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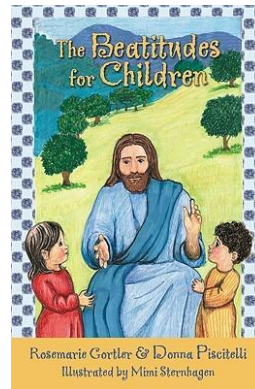
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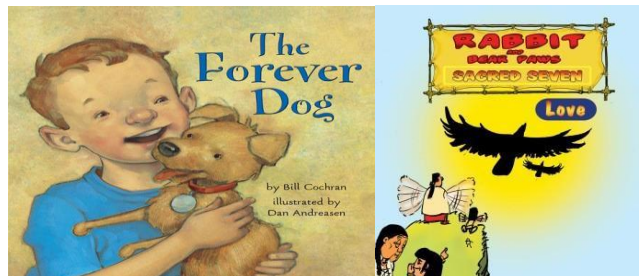
**Be the Attitude of Jesus while living as Joyful Disciples!**



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.

**BECAUSE I MOURN:**

- 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.



**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

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be found in the core of all teachings, therefore an Eagle feather is considered the highest honour and a sacred gift.”

## NEWS FROM THE PEWS

### Sacramental Preparation

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 was cancelled due to inclement weather. We are asking all parents to forward the registration package to the office as soon as possible. Be sure to include your child's baptismal certificate too!**

**Enrolment Mass for Confirmandi:** Saturday, February 9 at 5 pm 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 13<sup>th</sup> in our school gym. All parents are welcome to attend this beautiful celebration.

## 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

## 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 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 unflinching 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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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



Thank you to all the parents who attended the Parent Teacher Student Interviews on Wednesday November 14. Please continue to help your child set goals for improvement and to continue to develop a growth mindset.

### SPIRIT WEAR DRESS DOWN DAY

On Friday November 16 our students wore Red and White for the United Way or their favourite jersey. The \$2 donation was collected for the United Way. We collected \$465. Thank you to all who contributed for your continued support and generosity.



### GRADE 8 GRADUATION TRIP INFORMATION MEETING

All parents/guardians of our Grade 8 students are invited to attend an information meeting regarding the Graduation Trip on Monday November 19 at 6 pm in our Learning Commons.

### **BUS SAFETY PRESENTATION**

On Tuesday November 20<sup>th</sup> our students from Grade 1-8 will attend a Bus Safety Presentation in our school gym in the morning. Our Grade 1-4 will attend before recess while our Grade 5-8 students will attend after recess.

### **GRADE 8 PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT AT SJB**

All Grade 8 parents/guardians are invited to attend a Parent Information Night at St. Jean de Brebeuf Catholic Secondary School on Wednesday November 21 from 7-8 pm. Please plan to attend.

### **THE NUTCRACKER DECEMBER 7 AND 8**

Congratulations to Siena who will be performing in the Nutcracker Play at the McIntyre Performing Arts Centre-Mohawk College on Friday December 7 at 7:30 pm and Saturday December 8 at 2 pm and 7:30 pm. Way to go Siena!



### **CONGRATULATIONS TO LEAH**



**Leah** received two gold medals, two silver medals and one bronze at the 2018 World Karate Championships in Dublin, Ireland.

[Congratulations to Leah, we are so proud of you!](#)

## GROWTH MINDSET

### GRATITUDE ALPHABET GAME

Did you know that **being grateful** makes you more **confident, healthy**, and even helps you **sleep better**?

This fun game will help you remember many things you're grateful for. Grab a ball, invite your friends or family members and start playing!



1. Stand in a circle or, if only two players, stand facing each other.
2. One player tosses a ball to another person and says something he/she is grateful for that starts with the letter "A".
3. Next, the ball is tossed to another person who says something he/she is grateful for that starts with the letter "B".
4. Continue tossing the ball until you go through the entire alphabet. And that includes the hard letters like Q and Z!

**THERE ARE SO MANY THINGS TO BE GRATEFUL FOR!**

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## MATH NUGGET



### It's in the Cards

For a twist on the traditional card game War, assign values of 1 to the ace, 11 to the jack, 12 to the queen, and 13 to the king, and face value for the cards two through 10 (for younger children, limit the game to number cards only). Playing in pairs, each student lays two cards face up, then subtracts the lower number from the higher. Whoever has the higher answer wins all four cards. If the totals are the same, the players flip over two more cards and repeat until there is a winner.

**Challenge:** Use the two cards to form a fraction, and then compare to see who has the larger fraction.

If they are equivalent, repeat until someone wins the round

## FROM POPE FRANCIS TWITTER

"Do not follow Jesus only when you feel like it, rather, seek Him every day. Find in Him the God who loves you always, the meaning of your life and the strength to give of yourself."



### **LOOKING AHEAD**

#### **DIABETES PRESENTATION**

On Tuesday November 27 our students from Gr 4-8 will attend a Diabetes Presentation in our school gym.

#### **SCHOOL BUS BRAINS PROGRAM**

Mrs. Hunt and Mrs. Reilly's classes will be involved in The School Bus Brains Program. More details will follow. A presentation will take place on Wednesday November 28 for these two classes.

#### **FRIENDSHIP AND RELATIONSHIPS PRESENTATION**

On Friday November 30<sup>th</sup> our Social Worker Mrs. Filice-Greco and our Child and Youth Worker Mrs. Nunes will be presenting a workshop on Friendship and Relationships to our Grade 6 and 5/6 Classes.

#### **NOVEMBER MONTHLY AWARDS ASSEMBLY**

On Friday November 30<sup>th</sup> we will have our November Monthly Awards Assembly. All parents, guardians, and relatives are welcome to come to help us celebrate our successes. We will welcome special guests from Tandia to bring us some good news!

#### **ADVENT CEREMONIES**

The beautiful season of Advent begins on Sunday December 2. We will have an Advent Ceremony each Monday in our school gym. All parents and relatives are welcome to attend! Let us celebrate this beautiful season of waiting together as we walk towards Christmas...

#### **FEEDER SCHOOL GIRLS' BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**

On Wednesday November 5 our Senior Girls will be involved in a Feeder School Basketball Tournament. We wish our girls a great time! Thank you to Mr. Welsh for organizing this great opportunity for our students.

#### **GRADE 3 OUTDOOR EDUCATION TRIP TO MARYDALE CAMP**

Our Grade 3 students will be attending on Outdoor Education Trip to Marydale Camp on Wednesday December 5. Dress for the outdoors and have a great time enjoying the beautiful splendour God bestows on us daily!

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DAY**

Friday December 7 will be a Professional Activity Day. We wish all of our students and their families a great long weekend! Staff will be involved in Professional Development Activities.

**ADVENT CRAFT NIGHT**

Keep Wednesday December 12<sup>th</sup> open as we will be having our annual Advent Craft Night in our school gym at 6:30. All families are welcome to attend. Thank you to Mrs. Anthony-Corrigan for preparing all of the materials for our craft and for bringing the die presses for our beautiful cards.

**MILK AND COOKIES WITH ST. NICHOLAS**

On Friday December 14 all of our students will be able to have their photo taken with St. Nicholas as they enjoy milk and a cookie courtesy of our Catholic School Council. We are looking forward to all the joy we will experience that afternoon! Thank you to St. Nicholas for joining us for this special occasion!