- Chapel -
Special Education Room - Art Room - Science
Laboratory- Gymnasium - Field & Black Top-
Lecture Hall





Attendance & Safe Arrival

Parents and/or guardians are required to report their child(ren)'s absence or late arrival in advance, or before school start for the current day by accessing the Attendance Program using any of the three methods below:

- Toll Free SchoolMessenger Phone Number 1-855-856-7862
- SchoolMessenger Website go.schoolmessenger.ca
- SchoolMessenger App Use your mobile device to download the blue SchoolMessenger App from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store.



Attendance & Safe Arrival

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Academy follows the **Safe Arrival Protocol** which indicates that if an elementary student's location cannot be confirmed by staff, the York Regional Police must be notified. If you need to sign out your child early from school and have missed the window to report it via School Messenger, please call the attendance office at 905-656-8557.

. Elementary students are NOT permitted to leave school property at any time throughout the school day unless signed out and accompanied by their parent/guardian



Lunchtime

Routines

- **Elementary students to eat in classrooms. There is a shared recess for grades 7 & 8**
- **Hot lunches will be available to order later this fall. Payment must be made electronically, using *School Day*.**
 - If paying electronically presents a hardship, please reach out to an administrator*





Secondary

Starting High School: **Change in Expectations**

One of the challenges of high school is learning to deal with increased independence.



Students must complete summative tasks equally 30% of their mark(exam and/or CPT) in order to earn a credit. Final exams must be written during allotted time (no trips!)



Students are expected to be in full uniform, bell to bell, regardless of whether they wore non-uniform items in the past.



Students are responsible to regularly check any Virtual Learning Environments that have been established by their teachers.



Work that is not submitted will be given a mark of zero after a predetermined late window expires. Academic penalty will be assigned to late work.

OSSD

Requirements

What does your child need to obtain the Ontario Secondary School Diploma? For more on graduation requirements, please visit: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/high-school-graduation-requirements>



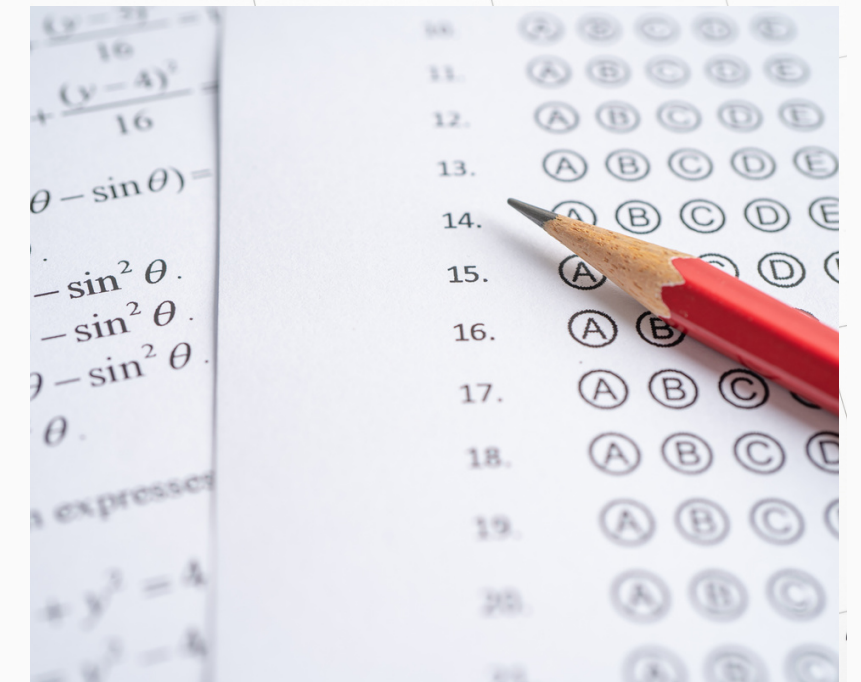
30 credits @ 110 hours of instruction per credit.
Unapproved absences count as "skipping"; missed work as a result of skipping class will result in a zero.



A minimum of 2 ELearn courses. Students can opt out.
Student should contact Guidance Dep't for more information.



40 hours of community involvement. Specific forms must be completed and signed by supervisory officer. Forms available through Guidance.



Pass the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test with a score of 75% or greater, or complete the grade 12 Ontario Literacy Course.

Course Changes



Students can make a Guidance appointment via the QR code on the Guidance Department door. Students **MUST** make an appointment before visiting the Guidance Department for course changes.





Cellphone Policy



As per the Ministry of Education, in both elementary and secondary school classrooms, mobile device use is *restricted* during instructional time to prevent distractions and maximize learning time.

The restriction applies to all personal mobile devices.

Mobile devices are to be kept in lockers, unless otherwise instructed by a teacher.

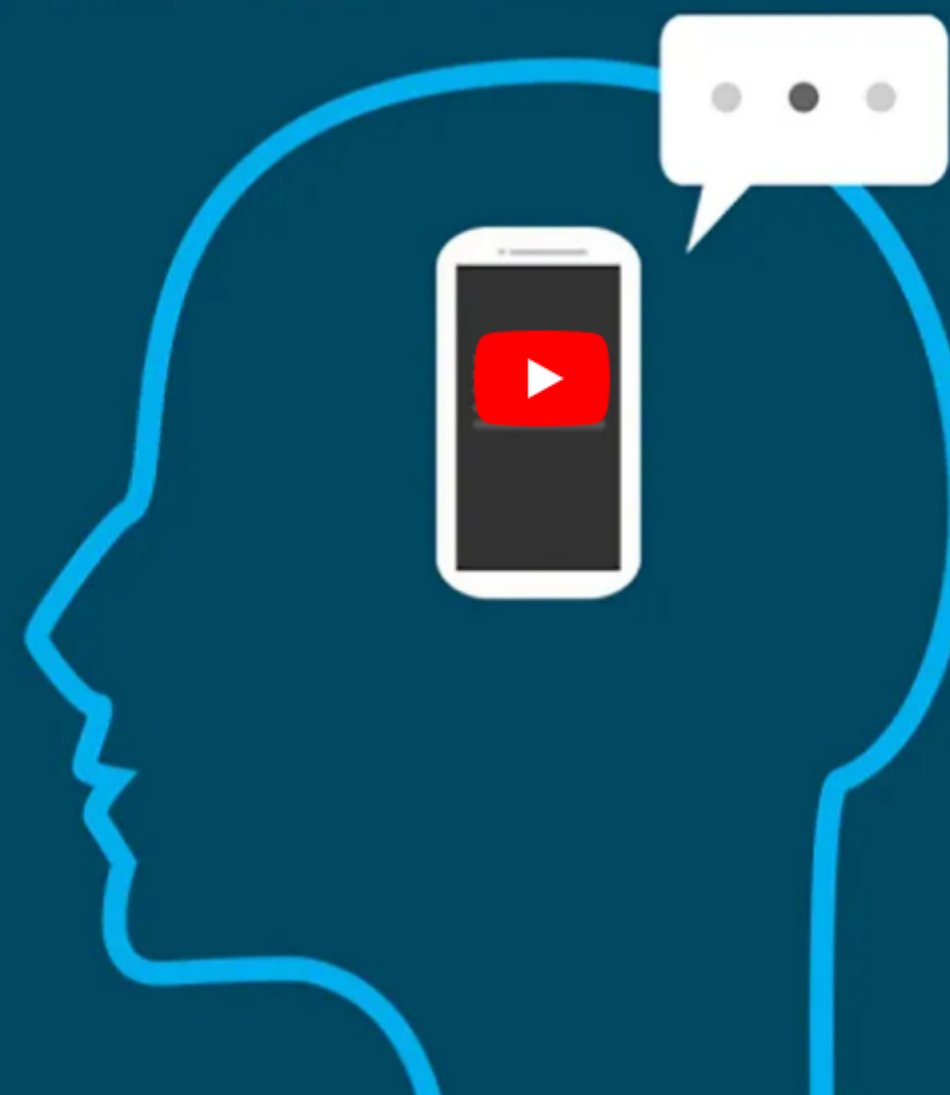



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There's a Cell Phone in Your Student's Head

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Watch on  YouTube



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- **“Teens who spend seven hours or more each day on screens—which is actually below average—are more than twice as likely to be diagnosed with depression or anxiety as those who spend an hour a day on screens.”**
- Edutopia
- **Excessive screen time, particularly passive media consumption, can result in poorer school performance.**
- **Anecdotally, our team has noticed a dramatic rise in bullying and student conflict during school hours, which is often directly related to ongoing communication using cellphones.**
- **Students are welcome to contact parents/guardians using the office phone, at any point during the day. Cellphone usage is to be restricted to before and after school, and during the lunch hour for secondary students only.**





**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
PARTNERSHIP**

