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Catholic Graduate Expectations Focus for February is A Collaborative Contributor



- † 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

THE SEASON OF LENT



On Wednesday we started the season of Lent. Father David told us the story about King David. He reminded us that we are not perfect. We need to use Lent to ask for forgiveness from God for sinning. In order to make a good Lent we should fast, give alms to the poor, and increase our praying.

Lent should be more than a time of fasting. It should also be a joyous season of feasting. Lent is a time to fast from certain things and to feast on others. It is a season in which we should:

Anti-Bullying Awareness
 Kindergarten Registrations
 Homework Club
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Fast from judging others; feast on the Christ dwelling within them.
Fast from emphasis on differences; feast on the unity of all life.
Fast from apparent darkness; feast on the reality of light.
Fast from thoughts of illness; feast on the healing power of God.
Fast from words that pollute; feast on phrases that purify.
Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude.
Fast from anger; feast on patience.
Fast from worry; feast on divine order.
Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation.
Fast from negatives; feast on affirmatives.
Fast from unrelenting pressures; feast on unceasing prayer.
Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness.
Fast from self-concern; feast on compassion for others.
Fast from personal anxiety; feast on eternal Truth.
Fast from discouragement; feast on hope.
Fast from facts that depress; feast on verities that uplift.
Fast from thoughts that weaken; feast on promises that inspire.
Fast from shadow of sorrow; feast on the sunlight of serenity.
Fast from idle gossip; feast on purposeful silence.

If we all fast from the things that trouble us and focus on the positive, we can commit ourselves to Christ and follow His way more clearly. Prepare for Easter with a clean heart and soul.

Parish Links

St. Catherine of Siena
 905-383-3381
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Prayer to St. Marguerite d'Youville

Saint Marguerite d'Youville,
 we turn to you in humble prayer
 because your life speaks to us
 of goodness, compassion 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.

HAPPY FAMILY DAY WEEKEND

ENJOY A BEAUTIFUL WEEKEND DOING SOMETHING SPECIAL WITH YOUR FAMILY



Looking for something to do this holiday weekend, why not visit a Hamilton Museum. There are lots of fun activities planned.

PANCAKE-SHROVE TUESDAY

Thank you to our CSC for taking such good care of us! We received 2 pancakes and 2 sausages each. Thank you to our Grade 8 students who presented the Para-Liturgy for Shrove Tuesday. It was a nice celebration for all of us.



FAMILY MATH NIGHT

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,

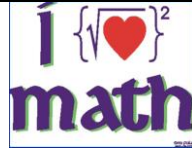
the profound peace of
unfailing trust,
the deep mystery of
suffering and pain,
the comfort of prayer.
Saint Marguerite, teach us
to listen,

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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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 Tuesday February 20. Thank you for working together with us to promote student achievement.

VISIT WITH FATHER DAVID REITZEL

Father David will be visiting a number of classes on Thursday, February 22 in the afternoon. We are looking forward to spending some quality time with him.



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.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE INFORMATION

The Saint John Bible is coming to Corpus Christi Site

The Corpus Christi **CWL** invite men and women to view The Saint John's Bible on Tuesday, March 6 between 5 – 6:30 p.m. in the P.J. Daly Room of Corpus Christi Site of St. Catherine of Siena Church. The **CWL** have booked the Gospels and Acts and Wisdom Books volumes. These colourful works of art have been touring schools and churches in the Hamilton Diocese.

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. A guest from the Hamilton Diocese will speak about the Bibles

7:30 p.m. Refreshments

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

art. <https://hamiltondiocese.com/stjohnsbible/index.html>

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.

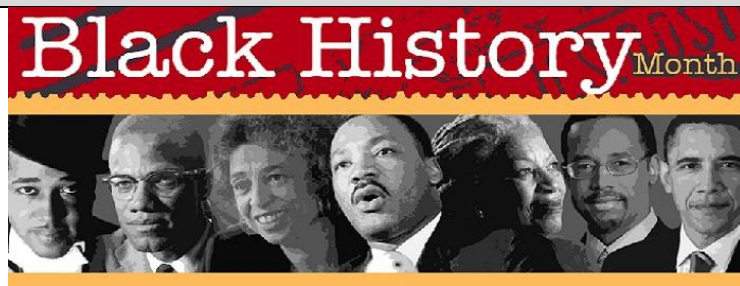
Why not park a few blocks away and walk your children to school!

CULTURE SHOCK CANADA DANCE ARTIST

We will be hosting a Dance Artist to work with our students on Friday February 23. We are looking forward to learning some new dance moves. Thank you to Mrs. van Kester for organizing it.



CELEBRATING 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-BULLYING 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.**



KINDERGARTEN SEPTEMBER 2018 REGISTRATIONS



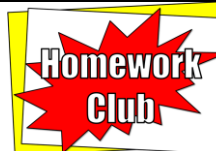
We will begin taking registrations for September 2018 Junior Kindergarten and new Kindergarten students this month. Please note, Junior Kindergarten students must have been born in 2014 and Kindergarten students must have been born in 2013. If your child is currently in Junior Kindergarten, there is 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.

SUB DAY FORMS

Sub day forms will go out on Tuesday, February 20 to be returned on Friday, February 23. Our sub day will be on Wednesday, February 28.



MATH NUGGET

Can you solve this Problem?

$$\text{Smiley Face} + \text{Sad Face} = 13$$

$$\text{Smiley Face} \times \text{Sad Face} = 42$$

$$\text{Sad Face} - \text{Smiley Face} = 1$$

$$\text{Sad Face} = ?$$

GROWTH MINDSET

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



FROM POPE FRANCIS TWITTER

“In our daily lives we experience the tenderness of God who lovingly saves us from our sins, fears and anxieties.”



LOOKING AHEAD



- 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
- Playocracy Workshop-Wednesday February 21
- Pink Shirt Day-Anti-Bullying Awareness Dress Down Thursday February 22
- Father David's Visit Thursday February 22
- Culture Shock Canada Dance Artist Friday February 23
- Grade 2 Tour of Corpus Christi Church Wednesday February 28
- February Monthly Awards Assembly Thursday March 1 12:40
- Family Math Night Thursday March 1
- Great Big Apple Crunch Thursday March 1
- Professional Activity Day Friday March 2
- System Science Fair Saturday March 3 9:30 am
- First Reconciliation Saturday March 3