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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

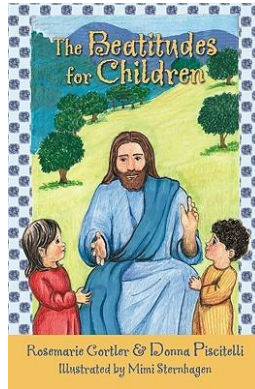
This week we were blessed to have our Reverend Fathers Mark Gatto and Ross Campbell join us to bless us! The gathering took place on Thursday morning. We were reminded of the two very important commandments: To love the Lord our God with all our hearts, our souls and our minds and to love our neighbour as ourselves.

This academic school year we are once again all challenged to treat each other respectfully and with dignity. We are encouraged to see the face of Jesus in everyone we meet!

RELIGIOUS FOCUS FOR THE YEAR


Be the Attitude of Jesus while living as Joyful Disciples!

The "Beatitudes" along with the Seven Grandfather Teachings will be promoted as an ideal for Christ-like behaviour. Monthly assemblies will plant a seed that will be nurtured over the course of the month for all. Student awards will also serve to motivate students to strive toward these worthy ideals.



Gortler & Piscitelli's book is to be credited as a source of information and to make the Beatitudes relatable for students. Please contact the school to borrow a copy. "Jesus brought us the Beatitudes, which speak of the grace of God and teach us how to love God and one another...Each Beatitude begins with the word 'Blessed,' which means 'you are favoured by God.' Each Beatitude ends with a promise of what we will inherit in heaven. The word 'Beatitude' means 'abundant happiness.' What a promise!" (p. 7)

The Beatitudes as well as the 7 Grandfather teachings (love, wisdom, respect, truth, humility, honesty and courage) will be introduced in September. Please review the Beatitudes (**Matthew 5: 3-10**) with your child and look at the Seven Grandfather Teachings.

<p>Zero Emissions Day/World Car Free Day</p> <p>Growth Mindset</p> <p>Math Nugget</p> <p>Pope Francis Twitter</p> <p>Looking Ahead</p>	<p>Together, we will continue to build a culture of acceptance and belonging within the school so that each student can have a sense of belonging within our community. The use of “Restorative Practices” at our school will engage learners and enable them to achieve to their true potential.</p>
<p>Parish Links</p> <p>St. Catherine of Siena 905-383-3381</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 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.</p>	<div data-bbox="488 275 1528 321" style="background-color: #cccccc; text-align: center; padding: 2px;">PARKING/DROPPING OFF STUDENTS</div> <div data-bbox="889 321 1122 478" style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>As part of our continued <u>School Travel Plan</u>, the parking lot will be off limits to private vehicles and only available for school bus access and staff parking. Your continued cooperation is encouraged as it is for the <u>safety of our children</u>.</p> <p>To avoid a potential hazard, we are no longer allowing any parent to drive into the parking lot after 8:30 am or 3:15 pm. Children are walking through the parking lot to get to or from the sidewalks and moving vehicles in the lot present a potential problem. We are asking all parents to PLEASE REFRAIN FROM PARKING IN THE SCHOOL PARKING LOT BEFORE OR AFTER SCHOOL. No vehicle will be allowed to drive out of our parking lot until after the bell at 9:05 in the morning until 3:45 in the afternoon. Let’s go green and park on the side streets and encourage your children to walk a block or two to school with you.</p> <p>As safety is our primary concern, a dangerous situation occurs when many cars try to move into the parking lot and block the entrance way or stop in front of the school in the No Stopping Area. Please do not block the roadway, especially as the school bus tries to enter. Also do not stop to drop off children at the stop signs on the street in front of the school as cars find it difficult to see children at these intersections. Please help us alleviate this ongoing problem and keep our students safe!</p> <div data-bbox="488 1331 1528 1377" style="background-color: #cccccc; text-align: center; padding: 2px;">SUBSCRIBE TO OUR NOTIFICATIONS</div> <p>There has been a problem with the Subscribe to Updates and Notifications application on the School Website. Please note that a weekly newsletter will be posted. You can simple go to our website and click on the link and read the news!</p> <div data-bbox="488 1608 1528 1654" style="background-color: #cccccc; text-align: center; padding: 2px;">CASH ONLINE</div> <p>We encourage you register for Cash Online. Trips, food days and other events can be paid online. We are hoping all families will also use the Cash Online to pay for all trips, food days, etc. If you require help with this endeavour, feel free to call Mrs. Spatazzo and she will arrange support as needed. We can provide the use of a computer in our Learning Commons to help you get on board.</p>

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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Our Catholic School Council Elections will take place on Thursday, September 27 after our Meet the Staff BBQ. Please consider getting involved and making a difference in the lives of our children! Nomination Forms are included at the end of this newsletter. Join the council and have your voice heard! Remember it takes a village to raise a child, come join our village!

STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS

As we begin a new school year, we congratulate the following 2018-2019 Student Council members.

Grade 3/4- Bianca L, Joey M.

Grade 4- Emma B., Rhoss H.

Grade 5 - Olivia S., Hamza V.

Grade 5/6 - Celine A., Breydan H

Grade 6 - Nerissa M, Conner S.

Grade 7- Solaf A., Tarryn S., Rymen K., Nevada, L., Alexis M.,

Grade 8- Chealsey K., Daniel R., Renée L., Sarah S.

Vice President - Alexander D.

President - Delina M.

We wish them much success and fun as they lead our school community!

Thank you to the Staff Advisors: Mme Giro, Ms. Bilanzola, Mrs. Shea-Metcalf and Mrs. Clement.

BAY AREA RESTORATION COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS

Presentations for many of our students will take place on Monday September 17 to Wednesday September 19. We are looking forward to learning more about our stewardship mission of respecting all of creation!

POPCORN SALES

We will be selling bags of Kernel Popcorn for \$2 per bag to help finance our Nutrition Program.



SUB DAY

Our sub day will be on Wednesday, September 26. Sub Order Forms will go out on Monday September 17, to be returned on Thursday September 20.



PICTURE DAY

We will be taking school photos on Thursday September 20th. Students should be in proper school uniform and bring their best smiles!

WE DAY

Once again a group of 8 students will attend the We Day celebration in Toronto on Thursday, September 20. We are looking forward to the learning they will share! Thank you to Mrs. Shea-Metcalf and Mrs. Smith for accompanying our students.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DAY

Friday, September 21 is a Professional Activity Day. There will be no school for students. Staff will be involved in professional development activities throughout the day. Enjoy a long weekend!

ZERO EMISSIONS DAY/WORLD CAR FREE DAY

Friday, September 21 is Zero Emissions Day, what are you going to do for our planet?

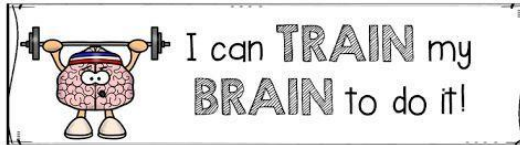
Saturday, September 22 is World Car Free Day. Try to avoid using your car today.

Smart Commute began Monday, September 10 and continues until Friday, October 5

Try to walk, ride or bike to school and register to be counted in!

GROWTH MINDSET

Once again this year we will focus on developing a growth mindset with all stakeholders in our community. Please help us do so by encouraging our children to continue to develop a growth mindset.



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MATH NUGGET

Discuss the Math in this photo....



FROM POPE FRANCIS TWITTER

“When I am merciful, I am a true child of the Father, because the Father is merciful.”



LOOKING AHEAD



TELLING TALES

Save the date! On Sunday, September 16, Telling Tales will celebrate its 10th year of celebrating stories.

Telling Tales is a Canadian, not-for-profit organization committed to inspiring a love of reading in children and raising awareness of the importance of literacy in our communities.

The festival, held from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at Westfield Heritage Village, brings together 20 of Canada's leading authors, illustrators, musicians and storytellers to engage and empower children through the power of stories. The day will feature live performances, book signings, costumed characters, a Giant Book Swap and Shop, Children's Activity Centre, contests and prizes, and much more.

Free parking is available only at the Rockton Fairgrounds with complimentary shuttle services offered to Westfield Heritage Village from various locations in the city.

Please visit the following promotional video at <https://youtu.be/OgMGyx9IDcQ> for more details, or visit the www.tellingtales.org to download the reading list.

Please join the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board in promoting and supporting Telling Tales within your school community, and consider attending the festival with family and friends.

SCHOOL TRIP TO WARPLANE MUSEUM

Mrs. Reilly and Ms. O'Brien's Classes will be visiting the Warplane Museum on Monday, September 24th to bring learning alive as they embark on their Flight Unit in Science.

OPENING SCHOOL MASS

Please join us for Mass at Corpus Christi Site on Tuesday, September 25th at 1 pm. All parents and families are welcome to celebrate as a Catholic Community.

CONCUSSION AWARENESS DAY

Wednesday, September 26 is Concussion Awareness Day. Students will be learning more about

MEET THE STAFF BBQ

On Thursday, September 27th we will be having our Meet the Staff BBQ. All families are welcome to come out, have dinner and meet their child/ren's teachers.

MONTHLY AWARDS ASSEMBLY

On Friday, September 28 we will have our first Monthly Awards Assembly. Please join us as we acknowledge many of our students for a great first month of school!

IT'S YELLOW DAY ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3RD!

On Wednesday, October 3rd all students, staff and families are encouraged to wear Yellow and walk and bike to school. We are again building another awareness campaign in partnership with Smart Commute from the City of Hamilton. The top three classes with the highest percentage of bike riders will receive prizes from the City. We encourage parents and families to use active transportation to school that day when bringing their children to school. Let's minimize our carbon footprint in this community. We hope to take a photo of everyone, St. Marguerite style. We pray for great weather! Happy Yellow Day!

WALK WITH CHRIST PILGRIMAGE

All community members are welcome to join us on our Pilgrimage to assist in raising funds to support projects currently underway in Haiti, Uganda and the Dominican Republic. A number of St. Marguerite d'Youville intermediate students and their families will be participating. Your gift of sponsorship and participation will assist in helping those who are less fortunate than us.

Sunday October 14th - 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

START LOCATION: Cathedral High School (mass)

WRAP UP: St. Anthony Daniel's Elementary School- School Bus to take all back to original pick up location

If you would like to join the Pilgrimage, just call Mrs. Spatazzo to be added to the list.

ST. MARGUERITE d'YOUVILLE FEAST DAY

	Please plan to attend our Patroness St. Marguerite d'Youville's Feast Day Celebration on Monday October 16 at 10:30 in our Gym. All parents and relatives are welcome to come and celebrate with us.
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NOMINATION FORM

Only PARENTS can return this form. It must be submitted to the Office and signed and dated by office staff. (Do not send this with your son or daughter as it will not be accepted by the classroom teacher.)

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

I am the parent/guardian of _____, who is currently registered at this school.

(Full name of student)

Parent's/Guardian's Name:

Address: _____ Home phone: _____

Business phone: _____ E-mail: _____

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING ONLY IF YOU ARE NOMINATING SOMEONE

CANDIDATE NOMINATION FORM

I wish to nominate _____ for an elected position

(full name of parent/guardian nominated)

as a parent/guardian representative on the school council.

She/he is the parent/guardian of _____

(full name of student)

Nominator's signature

Date

The person I have nominated is an employee of the board. YES NO

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING ONLY IF YOU ARE NOMINATING YOURSELF

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent/guardian representative on the school council.

I am an employee of the board. YES NO

Candidate's signature

Date

Please include a brief biography of the candidate you have nominated (or autobiography for a self-nomination) on the back of this sheet or on a separate sheet attached to this form. You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

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Office Staff Signature: _____

Date Received: _____