

November 2024



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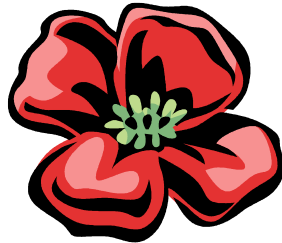
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LEST WE FORGET

Remembrance Day is a day to say “Thank you” and remember all those who have served and are currently serving in the Canadian Armed Forces. We remember those who have worked hard and even sacrificed their lives to make Canada a safe and free country.

IN FLANDERS FIELDS

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.
Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

John McRae

REMEMBRANCE DAY

St. Patrick CES will participate in a Remembrance Day Service on November 11, 2024 at 10:30 am in the Gym.

Thank you to Mrs. Brennan’s Gr.3/4 class for leading the service.

Parents are welcome to attend.

Students are learning about Remembrance Day in their classrooms.



Multi-Year Strategic Plan

Mission Statement

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.

Vision Statement

Our students will become creative and critical thinkers who integrate Catholic Values into their daily lives, as socially responsible global citizens.

Core Values



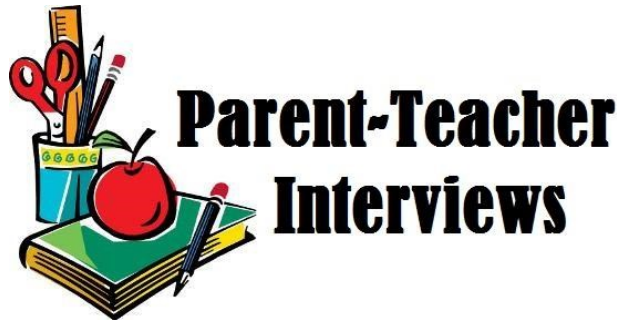
Strategic Commitments





St. Patrick Thanksgiving School Mass

We are grateful to Fr. Janil Joseph for the beautiful Thanksgiving Mass. We are blessed with such a supportive parish. As a Catholic School Community we were able to participate in the Mass and give thanks for our many blessings. It was wonderful to come together as a school community. Thank you to Mr. Brennan, Mr. Fiore, Ms. Rizza and Dr. Davis, the Choir and all the students and staff.



Interviews and Progress Report Cards

Interviews are formally scheduled for all parents in November on back-to-back days, Thursday, November 14th in the evening and Friday November 15th, in the morning.

The main objectives of the interview are to:

- help parents gain a better understanding of students' learning skills and work habits
- help establish learning goals and next steps to meet student needs and growth
- help strengthen home-school relationships by setting a positive tone for the remainder of the year.

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This year, we are fortunate to be able to use our School-Day platform to schedule Parent-Teacher Interviews.

Progress Reports will be available for download from your Parent Portal on November 12, 2024. Parent-Teacher Interviews will take place on the evening of Thursday November 14 or Friday November 15 (P.A. Day). Each Parent-Teacher interview will be 10 minutes in length. Please select the time that works best for your schedule.

You may sign in to School Day to select an interview time.

(www.school-day.com)

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the school.



COURAGE VIRTUE AWARDS



Congratulations to our Virtue Award Recipients

COURAGE

- I am a self directed, responsible, life-long learner
- I will stand up for what I know is right and just
- I will face challenges, fears and difficulties with fortitude.
- I will take responsibility for reaching my potential

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR RETIREMENT MRS. CADIEUX



We wish Mrs. Cadieux many blessings in her retirement, after 38 years of dedication to the YCDSB. We wish her joy and peace in your new chapter, which begins December 20, 2024. Thank you for the beautiful memories during your 19 years at St. Patrick CES Markham. We will miss you!



ST. PATRICK'S PARISH



Fr. Dominic Barber

*With our gratitude,
our best wishes,
and our prayers,
we offer*

A Fond Farewell

Join with us for a
Farewell Luncheon

Tickets are \$45.00 each,
available for purchase in the Parish office.

BUFFET LUNCHEON • CASH BAR

- Tickets on sale until December 1st •
- Cash, debit/credit, and cheques are accepted •
cheques payable to: **St. Patrick's Parish**
- **Tickets are NOT available at the door*

**SUNDAY
DECEMBER 8TH
2024**

2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Crystal Fountain
Event Venue**
60 McDowell Gate
Markham, ON L6G 1B5

To bring God's love into the world through a life-changing friendship with Jesus

Dear Principals,

My time as pastor at St. Patrick's will come to an end shortly. As much as I knew (even when I started 13 years ago in 2011!) that I would have to face this reality one day, it is still very hard to share these words – whether it be in person, on zoom, on a phone call or through an email like this one. A part of me wishes I did not have to, that we could just keep being co-labourers together in the Lord's vineyard, finding Christ in our neighbour, serving Christ in our neighbour, helping our neighbour find Christ in themselves, particularly as it relates to our school communities. But, the reality is that I am not here permanently, that I must leave at some point.

I have been extremely blessed to have spent thirteen amazing years at St. Patrick's. It is not always that priests have this length of time in a parish community. So, really I have nothing but gratitude in my heart for being allowed to share in the priesthood of Jesus Christ and his ministry as a pastor at St. Patrick's for this long. Now, I am being summoned to another place in the Lord's vineyard and carry out the priestly ministry of Jesus Christ in a new setting. Where that will be I do not know at this time.

When exactly am I leaving? My term as pastor ends December 31st so I will leave the parish January 1st. Why at this time? Don't clergy moves happen typically at the end of June? The reason for my leaving January 1st is that I have been granted a sabbatical. Again, I am very grateful that Archbishop Leo had granted me this reprieve to step back from parish ministry so that I can recalibrate as a priest, reset my spiritual compass points and just try to ready myself for whatever God has in store for me.

I ask for your prayers during these next weeks. My prayer is that I receive the grace to detach myself in a healthy way, be able to express my heartfelt and deep gratitude and love for you all in the time I have left and then open myself to wholeheartedly embrace what it is the Lord is calling me into come the spring of 2025.

I will be sharing the news of my departure with the whole parish this weekend at all the Sunday masses. In the meantime be assured of my prayers for you and for your school communities. It has truly been a blessing to collaborate with each of you in the animating and the celebrating of our Christian faith. May God continue to abundantly bless you, strengthen you and lead you.

Peace in Christ,
Fr. Dominic

The Staff, students, and parents of the St. Patrick CES Community are thankful for the relationship we have shared with our amazing Pastor for thirteen years.

We feel blessed to have built a community of faith, justice and friendship with Father Dominic as our shepherd.

On December 6, 2024 we will celebrate Mass with him at 9:30 am and bid him a fond farewell filled with gratitude and joy. All are welcome to join us on this special day.

**..and until we meet again,
may God hold you in the
palm of his hand.**

-Irish Blessing



St. Patrick Intermediate Girls' Volleyball Team



Senior Girls Volleyball Team

Congratulations to the following girls who are members of the Intermediate Girls' Volleyball Team: Ailey F, Antonella H, Abigail R, Aaliyah T, Aryana W, Bianca P, Charlize C, Czarina G, Chantal K, Lia V, Lily N, and Nora P.

The team has been busy practicing and is preparing for several exhibition games against local area teams as well as an exhibition tournament which will be held at St. Brother Andre High School on Wednesday, October 30. This year, the team will be hosting their Divisional Tournament at St. Patrick School on Tuesday, November 12. Good luck to the team on their upcoming games and tournaments. Thank you to the coaches, Mr. Brennan and Ms. Henry for your expertise, enthusiasm and dedication!

St. Patrick Senior Boys' Volleyball



The senior boys volleyball team has had an exciting season so far! Throughout the months of September and October, the team has demonstrated great sportsmanship, skill, and unity. They have had the opportunity to play against our neighbouring schools and won the St. Brother Andre tournament, taking home a trophy. The coaches are extremely proud of the enthusiasm, courage, and respect displayed by all players. Looking forward to the rest of a great season!

Congratulations to the following members of the Senior Boys' Volleyball Team:

Evan A., Malakai A. Connor D., Christian T., Josiah W., Oliver P., Anthony Z., Logan D., Matteo M., Junior L., Weston W., David V., Ethaen W.

Thank you to the coaches, Mr. Fiore and Ms. Rizza for your expertise, enthusiasm and dedication!



Dear St. Patrick CES Community:

Thank you to the generous and amazing St. Patrick CES Community for a very successful Spook-A-Thon Fundraiser this year. It was a very positive experience right from the initial planning stages with the Catholic School Council.

The Fundraising Committee did an outstanding job planning and preparing for the event. Thank you for the motivating “Kick Off Slide Show”, awesome treat bags, Hot Dog lunch, amazing incentive prizes, generous donations, phenomenal Photo Booth, intriguing Halloween decorations and upbeat music playlist. Thank you to all the caring volunteers who offered their time in the planning and preparation of this successful fundraiser.

The students enjoyed the opportunity to dress up in their costumes and dance with their classmates. There was excitement, joy, fun and laughter! Thank you to the Student Council for organizing contests and prizes to add to the thrill of the event.

Thank you to the families for your generous donations of gifts and support to our Dance-A-Thon. The Fundraiser raised close to \$11,000. This is incredible for a school of 249 students.

Sincerely:

Mrs. K. Pellegrini and Staff of St. Patrick CES

Halloween Dance-A-Thon Prizes

Mini Sticks– Sebastian W. Gr. 6

Dolls– Annabella– JK

Sophia P-JK

Alia-SK

Zafirah-Gr. 1

Kitchen– Leanne JK

Pet Basket– Isabella M. –Gr. 3

Hockey Sticks-Luciano S. Gr. 6

Mall Gift Card– Marley Gr. 4

Beats– Josiah– Gr. 7

Speaker– Max-Gr. 7

Airpods-Caley-Gr. 5

Movie Passes-Marley, Gr. 4

Samara SK

Wonderland Passes-Evan A– Gr. 7

Small Skateboard-Quentin L– Gr. 5

Small Bike-Clark-JK

Big Skateboard– Gabriel W. Gr. 4

Zoo Passes-Hershel-Gr. 2

Joyride Passes-Sean C-Gr. 5

Starbucks-Bianca Gr. 8

Starbucks-Lia Gr. 8

Starbucks-Cassia Gr. 3

Starbucks-Austin Gr. 5

Mini Image Camera– Talene-Gr. 7

Bowling Passes-Eshan Gr. 7

Top Winners

Lauren N-Chromebook– Donated to School

Darren N– BMX Bike

Quentin L & Zuri L- IPAD



Halloween Costume Winners and Decorating Door Contest Winners

Top Classroom Prizes

Intermediate: Mr. Brennan

Junior: Mr. Dionne

Primary: Mrs. Brennan

Halloween Costume Winners

Primary:

Homemade-Jamie, Ms. D'Ingillo-Transformers

Creative-Samuel R, Ms. Fera-Dragon

Group-John Paul & Marcus-Mario and Luigi

Junior

Homemade-Madison, Mr. Dionne-Cereal

Creative-Marcus A. Ms. Botelho-Alien Abduction

Group-Madeleine and Katherine, Mr. Dionne-Thing1 & Thing 2



Intermediate

Homemade-Grace, Ms. Berardi-Bird

Creative-Ryan, Ms. Berardi-Clown

Group-Vienna, Chantal, Czarina, Mia, Lily-Football Players

Prizes:

A treat bag filled with Candy, Chocolate and Chips

Pumpkin Door Decorating Contest Winners

Mrs. Fera's Kindergarten Class

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Pumpkin Theme

Prize: A Pizza Party

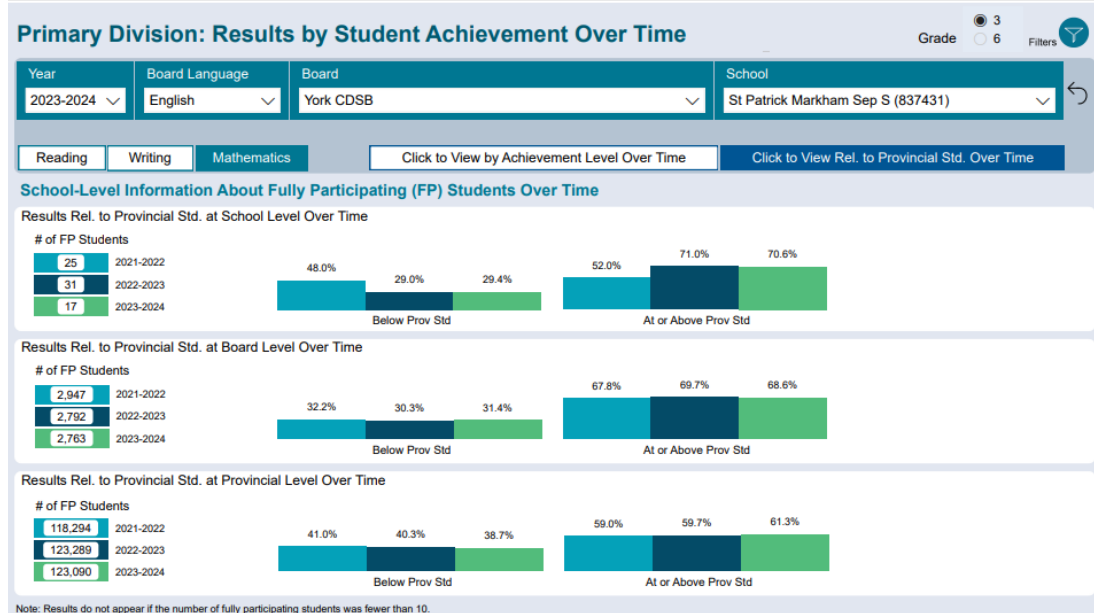
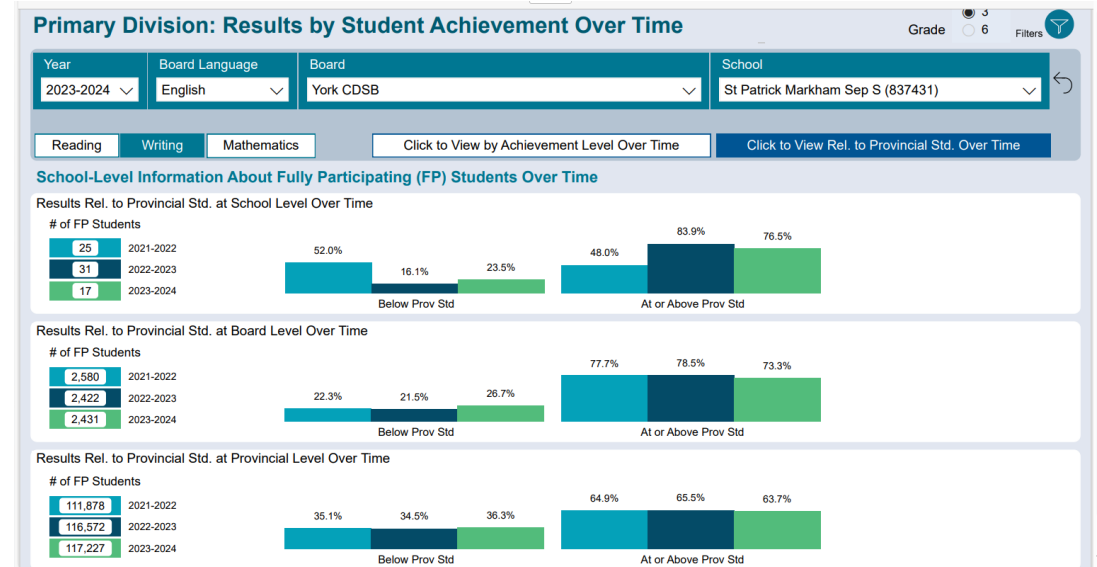
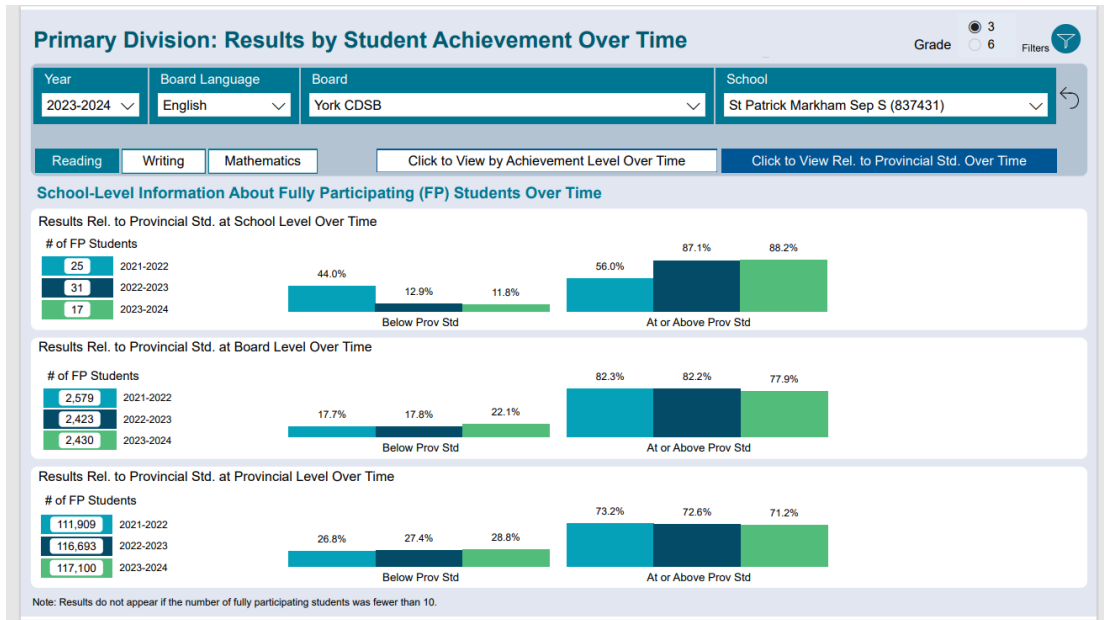


Primary and Junior 2023-2024 EQAO RESULTS

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I am pleased to share with you the historical results for our school, the board and the province.

The Individual Student Records for the Gr. 3 And Gr. 6 Students of 2023-2025 will be sent Home.

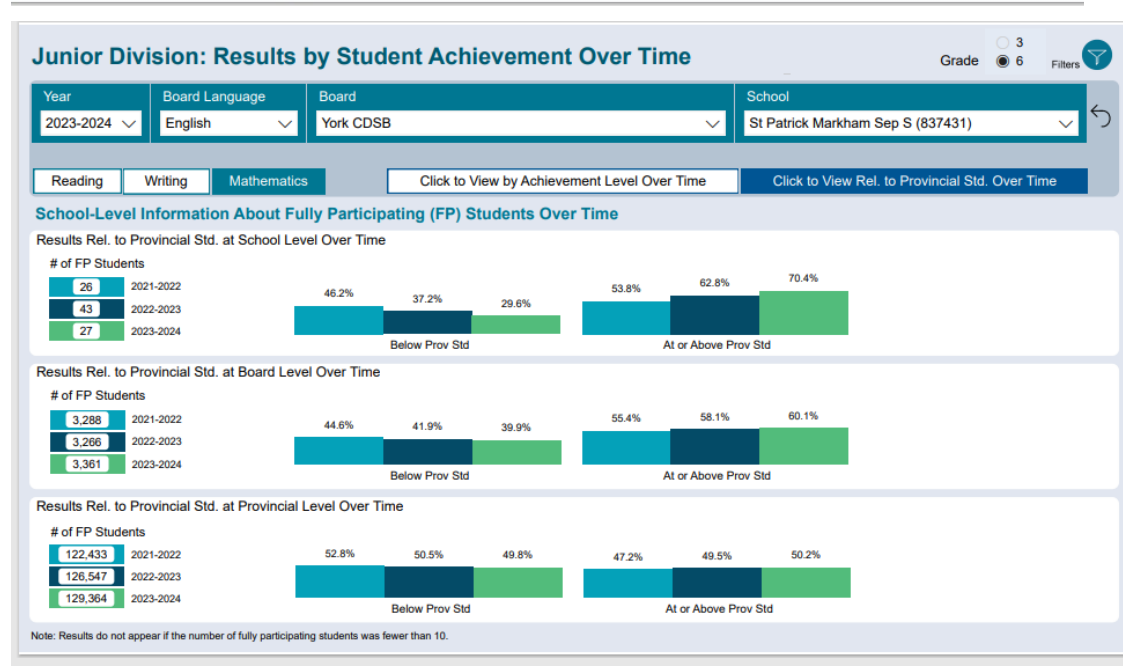
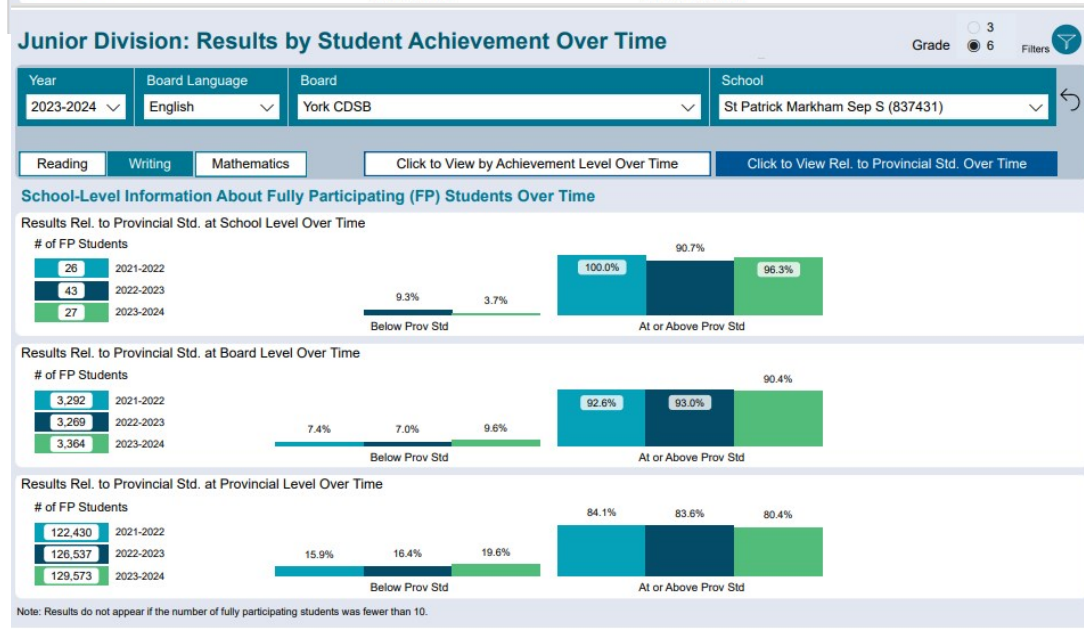
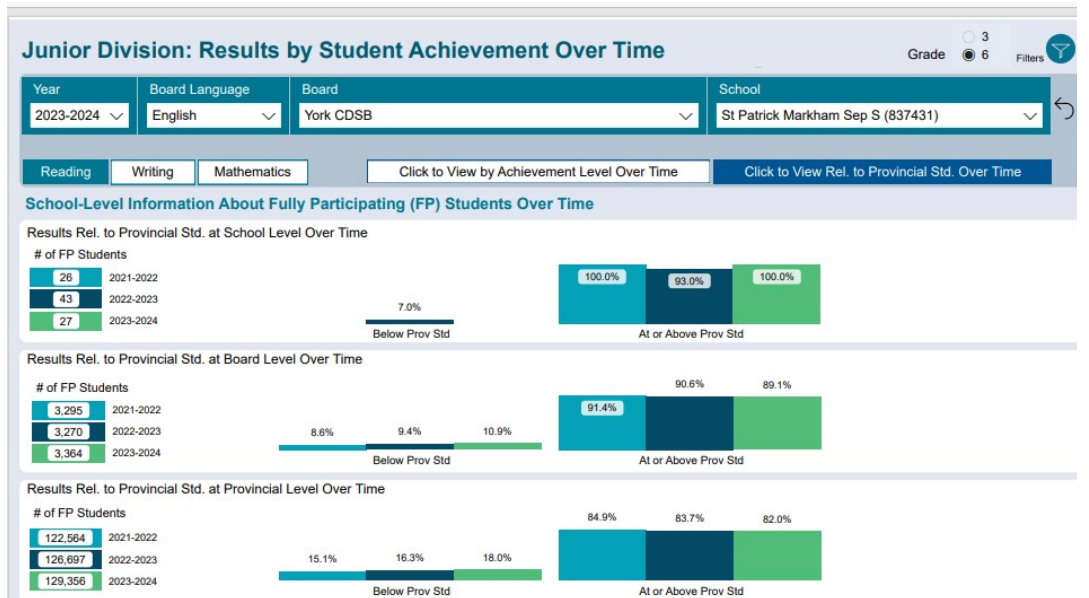


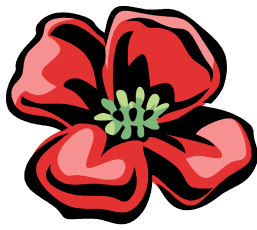
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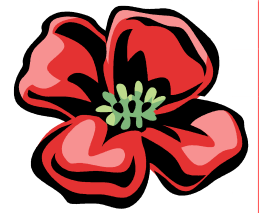
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3	4 <i>Pizza</i>	5 <i>Harvey's</i>	6 <i>Mr. Sub</i>	7 <i>Mother's Deli</i> <i>Rosary Apostolate</i>	8	9
10	11 <i>Pizza</i> <i>Remembrance Day Service Gym 10:30 am</i>	12 <i>Harvey's</i> <i>Report Cards</i> <i>Girls' Volleyball Tournament</i>	13 <i>Mr. Sub</i>	14 <i>Mother's Deli</i> <i>Parent/Teacher Interviews</i>	15 <i>Parent/Teacher Interviews</i> <i>PA Day No School</i>	16
17	18 <i>Pizza</i> <i>CSC Meeting At 6:30 pm Library</i>	19 <i>Harvey's</i>	20 <i>Mr. Sub</i>	21 <i>Mother's Deli</i>	22	23
24	25 <i>Pizza</i>	26 <i>Harvey's</i>	27 <i>Mr. Sub</i>	28 <i>Mother's Deli</i>	29	30 <i>*Looking Ahead: Christmas Concert December 17, 2024.</i>