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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we embark on a new month, the month of November brings us a wonderful opportunity to take time to stop and reflect. We begin the month with the Solemnity of All Saints. Each of us is truly blessed in our faith tradition with the example of so many holy and inspiring saints. These extraordinary human beings provide an example to live by. On All Saints Day, we celebrate these saints and ask for their prayers and intercessions. These exceptional role models are our spiritual guides and through their intercession we grow closer to God. November also reminds us to take time to remember.

The Feast of All Souls November 2nd calls on the faithful to pray for those who have gone before us. We commemorate and pray for all the faithful departed...

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light
shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.**

Amen.

We also pray that one day all people will share the glory of the saints. We offer prayers of intercession for the poor, the hungry, the homeless and the jobless. During the month of November, we also ask God to help us be peacemakers by respecting the gifts and talents of others. For this month we can focus on our school motto this way: Where Faith (love one another as God has loved us), and Knowledge Meet (learn from the mistakes of the past). Remember, give thanks and celebrate daily through prayer.

Prayer for All Saints

How shining and splendid are your gifts, O Lord
which you give us for our eternal well-being
Your glory shines radiantly in your saints, O God
In the honour and noble victory of the martyrs.

The white-robed company follow you,
bright with their abundant faith;

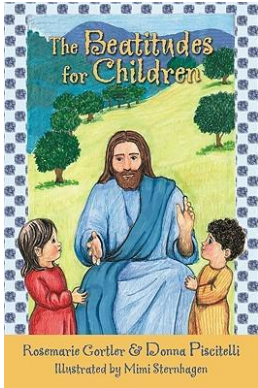
They scorned the wicked words of those with this world's power.
For you they sustained fierce beatings, chains, and torments, they were drained
by cruel punishments.

They bore their holy witness to you
who were grounded deep within their hearts;
they were sustained by patience and constancy.

Endowed with your everlasting grace,
may we rejoice forever
with the martyrs in our bright fatherland.

O Christ, in your goodness,
grant to us the gracious heavenly realms of eternal life. We ask this in the name
of the Lord. Amen

Unknown author, 10th century

<p>Kindergarten Concert Trip</p> <p>Gr 5, 5/6 Vote for Tom Trip</p> <p>Picture Retake</p> <p>Hamilton Youth Leaders' Eco Summit</p> <p>CYO</p> <p>Growth Mindset</p> <p>Math Nugget</p> <p>Pope Francis Twitter</p> <p>Looking Ahead</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PARENT CONFERENCE</p> <p>On Saturday November 3 many parents came together in friendship to network and attend workshops. We had 3 parents from our community attend as well as one of our staff members. The day started with Holy Mass celebrated by our Bishop Crosby. He welcomed everyone and reminded parents to please try to teach our children 3 attitudes: Gratitude, Generosity and Sacrifice. We need to make sure we are ALWAYS grateful for all the blessings God bestows on us daily. We need to show generosity in the way we treat others and in giving back to our community as well as to those who are less fortunate. His third attitude is sacrifice. We need to teach our children that sacrifice is important while we explain to them about all of the things adults in their lives do in support of their learning, their nurturing and their daily care. Children need to be taught to make sacrifices in their lives too.</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.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FOCUS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Be the Attitude of Jesus while living as Joyful Disciples!</u></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Our Beatitude for November is: “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.” Along with the Grandfather Teaching Love. The beatitude will be introduced by reading “The Forever Dog” by Bill Cochran https://youtu.be/CBcQxYuKTow Please contact the school to borrow a copy of the book.</p> <p>BECAUSE I MOURN:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I WILL BE COMPASSIONATE. • I WILL BE PRESENT TO OTHERS. • I WILL REACH OUT TO THOSE IN NEED. • I WILL COMFORT MY FAMILY AND MY “SCHOOL FAMILY.” • I WILL LIVE MY LIFE LIKE JESUS.

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.

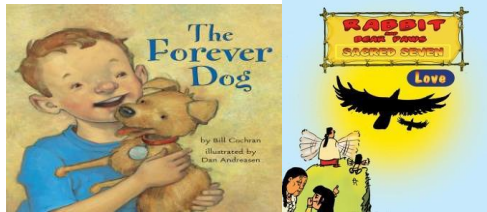
May we learn as you did the life-giving power of love, the profound peace of unfailing trust, the deep mystery of suffering and pain, the comfort of prayer. Saint Marguerite, teach us to listen, In the silence of our hearts, to the God of Mercy and Compassion. that we, too, may be signs of God's love to all people of our world.

Amen.

St. Marguerite d'Youville, Pray for us. Amen.

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The Grandfather Teaching Love is represented by the Eagle. "The Eagle represents love because he has strength to carry all the teachings. The Eagle has the ability to fly highest and closest to the Creator and also has the sight to see all the ways of being from great distances. The Eagle's teaching of love can be found in the core of all teachings, therefore an Eagle feather is considered the highest honour and a sacred gift."

REMEMBRANCE DAY



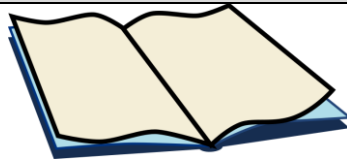
A PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

We remember many brave men and women who have given their lives through the history of our country to protect us from danger and harm. We salute all those who serve in the military, the police and the fire departments. We also remember all those who sustain injury in mind or body in the course of their service. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour. Amen

Rosemary Coyle

We will be having our Remembrance Day Service on Friday, November 9. Please join us for this wonderful opportunity to live out our faith. A letter was sent requesting the names of family members we would like to pray for and remember during our service. A request was also made for new small stuffed toys and plants to share with our community.

BOOK OF LIFE



We invite you to send the names of your deceased relatives and friends to be included in the Book of Life which will be in the front office for the month of November. We will pray for all those whose names are included in the book.

NEWS FROM THE PEWS



Our grade 7 students will receive Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday, April 5th at 7:00 p.m. at The Cathedral of Christ The King Church.

Grade 7 Confirmation Parent Meeting: Thursday, November 15th at 7:00 p.m.

at Corpus Christi site

Enrolment Mass for Confirmandi: Saturday, February 9 at 5 pm at Corpus Christi Site

Grade 2 First Holy Communion Parent Meeting: Thursday, November 8th at 7:00 p.m. at Corpus Christi Site.

First Reconciliation: Saturday, February 23rd at 9:30 a.m. at Corpus Christi Site

First Holy Communion: Saturday May 11th at 3:00 p.m. at Corpus Christi Site
More details and information will come closer to the date. We look forward to being a part of your child's spiritual journey with Jesus. Please continue to keep our Grade 7 and Grade 2 students in your daily prayers as they prepare for these very important Good Days in their lives.

School Mass: Our next school Mass will be held on Thursday, December 13th in our school gym. All parents are welcome to attend this beautiful celebration.

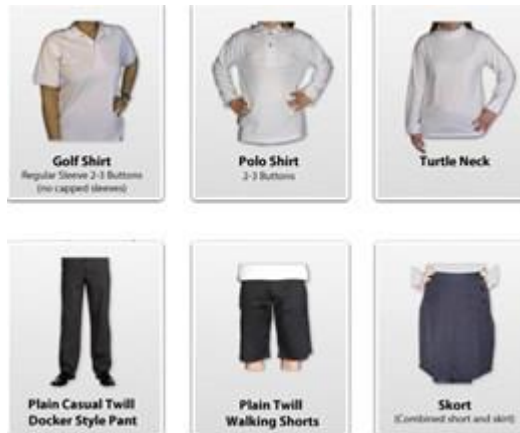
HALLOWEEN FESTIVITIES



Thank you to our Student Council who will once again be hosting our Halloween Dance Party. Thank you to Ms. DiTrapani, Mrs. van Kester and Mrs. Shea-Metcalf who have been practicing with our Grade 8 students to perform our annual Thriller Dance. All of the classes enjoyed some dance time in the gym. We collected \$686 for Free the Children. Here are some photos of our day:



SCHOOL UNIFORMS



Mandatory School Uniform implies that all students arrive at school dressed appropriately and in adherence to the Board and School Uniform Policy. Failure to do so shall result in consequences as outlined in the Uniform Policy. Parents

please note that many of our students are wearing tights, or jogging pants. These pieces of clothing are not part of the uniform. **Only plain casual twill docker style pants are allowed for students in Grade 4-8.** Teachers will be checking for compliance of uniform and will put a note in the agenda. Please make sure your child is wearing the proper uniform. Your support in being compliant is appreciated. If you require assistance, please notify the office.

NEXT CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING



The next Catholic School Council Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, November 13 at 6:30 pm. We hope to see all of you there!**

PROGRESS REPORTS



This year we will once again be using the **Growing Success Report** and this will give parents an early opportunity to review the progress level of your child. This first report will be a checklist and the **Parent Conferences** will be held on **Wednesday, November 14, from 4:30 to 8:30 pm.** This will be a great opportunity to partner with your child's teacher in determining the **'Next Steps'**.

Progress Reports for the first term will be sent home on Tuesday, November 13th. Like last year, November's report will not contain grades or numerical marks. The focus of this progress report will be on six learning skills; responsibility, organization, independent work, collaboration, initiative and self-regulation. These learning skills are essential for success in the 21st century. The comments related to subjects will describe a student's general progress in working toward the achievement of the curriculum expectations.

Teachers will inform parents of the progress students are making towards achievement of the curriculum expectations. Student Progress is to be evaluated according to the following scale:

Progressing Very Well: Student is demonstrating ongoing, consistent improvement towards meeting or exceeding the provincial standard by the end of the term.

Progressing Well: Student is demonstrating ongoing improvement towards meeting the provincial standard. Students performing at this level need to work on identified learning gaps to ensure future success.

Progressing with Difficulty: Student will require improvement and/or assistance to meet the provincial standard by the end of the term.

Please note that these are guidelines only. The Elementary Progress Report is formative in nature and reflects the teacher's professional judgment regarding the progress of the student in each subject area.

Note: If a subject has not been taught within the Progress Report timeframe, the NA box will be checked.

The Elementary Progress Report Card will be followed by a parent/guardian, student and teacher conference on November 14th. The conference is an opportunity for teachers to engage in conversation with parents and student about the progress report. Further details of strengths and next steps for improvement will be discussed. Teachers, students and parents will share ways they can work together to support the achievement of the agreed upon goals for improvement.

The **Elementary Provincial Report Card** in February and June will contain grades or numerical marks along with descriptive comments and will also contain feedback related to the same learning skills.

Regular communication between home and school will continue to be encouraged. The Elementary Progress Report Card and Elementary Provincial Report Cards are one aspect of ongoing communication.

As mentioned above, parent/guardian, teacher and student conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, November 14th in the evening. **A Parent Teacher Conference Form will be sent out Monday November 5th to be returned by Thursday November 8. Please complete and return this form by the deadline so that conference schedules can be coordinated.**

Observations and conferences for parents of students in Kindergarten will be taking place at the end of November and into December. Mrs. Simpson, Ms. Murray, Mrs. Berardi, Mrs. McCusker, Mrs. Racanelli, Mrs. Borges-Jeffery, Mrs. Presta and Ms. Vogan will arrange the schedules. Parents are reminded that younger siblings are not to be present during these observation and conference sessions with the teacher.

NUTRITION PROGRAM

If you or anyone you know would be interested in helping out, please contact the office for more information 905-387-4600. We need volunteers to help pick up food items, cut and organize items. If you could volunteer for an hour or so, we would be grateful! Our program looks to promote healthy habits for our lifetime!



CHEERS, FEARS AND UNCLEAR'S PRESENTATION FROM SJB

Our Grade 8 students will have a presentation from former students at St. Jean de Brebeuf regarding cheers, fears and unclears. We welcome the team on Mon. Nov. 5 at 9:30 am.

KINDERGARTEN CONCERT TRIP

We wish our Kindergarten friends a wonderful time on Tuesday, November 6 as they attend the Sing and Dance Ole Jack Grunsky Concert.

GRADE 5 & 5/6 VOTE FOR TOM TRIP

Ms. Alessi and Mrs. Reilly's classes will be heading out to City Hall and White Hearn as part of their curriculum development on Government. We wish them a wonderful time on Tuesday, November 6

HAMILTON YOUTH LEADERS' ECO SUMMIT AT MOHAWK COLLEGE

Our very own Nevada L will be presenting a TED Talk at the Hamilton Youth Leaders' Summit at Mohawk College on Thursday, November 8. A group of our Eco Team will be joining her to participate in the summit. We wish Nevada a wonderful time and congratulate her on a job well done! Thanks for putting us on the map! Here is the link to Nevada's debut on Cable 14. We are so proud of her!! Have a look...

<https://cable14now.com/video-on-demand/video/?videoid=3601>

PICTURE RETAKE DAY

Wednesday November 7th is our picture retake day. A few of our classes will be taking their class photos. Please make sure your child is wearing the appropriate school uniform.

CYO

Senior Boys' 2018 Flag Football Playoff Season

DATE	TIME	TEAM	FIELD
Sat. Oct. 27	1:00 p.m.	Sts. Peter & Paul	T.B. McQueston Field 1
Sat. Nov. 3	1:00 p.m.	TBA	T.B. McQueston Field 1
Sat. Nov. 10	11:00 a.m.	TBA	Cathedral Field 3
***Sat. Nov. 17	TBA	TBA	St. Jean de Brebeuf

***This game is the championship game given we have won every playoff season game above.

Senior Girls' 2018 Flag Football Playoff Season

DATE	TIME	TEAM	FIELD
Sat. Oct. 27	12:00 p.m.	St. Michael	T.B. McQueston Field 1
Sat. Nov. 3	12:00 p.m.	Sts. Peter & Paul	T.B. McQueston Field 1
Sat. Nov. 10	10:00 a.m.	TBA	Cathedral Field 3
***Sat. Nov. 17	TBA	TBA	St. Jean de Brebeuf

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season game above.

**St. Marguerite d'Youville Junior Girls' Basketball
2018 Playoff Season Schedule**

DATE	TIME	TEAM	LOCATION
Tues. Nov. 6	4:30 p.m.	St. David	St. David School
Sat. Nov. 10	11:00 a.m.	St. Joachim	Cathedral Court 1
Sat. Nov. 10	1:00 p.m.	TBA	Cathedral Court 1
***Sat. Nov. 10	3:00 p.m.	TBA	Cathedral Court 1

Championship Game

Sun. Nov. 11 1:15 p.m. Cathedral HS – Main Court TBA

St. David - 33 Cromwell Cres., Hamilton, ON, L8G2E9

Cathedral High school – 30 Wentworth Street North, Hamilton, ON, L8L 8H5

**St. Marguerite d'Youville Senior Girls' Basketball
2018 Playoff Season Schedule**

DATE	TIME	TEAM	LOCATION
Thurs. Nov. 8	6:30 p.m.	Sts. Peter & Paul	Annunciation of Our Lord
Mon. Nov. 12	5:30 p.m.	TBA	St. Michael
Thurs. Nov. 15	5:30 p.m.	TBA	Annunciation of Our Lord
***Thurs. Nov. 29 Championship Game	5:00 p.m.	TBA	Annunciation of Our Lord

Annunciation of Our Lord - 250 Limeridge Rd W, Hamilton, L9C 2V2

St. Michael - 135 Hester St., Hamilton, ON, L9A2N9

Go Mustangs Go!

GROWTH MINDSET



MATH NUGGET

Simon Says, "Geometry!"

Ramp up this traditional game by having kids illustrate the following geometric terms using only their arms: parallel and perpendicular lines; acute, right, and

obtuse angles; and 0-, 90-, and 180-degree angles.

Challenge: Increase the pace of the commands and see if your students can keep up!

FROM POPE FRANCIS TWITTER

“God is faithful and our hope in Him is like a fixed anchor in heaven.”



LOOKING AHEAD

SPIRIT DAY DRESS DOWN

Our Student Council would like to have a Spirit Day Dress Down on Friday, November 16. More details will follow.

NOVEMBER MONTHLY AWARDS ASSEMBLY

Please join us for our monthly awards assembly on Fri. Nov. 30 to celebrate as a Catholic community and to acknowledge our successes!