



POPE FRANCIS CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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PACE INFORMATION LETTER FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The York Catholic District School Board offers the opportunity for all grade four students to participate in a screening process for possible identification as a gifted student and participation in our Program for Academic and Creative Extension (PACE). The grade four screening procedure is a two-stage process.

Stage One:

PACE screening will take place in December 2020. Students in grade four will be given the Canadian Cognitive Abilities Test, Seventh Edition (CCAT-7), a test of thinking and reasoning skills. The test has three sections and takes about 90 minutes in total. Your child cannot study for this activity, but making sure that your child is well rested is the best preparation.

Students learning remotely will also have the opportunity to complete the CCAT testing at their home school. Participants will be expected to follow safety measures that include COVID 19 screening, physical distancing, hand hygiene and wearing a mask. Schools will follow enhanced health and safety protocols currently in place that include ensuring dedicated student materials and cleaning of high touch surfaces. If you would like your child to participate, please notify the school through email or phone, by **November 27, 2020**. Further details regarding date and time as well as entry and exit procedures will be provided to all participants.

Stage Two:

If your child qualifies for Stage Two, you will receive a letter with more information about the process at a later date.

Stage Three:

Students who meet the YCDSB intellectual criterion on the individual screening will be considered for the PACE program for Grade 5.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your school Principal.

Yours sincerely,

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Principal

Vice-Principal