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- † a discerning believer formed in our Catholic Faith Community
- † an effective communicator
- † a reflective, creative, and holistic thinker
- † a self-directed, responsible, lifelong learner
- † a collaborative contributor
- † a caring family member
- † a responsible citizen

**BECAUSE I AM A TEAM PLAYER,
I KNOW THAT 'TOGETHER IS BETTER', AND WE WILL ALL LIVE OUR
LIVES LIKE JESUS.**

- * I cooperate with others in all that I do.
- * I value everyone's work.
- * I share with others.
- * I respect and listen to others.
- * I think of others before myself.
- * I follow rules of fair play.
- * I work hard in school so that I can be a part of a community

FEBRUARY IS THE MONTH OF THE FAMILY

February is the month of the Family
Perhaps you could pray this consecration together

Consecration to the Holy Family

O Jesus, our most loving Redeemer, who having come to enlighten the world with Thy teaching and example, didst will to pass the greater part of Thy life in humility and subjection to Mary and Joseph in the poor home in Nazareth, thus sanctifying the Family that was to be an example for all Christian families, graciously receive our family as it dedicates and consecrates itself to Thee this day. Do Thou defend us, guard us and establish amongst us Thy holy fear, true peace, and concord in Christian love: in order that, by conforming ourselves to the divine pattern of Thy family, we may be able, all of us without exception, to attain to eternal happiness.

<p>Report Cards</p> <p>Driving and Student Safety</p> <p>Seedy Saturday</p> <p>Winter Yellow Day</p> <p>Bulldogs Game</p> <p>Celebrating Black History Month</p>	<p>Mary, dear Mother of Jesus and Mother of us, by thy kindly intercession make this our humble offering acceptable in the sight of Jesus, and obtain for us His graces and blessings.</p> <p>O Saint Joseph, most holy guardian of Jesus and Mary, assist us by thy prayers in all our spiritual and temporal necessities; that so we may be enabled to praise our divine Savior Jesus, together with Mary and thee, for all eternity.</p> <p>Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be (three times each).</p> <p>Amen.</p>
<p>VALENTINE'S DAY MESSAGE AND BEYOND</p>	
<p>Anti-Bullying Awareness</p> <p>Winter Carnival</p> <p>Kindergarten Registrations</p> <p>Homework Club</p> <p>CYO Games This Week</p> <p>Math Nugget</p> <p>Growth Mindset</p> <p>Pope Francis Twitter</p> <p>Looking Ahead</p>	<p>As we prepare to celebrate St. Valentine's Day (On Tuesday, February 13), it is important for us to remember Jesus' greatest commandment: "Love one another as I have loved you." If we let this commandment guide our relationships with others—family, friends, the school, and the community—our lives will be greatly enhanced. It only takes one small act of kindness to start a ripple effect and as St. Valentine gave unselfishly to others. Let us show compassion, understanding and caring when someone is hurt, troubled, even if we don't know them. Let us try to help, even if all you can do is listen and say kind words. Let us forgive mistakes. Let us be a friend when someone needs a friend. Let us show respect by speaking and acting with courtesy. Let us treat others with dignity and honour the rules of our family, school and nation. Respect yourself and others will respect you. We must continue to follow Christ's example in the way we treat others and in the way we wish to be treated. We are encouraged daily to approach all tasks with enthusiasm giving our very best effort and finally each of us is challenged to strive for excellence in all that we do. We ask ourselves does excellence radiate in our work, our work habits, our actions and our words? How can we strive to be the best that we can be? Let's continue to try to include everyone, respect everyone and follow Christ's example in everything we do.</p>
	
<p>Parish Links</p> <p>St. Catherine of Siena 905-383-3381</p>	<p>VALENTINE'S DAY AND ASH WEDNESDAY REMINDER</p>
<p>stcatherineofsienachurch.ca</p> <p><u>Prayer to St. Marguerite d'Youville</u></p> <p>Saint Marguerite d'Youville, we turn to you in humble prayer because your life speaks to us of goodness, compassion</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">  </p> <p>As many of you are aware, Valentine's Day falls on the same day as Ash Wednesday this year. Valentine's Day is a day to celebrate friendships and share some fun together by handing out cards and sharing treats. Ash Wednesday is the day we start to think about and get ready for our Lenten Journey. This year we will be celebrating Valentine's Day on Tuesday, February 13 instead of on Wednesday, February 14. We will have our usual Red, White and Pink Dress Down Day and we will share our cards and treats on Shrove Tuesday instead of on Ash Wednesday. Our Catholic School Council will still be providing pancakes for all of our children on Shrove Tuesday too.</p>

and love
in a world of suffering,
anguish and pain.
It is not unlike the world
you knew
as you went about doing
good
with a great love for the
human family,
with preference for the
poorest of all.
Your dream of universal
charity
became a mission in the
Church.
We give thanks to you for
the
inspiring vision that is ours
today
as your dream lives on.
May we learn as you did
the life-giving power of
love,
the profound peace of
unfailing trust,
the deep mystery of
suffering and pain,
the comfort of prayer.
Saint Marguerite, teach us
to listen,
In the silence of our hearts,
to the God of Mercy and
Compassion.
that we, too, may be signs
of God's love
to all people of our world.
Amen.
St. Marguerite d'Youville,
Pray for us.
Amen.

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Please join us for our Para-Liturgy on Tuesday at 9:30 in our gym.

On Ash Wednesday Father David from our parish community will be here for our prayer service at 10:30. All parents and families are welcome to join us in our gym. Please join us for this solemn Liturgy of the Word.

PANCAKE TUESDAY

On Tuesday February 13 all of our students will be enjoying 2 small pancakes and 2 breakfast sausages courtesy of our Catholic School Council. Thank you to our CSC for taking such good care of us!



FAMILY MATH NIGHT



As part of our **School Improvement Plan**, and with the support of our Catholic School Council and the Ministry, we have been given a grant to help promote a Growth Mindset in the area of Mathematics. Our school team is organizing another **Family Math Night** for all of our families as well as the families from St. Michael School to come out to have some fun while learning about mathematics. Our Family Math Night is on **Thursday March 1** from 6:00-7:30 pm. Lots of fun activities are planned and you will even get a take home bag of goodies. Mark your calendar and plan to attend! A letter regarding your attendance will be sent home on Monday February 12 to be returned by Friday February 16. Thank you for working together with us to promote student achievement.

KINDNESS CAMPAIGN

McMaster Student Nurses, Nurse Deb and our Health Action Team are continuing to work on the **Kindness** Rock Project. Check out how SMDY Rocks!



We are continuing our **Caught You Caring** campaign as we are watching to catch others doing random acts of kindness!

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL FUND RAISER



Our Catholic School Council will be running a Big Box of Cards Fund Raiser. Letters will be sent home on Monday February 12 asking parents to participate in this fund raiser. Please return your forms by Friday February 16. If you return form by the 16th and are participating in our fundraising effort, you will me entered into a draw for a gift card.

POPCORN SALES FOR OUR NUTRITION PROGRAM

We will be selling bags of Kernel Popcorn for \$2 per bag on Fridays to help finance our Nutrition Program. Sales will happen on Fridays. Please note that if there is a holiday during the week or a PA Day on a Friday, no popcorn will be sold.



CSC CHRISTIAN MEDITATION FAMILY RETREAT NIGHT

Thank you to everyone who attended our Christian Meditation Family Retreat. Thank you to Sr. Anne Marshall, Mr. Burns, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Anthony-Corrigan, Ms. Bilanzola, Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Nunes, Mrs. Rabcaniak, and Mrs. Smith for supporting our school community. We would especially like to thank Mrs. Krawesky and Mrs. Spatazzo who helped to get the dinner ready for us. Thank you also to Mrs. Del Monaco who also attended and helped to prepare the great dinner for us. Thank you also to Mrs. Clement for picking up all of the supplies for our Faith Boxes! Thank you to the Alberton, Bullard, Clinton, Deeley, Lee-Fook, Moddafari, and Sale Families who participated in such a wonderful and beautiful evening of fellowship!



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE INFORMATION

Mardi Gras Pancake Brunch on February 11

The annual Mardi Gras Pancake Brunch is on Sunday, February 11 at 12 noon, after the 11 a.m. Mass in the gym of Corpus Christi School. Enjoy pancakes, breakfast sausages, fruit, coffee, tea, and juice. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children aged 6 – 12. Tickets available after mass before the event or in the gym that day. Organized by the Men's Group of Corpus Christi Site of St. Catharine of Sienna Church.

The Saint John Bible is coming to Corpus Christi Site

Men and women are invited to view two volumes of The Saint John Bible on Tuesday, March 6, 2018. We have booked the Gospels and Acts and Wisdom Books volumes of The Saint John's Bible:

5 – 6:30 p.m. View the 2 volumes in the P.J. Daly Room

6:30 – 7 p.m. Mass

7 – 7:30 p.m. Special guest will speak about The Saint John Bible

7:30 p.m. Refreshments

7:40 p.m. CWL meeting

The Saint John's Bible is a modern-day illuminated bible intended "to ignite the spiritual imagination of believers throughout the world". The Corpus Christi CWL is delighted to have the opportunity to share this work of art.

Support the CWL by joining this year

It only costs \$25 to join the Corpus Christi CWL and support their many local charities. You don't have to attend meetings, though it would be nice to meet you. The annual membership fee of \$25 for Corpus Christi CWL is due in January 2018. You can use the pink envelope in your box of envelopes or write CWL on any envelope and drop it into the offering plate. Thank you for your support.

Women's Day of Reflection

St. Raphael's Parish holds a Women's Day of Reflection (similar to retreat day) every year in early February. This year it is on Saturday, February 10 and the theme is "YOU ARE NOT ALONE".

The keynote speaker Mary Lou Rosien, who hails from the U.S., will lead us on our faith journey as we look at "building the foundation in our faith; continuing the journey of our faith and coming full circle". She will provide "tools" to help us.

The fee of \$30.00 includes a continental breakfast; Mass at 11 a.m.; followed by a delicious lunch and "takeaways". It runs from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For tickets, email: St.RaphaelsWDR@gmail.com

Please pray for the family of Janet Piersanti who passed away on January 21, 2018. She was a member of Corpus Christi School Parent Council for many years, serving as President for 2 years. She also volunteered every Tuesday in the Senior Kindergarten class.

Call for Conscience Campaign

The Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario has approved a Call for Conscience Campaign for Sunday, February 4 and Sunday, February 11, 2018. The campaign is being organized by the Coalition for HealthCARE and Conscience. The focus of the campaign is to encourage Ontario's political parties to: Provide conscience protection for doctors, nurses, pharmacists and other health professionals who do not want to participate in assisted suicide or euthanasia. Currently, Ontario's regulatory agencies are forcing referral, even if this is contrary to the caregiver's convictions. Caregivers are at risk of being disciplined and losing their license to practice.

Support faith-based hospitals, hospices and nursing homes who are not able to allow assisted suicide or euthanasia on the premises.

Ensure sufficient palliative care in the province.

We need your help to get the word out.

Please ask all of your members to go to the website

CanadiansforConscience.ca/Ontario. There they can write a letter to their MPP (and as soon as all of the candidate are named, to their candidates) in the upcoming Ontario provincial election. Remember that the members are acting in their own personal capacity in this regard.

Members should also inquire of their pastors to see how they can assist in their parish response to this appeal. We need to get as many people as possible to participate in the campaign.

BEFORE AND AFTER-SCHOOL CHILD CARE PROGRAMS



Before and after-school child care programs provide children with more opportunities to learn and grow. Not-for-profit agencies already operate many of these programs in HWCDSB schools, for children in kindergarten to Grade 6. To see if there is enough interest to offer more programs, we ask families to please complete the survey below.

At HWCDSB schools, these optional before and after-school programs are for families who need child care outside of regular school hours. The fee for a before and after-school program averages \$24.15 per day per child. Early Childhood Educators lead the program for kindergarten students; staff leading the program for children in grades 1-6 programs have age-specific qualifications (e.g. recreation studies).

If you are happy with your existing child care arrangements outside of school hours, we encourage you to remain with this option. School-based before and after-school programs are not intended to replace a family's existing arrangements.

Your family may qualify for a child care fee subsidy through the City of Hamilton. See details at [http://www.hamilton.ca/social-services/chi ...](http://www.hamilton.ca/social-services/chi...) or call 905-546-4870.

If you want to register your child(ren) in a before and after-school program for the 2018-19 school year, complete the survey online here:

[https://survey.hwcdsb.ca/Survey.aspx?s=fe8 ...](https://survey.hwcdsb.ca/Survey.aspx?s=fe8...)

REPORT CARDS



There will be a Report Card coming home on **Tuesday, February 13th**. Please review the report with your child and help them to set realistic goals for improvement in the following term. If you would like to discuss the report with your child's teacher, please arrange for an interview at your earliest convenience. Remember it takes a village to raise a child. We are all here to provide support, encouragement and help to improve your child's academic achievement.

DRIVING AND STUDENT SAFETY



Parking

Thank you to the many parents and guardians who are respecting the school focus of ensuring students are able to enter the playground safely when being dropped off and picking up children. For the most part drivers are being attentive, respectful and understanding.

Use of Community Crosswalks

We work in partnership with community partners to keep our children safe. Recently, our crossing guard has made us aware of a dangerous practice among parents and their children while making their way to school. **Those parents crossing their children in the middle of the street instead of walking the short distance to the cross walk are encouraged to use the crosswalk.** Please remember that it is important that we be safe and model safe practices for our children. **Please cross where crosswalks are at all times.**

It has been noted that some vehicles are not coming to a complete stop at the Stop Sign. Please be sure to completely stop at the Stop Signs and avoid pulling up in front of the school to drop your children off.

Please refrain from pulling into the driveway of our parking lot as this presents a dangerous situation for our staff and our many children who walk through the parking lot to get to the school yard.

Why not park a few blocks away and walk your children to school!

GREEN VENTURE SEEDY SATURDAY



Thank you to the many Members of our Healthy Action Team and Our Eco Team who were Ambassadors for the Green Venture Seedy Saturday. The event will take place at our school from 10 am until 3 pm on Saturday, February 3. It was a wonderful success.



WINTER YELLOW DAY

Thank you to all those families, students and staff who participated in our Winter Yellow Day. It was a beautiful snowy day and the yellow brightened it!



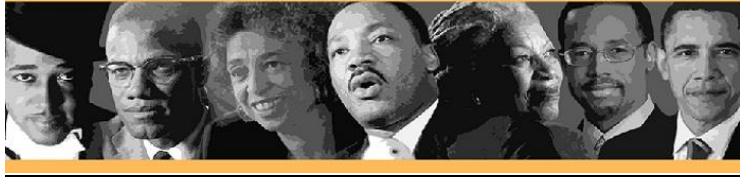
BULLDOGS SCHOOL GAME DAY THURSDAY FEBRUARY 8



Thank you to all of the staff and students who attended the Bulldogs game! It was a fun time for all of our students.

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History Month



February is Black History Month. It is an opportunity for Canadians to recognize the significant contributions Blacks have made to the life of Canada. Canada is the world's most multicultural country. At St. Marguerite d'Youville, we will be learning more about the diverse cultures in our community. The more children know about and respect other's cultures, the less prejudice and racism there will be.

Watch this you tube video acknowledging the many contributions.

https://youtu.be/np_jD0YUQrw

ANTI-BULLING AWARENESS



We are working on STOMPING Out Bullying™ in observing Bullying Prevention Month. Our goal is to encourage all children to work together to stop bullying and cyberbullying by increasing awareness of the prevalence and impact of bullying on all children of all ages. We will be having a Pink T-Shirt Day on Thurs. Feb. 22.

WINTER CARNIVAL



Thank you to our French Teachers Mme Giro, Mme Quaglia, Mme Mota and our Grade 8 students for their leadership with this endeavour! We were happy to host the Bonhomme! It was load of fun for all.

KINDERGARTEN SEPTEMBER 2018 REGISTRATIONS



We will begin taking registrations for September 2018 Junior Kindergarten and new Kindergarten students this month. Please note, Junior Kindergarten students must have been born in 2014 and Kindergarten students must have been born in 2013. If your child is currently in Junior Kindergarten, there is no need to register.

Please contact Mrs. Spatazzo, 905-387-4600 to book an appointment to register. You will need to bring the following documents for registration:

- Birth Certificate

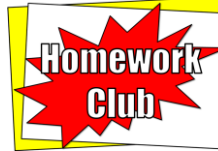
Baptismal Certificate

Proof of Address

Registrations will take place on Thurs. Feb. 8, Wed. Feb. 14, Thurs. Feb. 15 and Thurs. Feb. 22.

Please pass this information on to friends in the community who have young children who meet the age requirements.

HOMEWORK CLUB



We have three days after school to provide homework support to our students. Homework Club meets Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3:25-4:25. Registration is needed. If you would like your child to attend, please ask in the office for a Registration Form. Thank you to Mr. Quaglia, Mrs. Metcalfe, Mrs. Sergi and Mr. DiVintantonio for volunteering to support our students.

CYO GAMES THIS WEEK



Our Senior Boys' Basketball Team play at St. Michael School on Tuesday February 12 at 6:00 pm and our Junior Boys' Basketball Team play at Our Lady of Lourdes on Tuesday February 13 at 6:00 pm and on Thursday February 15 at Canadian Martyrs at 5:30 pm.

Our Senior Girls' Volleyball Team play at St. Marguerite d'Youville Gym on Wednesday at 5:00 pm and our Junior Girls' Volleyball Team play at 4:15 pm.

Good luck to all of our teams!

Go Mustangs Go!

MATH NUGGET

Can you solve this Valentine Problem?

$$\text{Red Heart} \times \text{Blue Heart} = 72$$

$$\text{Blue Heart} \times \text{Green Heart} = 36$$

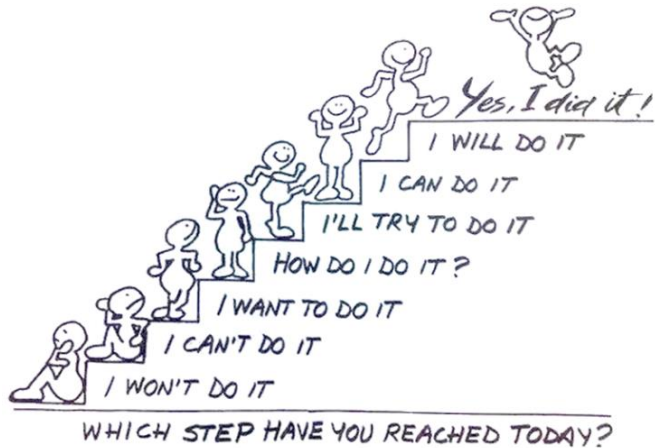
$$\text{Red Heart} \times \text{Green Heart} = 32$$

$$\text{Green Heart} = ?$$



GROWTH MINDSET

Help your child develop a Growth Mindset. Let's start using this language.



FROM POPE FRANCIS TWITTER

“Christians are called to keep alive the memory of how much God has done through them.”



LOOKING AHEAD



- Math Family Night Letter will come home on Monday, February 12 to be returned by Friday, February 16
- Catholic School Council Fund Raiser Letter will come home on Monday, February 12 to be returned by Friday, February 16
- Report Cards go home Tuesday, February 13
- Red, white and pink Dress Down Day for our Valentine Celebration on Tuesday February 13
- Prayer Service for Shrove Tuesday, February 13 at 9:30 in our Gym, please join us. Note the change in time.
- Ash Wednesday Liturgy of the Word on Wednesday, February 14 at 10:30 in our Gym, all parents and relatives are welcome
- Family Day Monday February 19
- Sub Day forms go out Tuesday February 20 to be returned Friday February 23 for Sub Day on Wednesday February 28
- Grade 2 Tour of Corpus Christi Church Wednesday February 28