



**Holy Name of Mary CSS  
School Council Agenda/Minutes  
School Library**

**Date: December 4, 2024, 6:30 pm**

<b>Attendees: Claudia Lehecka, Jennifer Moreira Ginette Valente, Anthony Scanga, Maria Olivia Lanado, Sara Muscat, Mary Iusso Student Rep: Anna Lanado</b>		<b>Regrets: Michelle Onyschuk</b>
Topic	Notes/Response	
<b>Welcome/Prayer</b>	Introduction of New Administration: Principal Claudia Lehecka & Vice Principal Jennifer Moreira Opening Liturgy & Prayer – Jackie Lalonde and Council Land acknowledgement - Genya Woloshyn Catholic School Council Members	
<b>Approval of Agenda/Previous Meeting Minutes</b>	Review, Amendments & Approval of the minutes <b>October 2, 2024.</b> All ok, except the name of Maria Olivia Lanado, spelled differently all throughout the minutes. Jackie also noted that her last name Lalonde should have an “e” at the end. Motion to Approve the Minutes – Anthony Scanga      Seconded by Maria Olivia Lanado Motion to Approve the Agenda – Anthony Scanga      Seconded by: All	
<b>Chairs Report Jackie Lalond</b>	Jackie shared that we had a table at the Parent Interview Night and collected four email addresses for bussing sign-up. While many attendees came for coffee and Timbits, it seemed that those who needed or were interested in bussing weren't present. Additionally, the school staff was unaware of the table, and it might have helped if the teachers had been more involved in promoting it.	
<b>Student Representative Report Anna Lanado</b>	Her report highlighted the many extracurricular activities taking place at HNM. Refer to her report attached. During October, ESC welcomed two Grade 9 representatives; another successful Pumped in Pink assembly as they raised \$2,200. The CARES club, HNM’s Social Solidarity group, held its first meeting.  November was Open House, where all clubs set up booths in the Café and ESC members helped manage the flow of attendees. Multiple clubs collected donations for Dr. Simone’s Canadian Food for children and the final week of the month marked ACE Healthy Active Week.	

		Several upcoming activities are scheduled in December including Christmas Spirit Week, Christmas show from multiple clubs and movie night.
<b>Parish Report Anthony Scanga</b>		<p>See Parish report attached.</p> <p>In December, the Parish will dedicate time to prayer and reflection, with Advent marking the beginning of the new church year. The Parish is open for prayers and is accepting non-perishable food donations as well as financial contributions. He also introduced Jyotsna Jose as the new Parish Secretary.</p> <p>Mr. Scanga shared several church activities, including those organized by the Knights of Columbus. Fr. Jibin Joy requested financial support from The Knights to transport students from school to church and attend mass. He also advised of upcoming Advent Retreat on December 10 and 11, and the Advent Confession Day on December 14.</p> <p>For the first time, the Parish will host the Filipino tradition of Simbang Gabi, with Mass at 5:00 AM from December 16 to 24.</p> <p>Additionally, he mentioned the Parish's Spiritual Digital Resources and encouraged everyone to make use of them. Anthony also noted that the CWL plans to establish a scholarship, worth \$100 or \$200, to be awarded to a Grade 12 student at graduation.</p>
<b>Teacher's Report Ginette Valente</b>		<p>The Teacher Report attached. Mrs. Valente mentioned some are duplication to what Anna reported. Some key activities include -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- November had OSST (results in January) and Yearbook kick off as well as planning for PROM 2025 (June 5, 2025)</li> <li>- HNM staff supporting Catholic Family services with a toy drive this Christmas season, for Regeneration Brampton. She also mentioned that Dr. Simone was deeply impressed by the generosity of HNM students and their families and expressed a desire to visit the school to thank them in person, with the date to be confirmed.</li> <li>- HNM Awards ceremony is scheduled for January 15, 2025.</li> </ul> <p>She also shared departmental initiatives from ARD/ESL, Business, Mathematics and Computer Science, Physical Education, and Science, highlights being the creation of new Business club that started in November and the new Health Care Technology course to be offered starting next school year 2025-2026 which is open to all Junior students.</p>
<b>Non- Teaching Report</b>		NO REPORT

<b>Treasurers' Report</b>		<p>Principal Lehecka reported on behalf of Treasurer.</p> <p>A total of \$346.37 was spent on coffee and Timbits during the parent-teacher interview night, leaving a balance of \$5.64 in the account. With the addition of the grant for parent involvement, the Parent Council fund now totals \$1,039.49, which can be used to support community initiatives.</p>
<b>Principal's/Vice Principal's Report</b>		<p>Principal Lehecka introduced Vice Principal Jennifer Moreira and expressed optimism about bringing stability to the administration. She shared the school budget of \$208,644.84, which is available on the website, and mentioned that some funds would be allocated for various activities in the new year, with a conservative approach to spending. There are plans to update and improve several areas, including murals outside the chapel, hallway murals, beautifying the cafeteria, and enhancing the library. Additionally, there is a goal to replace the honour roll cases with sturdier ones. Budget allocation for these projects will be spaced out. There are also plans to expand the weight room to accommodate the girls participating in the course.</p> <p>She also mentioned that with exams starting on January 22nd, two moratorium periods have been scheduled. The first moratorium, starts on January 8th, will restrict events, school trips, and major after-school functions, except for pre-scheduled events or games that cannot be altered. The second on January 15th, will be a moratorium on assessments. There will be no quizzes, tests, or assignments, allowing time strictly for review, studying, and receiving extra help.</p> <p>She also addressed the daily schedule, noting that it is not evenly distributed across periods. Non-teaching activities, such as morning prayer, the national anthem, and the land acknowledgment, reduce the time allocated for Period One, while Period Three is longer than the other periods. She has reached out to her Superintendent regarding potential changes to the schedule and proposed two options: the first, with a warning bell at 8:07 AM, class starting at 8:12 AM, and the school day ending at 2:10 PM; and the second, with a warning bell at 8:14 AM, class starting at 8:17 AM, and the day ending at 2:15 PM. Parents have suggested considering the impact on the bussing schedule in these changes. Principal Lehecka will explore the bussing further before presenting the proposal to the staff in January.</p>
<b>OAPCE Report</b>		NO REPORT
<b>Community Report</b>		NO REPORT
<b>Other Business</b>		<p>Option sheets had started.</p> <p>No change to Activity Fee for next year.</p> <p>Number of Grade 9 registrations to date is higher compared to same time last year.</p> <p>The student representative raised the issue of bussing with the board, but there has been no update yet.</p>

<b>Closing Prayer</b>		Closing prayer & blessing: Council Members and Mr. Scanga
<b>Adjournment</b>		Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm
<b>Next Meeting Date</b>		March 19, 2025



## **Parish Representative Report December 4<sup>th</sup> , 2024**

**Parish Representative: Anthony Scanga**

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with the Holy Name of Mary School Community.**

**During the month of December the Parish Community will take “time out” with prayer and reflection during the busyness of our Christmas season activities and the end of the year. Advent is the start of our new Church year. We will make the extra special effort to prepare for celebrating the Birth of Jesus by making time to reflect through scripture readings and silent moments of prayer.**

**Let us turn to Mary, the Patroness of our School as our model to wait in silent prayer and reflection as she carried Jesus within her during her pregnancy of the Lord.**

**Father Jibin Joy, our pastor and our chaplain Father Samoj Sunny offer their best wishes and blessings of a Blessed Christmas to the families of Holy Name of Mary students, their families, their teachers , the support staff and our administrators**

### **Daily Operations:**

**Monday – Friday : 8:00 – 8:45 :**

**9:00 am Mass Followed by Eucharistic adoration**

**Tuesday: 9:30 am to 9:00 pm 9:00 Mass Followed by Eucharistic Adoration & 7:00 pm Mass & Novena to St Anthony**

**Saturday: 9:30 am to 6:00 pm 9:00 Mass Followed by Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena**

**The church is open for prayer and for those wishing to drop off non-perishable food items or financial donations to the office.**

**The Parish website is**

**St. Anthony of Padua website <https://www.stanthonyofpadua.ca>**

**NEW Email: [office@stanthonyofpadua.ca](mailto:office@stanthonyofpadua.ca)**

**Call Office: (905) 793-8030**

**Office hours Monday & Tuesday : 9:30am-noon and 1 pm to 8 pm**

**Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9:30 to 5 pm with full service.**

**Saturday 9:30 am to 5:00 pm Sunday 9:30 am to 2 pm**

**You may obtain a weekly bulletin from the Parish website or it may be sent directly to your email account. Simply submit your email to: [office@stanthonyofpadua.ca](mailto:office@stanthonyofpadua.ca)**

**Our new parish secretary is Jyotsna Jose**

## **Church Activities:**

### **The Knights of Columbus**

**The Knights will continue to support the needs of HNM students and their families. Our Grand Knight has contacted the school chaplain to determine the number of gift certificates and food hampers to help the families of students who need some assistance.**

**The School Chaplain has requested some financial support to the transportation of students to celebrate one Eucharistic Mass as requested by our Pastor Father Joy. The Knights will be reviewing the request.**

**The Knights have provided 58 winter coats for our students in our elementary schools.**

**On Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup> the Knights hosted their Christmas Children Party for the Parish.**

**The Knights invited the Fathers of the school to attend the Bible Study Program, "Men of Word" on Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm to 7:45 pm. Dinner is served at 6:00 pm  
Theme: Who is Jesus?**

**On the weekend of Dec 7 & 8<sup>th</sup> The Knights will make available lawn signs and buttons with the message "Keep Christ in Christmas".**

**On Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> Father Sunny will celebrate Mass on the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe for Holy Name of Mary Students and the staff.**

**In the evening there will be a 7:00 pm Mass in the Parish to celebrate this feast Day to be followed by a Icon Procession and a Coffee & TimBit Reception.**

**Last week our elementary school, St Jean Brebeuf celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.**

**The Parish is sponsoring a Giving Tree to support families in need during the Christmas Season**

**ADVENT RETREAT- TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY December 10 & 11 7:00 – 9:00 pm**

**The Parish will host a two evening ADVENT Retreat Program of Mass & Reflection  
Our Retreat will be led by a visiting priest, Father Eugene O'Reilly, a Redemptorist Priest.  
This is a special opportunity to prepare spiritually for Christmas.**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14<sup>th</sup> ADVENT CONFESSION DAY**

**Between 9:45 am and 12:30 pm there will be a group of priests who will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in a variety of different languages-**

**SIMBANG GASH- December 16<sup>th</sup> to December 24<sup>th</sup> Mass 5:00 am**

**For the first time the Parish will host an Advent activity of our Filipino tradition. A nine day novena in preparation for Christmas that starts each day with Mass at 5:00 am and a period of Advent reflection, prayer and sacrifice.**

**Franciscan Friars are sponsoring a student writing contest for our secondary students. Deadline January 13, 2025. For more information 416-934-3400 Ext 527**

**SHARE LIFE: The Parish encourages the Holy Name of Mary School Community to continue its support to forty Catholic service agencies across the archdiocese.**

**Spiritual Digital Resources:**

**The Parish continues to encourage the teachers and students and their families to use the online resources of video and lectures that are paid by the parish to deepen and to enrich the faith development. There are some wonderful Christmas movie programs for the families. There is also a daily email reflection to be sent to your email account**

**For the “formed” program to receive free videos , reflections and lectures**

**Simply following these directions: go to**

**[www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org)**

**and follow these steps:**

**1. click sign Up**

**2. enter Bramalea to find our parish then click St Anthony of Padua 940 North Park Drive Brampton, ON**

**3. enter your email**

**4. click sign up**

**Then you will receive an email with a link to access the videos and resources.**

**May the Holy Name of Mary School Community encourage our Catholic students and their families to participate in our Sunday Masses and to pray daily one Hail Mary daily.**





## Parent Council meeting #2: December 4rd, 2024

- ESC - Results of the Grade 9 elections
  - ESC welcomes our two grade 9 representatives: Susana Khanal and Natalie Qandah
  - All who ran gave some great speeches and showed initiative!
  
- ESC - Pumped in Pink Results - October 5-11:
  - Plenty of students wore Pink to show their spirit
  - Memorable Assembly
  - Students ate cheese pizza after the walk and had a dance
  - \$2200 raised
  
- Major club opening - CARES
  - CARES is HNM's Social Justice and Solidarity club
  - Introductory meeting took place on Tuesday, Oct 8
  
- Athletics - Cross Country (Oct 10)
  - Attendance and worked hard at the Heart Lake Cross Country Meet
  
- Open House
  - Thursday November 7th, 2024 6:30 - 8:30 pm
  - All clubs had a booth in the Caf to show parents and potential students HNM's assortment of clubs
  - ESC's booth had a video projected behind it show the montage of photos from previous years' events
  - Most ESC members were directing families on where they should go when they asked for directions.
  
- ACE Healthy Active Eating Week
  - Day 1: Just Dance and Steps challenge in the gym during lunches
  - Day 2: Yoga and Meditation in the gym during lunches
  - Day 3: Big Crunch: Joining ACE in the gym during period 4 to bite and eat into your apple
  - Day 4: Bake sale in the Foyer: Healthy and sweet treats will be sold for \$0.5 - \$3.00
  - Day 5: Kahoot per class and the winner gets a prize
  
- ESC - Christmas Spirit Week - December 16-20:
  - Day 1 (Dec 16)

- Cozy wear + stuffed animal day - students are invited to dress down
- Name that Tune! - Christmas songs will be played for a few seconds and students will have to guess what it is as a class.
- Kisses in a Jar - a jar of Hershey Kisses will be in the cafe and students will guess how many there are for a chance to win it. The winner will be announced on Thursday during the Christmas show and will go on until then.
- Distributing Candy Canes to the student during lunch
- Day 2 (Dec 17)
  - Christmas song karaoke in the Caf
  - Handing out Cookies to every class during period 1.
- Day 3 (Dec 18)
  - Poke Board trivia (a.k.a. Grinchmas heartbreaker) - Students will answer trivia questions for a chance to poke the board for a prize.
- Day 4 (Dec 19)
  - Christmas Civvies day - can dress up as anything Christmas related for this day (ex. Rudolph, santa, red, green)
  - Christmas Olympics - mini games will be on the stage for the chance to win some candy canes.
    - ◆ Ex. match the cups: There is a stack of cans that is not visible to the student, therefore the challenge is to stack the cans in the same order as the stack of cans that are not visible to the student
- Day (Dec 20)
  - Christmas Civvies Day: Frosty the Snowman will be playing in the Caf during lunches
  - Many people are absent on the Friday before the break

→ Multiple Clubs - Christmas Show

- Run by VPAC - will take place on the Thursday of Christmas Spirit Week
- ESC is doing a skit - our theme is santa retiring and he is doing job interviews for his replacement

→ Multiple clubs - Donations to Dr. Simone's Canadian Food for Children

- BSA Style Sweep
- VPAC Haunted House Canned Food Drive
- CARES Candy drive
- All of these initiatives were for the items to be donated to Dr. Simone's Canadian Food for Children

→ **Movie Night**

- **Hosted by our CYW: Mrs. Belanger**
- **December 5, 2024: 2:30pm - 7:00pm in the gym**
- **Meant to destress and unwind before CPTs start**





School Council Report  
December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Teacher Rep Report: G. Valente

**General School Wide Initiatives**

- Executive Student Council held its spirit week October 7 – 10 with our annual Pumped in Pink fundraiser being a success.
- A student led Remembrance Day Assembly was held on November 11<sup>th</sup> in the café for the whole school.
- The OSSLT was written in November by our Grade 10 students currently taking English this semester. Results will be out in late January.
- The planning for PROM 2025 is well underway. The evening will take place on Thursday June 5, 2025 from 5:30 – 11:00pm. Your children will be treated to a formal dinner with vegetarian and Halal options available. After the meal, there will be dancing and an opportunity to take pictures in a photo booth. The prom committee has been planning to make this an unforgettable evening for the graduating class of 2025. Tickets will be available on School Cash Online in the new year!
- ACE hosted Healthy active living week November 25-29, 2024 with lots of fun student activities like step challenges, healthy eating bake sale, and other fun games in the gym.
- Fundraising/Social Justice Initiatives in October and November:
  - BSA Style Sweep
  - Halloween Candy Drive
  - VPAC Haunted House
- BSA, Cares, and VPAC clubs collected 47 boxes of clothing, 7 boxes of non-perishable food items, and 4 boxes of candy for Dr. Simone's Canadian Food For Children. Dr. Simone was in the warehouse when we dropped the items off. He and his volunteers were in awe of the generosity of our students and their families. He was so moved that he asked if he could visit our students to thank them. He will be coming to visit the school in the coming months.
- The Advent Drive kicks off December 9<sup>th</sup> with food, clothing and hygiene products being accepted. All proceeds will be donated to Regeneration in Brampton to help those in need in our own community.
- Advent mass is being held on December 12<sup>th</sup> at HNM.
- The HNM staff will be supporting Catholic Family Services this Christmas with a toy drive.
- Planning for the HNM Christmas Talent Show is well underway with the event taking place on December 19<sup>th</sup> 2024.

→ Open House Nov 7<sup>th</sup>  
→ Parent-teacher interview

- The HNM Awards Ceremony is being planned for January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 to celebrate the academic success of our students in the 2023-2024 school year.
- The Yearbook Kick-off began on November 25<sup>th</sup>. Students purchasing early will pay only \$39.95 (for those that buy in the first 2 weeks.) For any students purchasing late, the cost will be \$50.
- The ESC Christmas Spirit Week to be held the week of December 16-20<sup>th</sup>. Lots of Christmas fun to be had with events like Karaoke and Cookies, Tinsel Tuesdays, Christmas Civies, and Movies in the café.

### **Departmental Initiatives**

#### **ARD/ESL**

- Our Resource Teachers will soon be in the process of organizing exam supports and meeting with our applicable resource students and teachers.

#### **Business**

- A new HNM Business CLUB was started in the month of November.
- SHSM students attended a Field Trip, November 26<sup>th</sup>, to the One-of-A-Kind Show earning both:
  - Experiential Component
  - Retail Certification
  - Our Business Department is underway planning for our Grade 10 recruitment for our potential NEW SHSM students for 2025 and 2026.

#### **Mathematics & Computer Science**

- Computer Science Education week is December 9 to 13 and will include various activities throughout the week to bring awareness to the subject.
- The Data management class held it's "Data Olympics" on November 6<sup>th</sup> in the café showcasing all the student designed/created games of chance.

#### **Physical Education**

- Intramurals sports continue in the gym for all students on lunches for those students that wish for some non-competitive healthy fun.

#### **Science**

- HOSA has submitted a team of 24 students from grades 9 to 12. The fall voluntary virtual competitions have taken place with the actual in person competition scheduled for the spring.
- The SWIS club continues it's after school fun labs with dissections, bath bombs and lip balms.

- A new Health Care Technology course is being offered for the 2025-2026 school year. It is open to all junior students.
- Our Eco-School initiatives are well underway with our Environmental Science class organizing a waste free lunch, a sit spot mediation, and a biodiversity walk. Other school wide environmental changes include:
  - Retreats/Chaplaincy activities DO NOT purchase bottled water or single use plastics for any reason.
  - Grade 12 retreats have an outdoor education/stewardship format at Silver Creek.
  - Farm-to-table initiatives will start semester two. Thus far we have supported Downey's Farm in Caledon. Hoping to get involved in community supported agriculture - fresh produce from local farms and community gardening.