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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

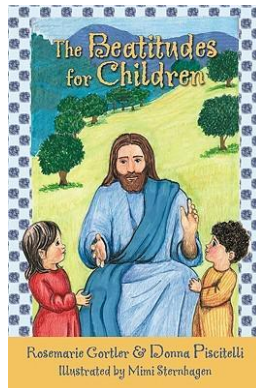
As we celebrated our Opening School Mass on Thursday, Father Mark reminded us to follow in Jesus' footsteps. To think, to act and to speak like him. Let us all try to see and be the hands, ears and feet of Jesus.

As we welcome October, we should all be easing into the routines of school. Please encourage your child(ren) to keep an open growth mindset and to give their very best in all they do!

RELIGIOUS FOCUS FOR THE YEAR

Be the Attitude of Jesus while living as Joyful Disciples!

The "**Beatitudes**" along with the Seven Grandfather Teachings are being 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.



Let us continue to work for the greater good and encourage our children to live our lives like Jesus and our patron saint St. Marguerite!

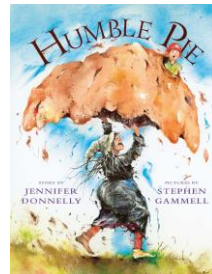
During the month of October students will pray a decade of the **rosary** daily either on the announcements or in their classrooms. Father intends to make visits to classrooms. **We believe in Jesus!** This year's outline for our school focus on the "The Beatitudes" and Grandfather Teachings is as follows:

| MONTH: | GRANDFATHER TEACHING: | BEATITUDE THEME: | READ ALOUD BOOK: |
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| OCTOBER | Humility | Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. | Humble Pie |
| NOVEMBER | Love | Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. | The Forever Dog |

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| Meet Goodbye to Mrs. Castelli Thanksgiving Prayer Service Growth Mindset Math Nugget Pope Francis Twitter Looking Ahead | DECEMBER | | Advent Theme (Peacemakers) | N/A |
| | JANUARY | Wisdom | Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. | Enemy Pie |
| | FEBRUARY | Respect | Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. | Kiki's Hat |
| | MARCH | Truth | Blessed are the those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled/ Lenten Theme | Mossy |
| | APRIL | | Lenten Theme / Holy Week / Easter Theme | N/A |
| | MAY | Honesty | Catholic Education Week / Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. | The Giving Tree |
| | MAY | | May Crowning (Mary) | N/A |
| | JUNE | Courage | Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Graduation | Betty Lou Blue |

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. We give thanks to you for the



“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth,” will be introduced in October. Please review the Beatitudes (**Matthew 5: 3-10**) with your child. This Beatitude will be introduced by reading **“Humble Pie”** by **Jennifer Donnelly**. Please contact the school to borrow a copy.

BECAUSE I AM A MEEK:

- **I WILL LOOK BEYOND MYSELF.**
- **I WILL LOOK FOR THE GOOD IN OTHERS.**
- **I WILL LOOK TO HELP AND LOVE OTHERS.**
- **I WILL SERVE GOD.**
- **I WILL NOT SEEK PRAISE.**
- **I WILL LIVE MY LIFE MY LIFE JESUS.**

SEPTEMBER AWARDS ASSEMBLY

Please join us for our monthly awards assembly to be held on Monday, October 1 at 10:30 in our school gym. Hope to see you there to help us congratulate our award winners!

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 unfaithful 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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THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



On Monday September 24, we will begin our Thanksgiving Food Drive until Thursday October 4. Please be generous to those less fortunate!

ORANGE SHIRT DAY

Every child matters!

Thank you to all of the families who contributed to our Orange shirt day dress down. We were able to raise almost \$300 for We the Children Charities.

CASH ONLINE



We encourage you to 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.

MEET THE STAFF BBQ



Thank you to all of the families who attended our Meet the Staff BBQ! It was a wonderful evening of food and fun!

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS RESULTS



Our Catholic School Council Elections took place after our Meet the Staff BBQ. Here are the results of the election. All of the positions were acclaimed.

Chairperson: Mrs. D. Modaffari

Co-Chairperson: Mrs. A. Leeman

Secretary: Mrs. M. Alberton

Treasurer: Mrs. K. Braccio

Councillors: Mrs. DiTomaso, Mrs. E. Gagliano, Mr. Ike, Ms. Topic, Mr. S. Venturelli, Mrs. N. Venturelli

Childcare Representative: Mrs. D. Delmonico

Community Representative: Mrs. C. Nunes

Staff Representatives: Ms. Bilanzola, Mme. Giro, Mrs. Hunt

Thank you to all of the parents who put their names forward. We are looking forward to what the council will have to share.

The first Catholic School Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 16 at 6:30 pm. We hope to see all of you there!

PIZZA FRIDAYS



Pizza Fridays will begin very soon. Please look for the order form on Monday, October 1 to be returned on Friday, October 5. The order form will be for 4 weeks. The price of a piece of pizza will be \$2.50. Please try to use School Cash Online payment.

POPCORN SALES

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



CHILD AND YOUTH WORKER

Mrs. Nunes our Educational Assistant was the successful applicant for the Child and Youth Worker position with our School Board, so she has left our community to serve a number of communities in her new role. We thank her for her years of service to our community and wish her well. Through the grace of God, she has been placed at our school to minister to our community on Thursdays. We are blessed to have her back, if only one day a week, to help us support our children and their families. While she is at our school she will be engaged in working with

our children in various programs. We look forward to the new learning she will bring.

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. 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!

CYO CROSS COUNTRY MEET

Our Gr 2-8 students are presently training for the Cross Country Meet to be held on Friday, October 5. Please encourage your child(ren) to participate and join us for the meet at Marydale Camp.

GOODBYE TO MRS. CASTELLI

We wish Mrs. Castelli good luck in her new role as the Vice President of CUPE. We look forward to seeing her back in our school community in the new year!

We will miss you!

THANKSGIVING PRAYER SERVICE



On Friday October 5th after our Cross Country Meet we will be having a short Thanksgiving Prayer Service. Please join us.

GROWTH MINDSET

PARENT'S GUIDE TO A GROWTH MINDSET

Big Life Journal

www.biglifejournal.com

PRAISE
 FOR:
 EFFORT
 STRATEGIES
 PROGRESS
 HARD WORK
 PERSISTENCE
 RISING TO A CHALLENGE
 LEARNING FROM A MISTAKE

NOT FOR:
 BEING SMART
 BORN GIFTED
 TALENT
 FIXED ABILITIES
 NOT MAKING MISTAKES

SAY:
 "YOU TRIED VERY HARD AND
 YOU USED THE RIGHT
 STRATEGY!"
 "WHAT A CREATIVE WAY TO
 SOLVE THAT PROBLEM."

THE POWER OF "NOT YET"
SAY:
 "YOU CAN'T DO IT YET."
 "YOU DON'T KNOW IT YET."
 "BUT IF YOU LEARN AND PRACTICE, YOU WILL!"

GROWTH MINDSET
YOU CAN GROW YOUR INTELLIGENCE

FIXED MINDSET
YOU CAN'T IMPROVE NATURAL ABILITIES YOU WERE BORN WITH

BRAIN CAN GROW

SAY:
 "YOUR BRAIN IS LIKE A MUSCLE. WHEN YOU LEARN, YOUR BRAIN GROWS. THE FEELING OF THIS BEING HARD IS THE FEELING OF YOUR BRAIN GROWING!"

FAILURES AND MISTAKES = LEARNING

SAY:
 "YOU CAN LEARN FROM YOUR MISTAKES."
 "MISTAKES HELP YOU IMPROVE."
 "LET'S SEE WHAT OTHER STRATEGIES YOU CAN TRY."

ASK
 "WHAT DID YOU DO TODAY THAT MADE YOU THINK HARD?"
 "WHAT NEW STRATEGIES DID YOU TRY?"
 "WHAT MISTAKE DID YOU MAKE THAT TAUGHT YOU SOMETHING?"
 "WHAT DID YOU TRY HARD AT TODAY?"

RECOGNIZE YOUR OWN MINDSET
 BE MINDFUL OF YOUR OWN THINKING AND OF THE MESSAGES YOU SEND WITH YOUR WORDS AND ACTIONS.

BASED ON CAROL DWECK'S BOOK "MINDSET: THE NEW PSYCHOLOGY OF SUCCESS"

MATH NUGGET



How many pieces of chicken will each person get, if you have 4 people in your family? What would the cost of this dinner be?

FROM POPE FRANCIS TWITTER

"Life becomes more beautiful when we discover that our spirit finds rest in God alone!"



**LOOKING AHEAD
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.