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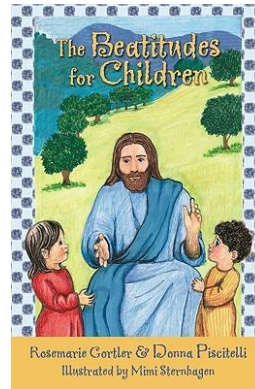
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Be the Attitude of Jesus while living as Joyful Disciples!



"BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL, FOR THEY WILL RECEIVE MERCY," will be the Beatitude introduced in February. Please review the Beatitudes (Matthew 5: 3-10) with your child. This Beatitude will be introduced by reading **"Kiki's Hats" by Warren Hanson**. Please contact the school to borrow a copy. Kiki has hats and love for everybody and she hopes that they will "pay it forward." As she sits

<p>Green Venture Lightening Bike</p> <p>Kindergarten Registration</p> <p>Valentine's Day</p> <p>Report Cards</p> <p>Anaphylaxis Communication</p> <p>Sub Day</p> <p>Graduation Photos Fri Feb 15</p> <p>Growth Mindset</p> <p>Math Nugget</p> <p>Pope Francis Twitter</p> <p>Looking Ahead</p>	<p>and knits on the pile of hats, the good deeds and the hats multiply, so she ends up being lifted all the way to heaven. This month we will encourage students to be merciful as they will learn about mercy.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">STUDENTS WILL BE TAUGHT, BECAUSE I AM MERCIFUL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I will be forgiving toward others • I will be charitable toward others • I will be generous toward others • I will be patient toward others • I will reach out to those in need • I will do God's work for love of Jesus • I will do God's work for love of people • I will give mercy and receive mercy • I will live my life like Jesus <p>The Grandfather Teaching Respect is represented by the Buffalo.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Respect is the condition of being honoured.</p> <p>Respect is represented by the buffalo. The buffalo gives every part of his being to sustain the human way of living, not because he is of less value, but because he respects the balance and needs of others. To honor all creation is to have respect. Live honorably in teachings and in your actions towards all things. Do not waste and be mindful of the balance of all living things. Share and give away what you do not need. Treat others the way you would like to be treated. Do not be hurtful to yourself or others.</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,</p>	<p>To honour all creation is to have respect. Show regard for the value of all persons or things through courteous consideration and appreciation. Honour our families, others, and ourselves. Don't hurt anything or anyone on the outside or the inside.</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">BLACK HISTORY MONTH</p> <p>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 so as to help our children know about and respect other's cultures.</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">NEWS FROM THE PEWS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sacramental Preparation</p> <p>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.</p> <p><u>Enrolment Mass for Confirmandi:</u> Saturday, February 9 at 5 pm at Corpus Christi Site</p> <p>Our grade 2 students will receive the following sacraments: <u>First Reconciliation:</u> Saturday, February 23rd at 9:30 a.m. at Corpus Christi</p>

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 unending 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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First Holy Communion: Saturday May 11th at 3:00 p.m. at Corpus Christi Site

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.

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA PARISH WINTER WONDERLAND FAMILY DINNER AND DANCE

St. Catherine of Siena Parish will be hosting their First Annual Winter Wonderland; bringing together Our Lady of Lourdes and Corpus Christi sites together on Saturday February 16, doors open at 6pm, dinner at 7pm. Includes 3 course meal with wine on the table. Door prizes, entertainment and dance. Tickets: \$50 per person, \$20 for children (age 3 to 11). Some children activities will be available. There will also be a display about our new church building project. Tickets are available after all Masses at Corpus Christi and Our Lady of Lourdes or from either parish office. Great family event for Family Day weekend or Valentine's date for couples!

ROAD 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.

Please do not pull into the parking lot between 8:35-9:05 as many of our students are walking through to get to the playground.

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 crosswalk 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.**

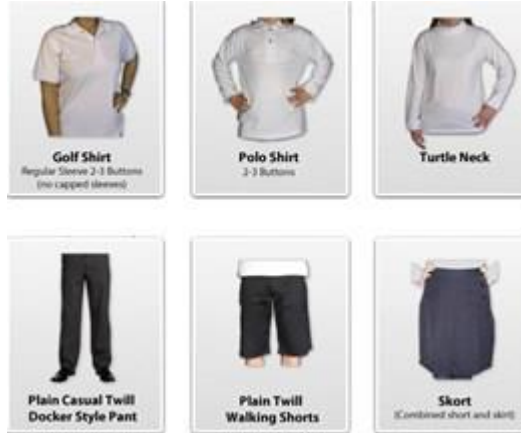
It has been noted that some vehicles are not coming to a complete stop at the Stop Sign. Please be sure to completely stop at the Stop Signs.

Please avoid **pulling up in front of the school to drop your children off.** Be sure to obey the **NO PARKING OR NO STOPPING** signs around the school.

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

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE



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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL FUNDRAISER



FAMILY MARDI GRAS FUNDRAISER:

SUNDAY MARCH 3

We will be having a MARDI GRAS PASTA DINNER, Sunday, March 3, 2019. We are asking that each classroom put together a theme basket to be part of the draws at the Pasta Dinner. Basket themes are listed below. We would kindly ask students to bring in small items relating to the individual theme to help fill up these baskets. We would like to have all the items in by Friday, February 22, 2019. These baskets will be on display at the Dinner where you will have the opportunity to purchase tickets and win one of our wonderful baskets. The draws will take place at the Pasta Dinner and proceeds go towards upgrading our Technology and our Nutrition Program.

Mardi Gras Fundraiser Baskets Themes 2018-2019

Teacher	Basket Themes
Mrs. Simpson	Toys for Boys and Girls

Mrs. Racanelli	Toys for Boys and Girls
Mrs. Berardi	Toys for Boys and Girls
Mrs. Presta	Toys for Boys and Girls
Mrs. Bellavia	Baking Basket
Mrs. Tittarelli	Baking Basket
Mrs. Hunt	Arts and Crafts
Ms. Bilanzola	Arts and Crafts
Mrs. Clement	Game Night
Mrs. Cowell	Game Night
Mrs. Mirra-Ammendolia	Movie Night
Mrs. Krawesky	Movie Night
Ms. Alessi	Sports
Mrs. Reilly	Sports
Ms. Rivera	Sports
Mr. DiVitantonio	Spa Basket
Mr. Welsh	Spa Basket
Mr. Quaglia	Car Basket
Mr. Metcalfe	Car Basket

GREEN VENTURE LIGHTENING BIKE

Green Venture Lightening Bike arrives at our school on Mon. Feb. 11. Let's see how much light we can generate!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Junior Kindergarten Registrations for next year will take place on Tues. Feb. 12, Wed. Feb. 13 and Thurs. Feb. 14 from 9:30-2:30. You will need to bring in your child's Birth Certificate, Baptismal Certificate, Immunization Records and Proof of Address. Please call Mrs. Spatazzo to set up an appointment at 905-387-4600. If you are aware of children in your neighbourhood who are ready for JK please let your neighbours know about our registrations.

VALENTINE'S DAY MESSAGE AND BEYOND

As we prepare to celebrate St. Valentine's Day (On Thursday, February 14), it is important for us to remember Jesus' greatest commandment: "Love one another as I have loved you." If we let this commandment guide our relationships with others—family, friends, the school, and the community—our lives will be greatly enhanced. It only takes one small act of kindness to start a ripple effect and as St. Valentine gave unselfishly to others. Let us show compassion, understanding and caring when someone is hurt, troubled, even if we don't know them. Let us try to help, even if all you can do is listen and say kind words. Let us forgive mistakes. Let us be a friend when someone needs a friend. Let us show respect by speaking and acting with courtesy. Let us treat others with dignity and honour the rules of our family, school and nation. Respect yourself and others will respect you. We must continue to follow Christ's **example** in the way we treat others and in the way we wish to be treated. We are encouraged daily to approach all tasks with **enthusiasm** giving our very best effort and finally each of us is challenged to strive for **excellence** in all that we do. We ask ourselves does excellence radiate in our work, our work habits, our actions and our words? How can we strive to be

the best that we can be? Let's continue to try to include everyone, respect everyone and follow Christ's example in everything we do.



Valentine's Day is a day to celebrate friendships and share some fun together by handing out cards and sharing treats. We will have our usual Red, White and Pink Dress Down Day and we will share our cards. Remember treats should be purchased and not home baked and should have the nut free label.

EXTEND THE HAND OF FRIENDSHIP TO SOMEONE



FIRST TERM REPORT CARDS



Your child(ren)'s report card for term one will go home on Tuesday, February 12th. All students from SK - Gr. 8 will receive a report on that day. If you wish to have an interview with your child's teacher before or after that time, please call the school and contact the teacher who will schedule an interview for you at a mutually agreed upon time. Please complete the bottom portion of the report card and return it to school as soon as possible. Remember to help your child set some realistic goals for achievement.

This is a very important time to reflect on goals, strengths and weaknesses. It is very important to encourage your child(ren) to strive to give their very best to maintain achievements or to improve in certain areas. Tasks that are sent home are part of the teacher's evaluation. Participation, communication, input in class activities etc. are all very important for the end result. Encourage the completion of daily homework or review of work taught, routines, the use of the agenda and daily reading. All students should read every night. Students should be responsible for their homework. This is part of the learning skills and work habits. We must teach our child(ren) to be accountable and to accept consequences if things are not done or are not at school. Students are encouraged to have open dialogue with the classroom teachers. Parents check the agenda to see if work is completed and sign off on the completed items. If you have any concerns,

questions or positive feedback, make an appointment to meet with your son/daughter's teacher.

ANAPHYLAXIS COMMUNICATION



St. Marguerite d'Youville School is a place where all children feel safe and have a sense of belonging. To ensure the safety and well-being of all children, please note below important information from Anaphylaxis Canada:

- Anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that is rapid in onset and may cause death;
- Signs and symptoms of a severe allergic reaction can occur within minutes of exposure to an allergen (a substance capable of causing an allergic reaction)
- Very small amounts of certain foods can cause severe reactions when eaten. This may happen if a person at risk touches an allergenic substance and then subsequently touches the mouth. Even a very small amount 'hidden' in a food or transferred to a serving utensil has the potential to cause a severe allergic reaction. Direct ingestion of an allergy-causing food poses the greatest risk for people with food allergies.

Cooperation from parent and guardians in adhering to the guidelines below is most appreciated:

- Parents will be advised of allergens specific to a classroom; please avoid bringing these allergens into the designated classroom.
- Reinforce hand washing practices: wash hands before and after eating.
- Remind children not to share or trade food, food utensils, or food containers.
- Please do NOT bring any home-made food products into the school; with permission, non-food items are permitted for various celebrations and special events and activities.

Thank you for your help in keeping all our children safe.

ANAPHYLAXIS ALERT

As we approach another "chocolate season", we would like to remind you to continue to ensure that Valentine chocolates and candy that contain nuts or nut products are not brought to school. Thank you for your continued support. It is very crucial that all staff, students and parents follow the important and necessary protocols for allergies. No peanut butter or treats with nuts are allowed at school.

SUB DAY

Sub order forms go out on Friday, February 15 to be returned Thursday, February 21 for the Sub Day on Wednesday, February 27



GRADUATION PHOTOS



Due to the Snow Day our Graduation Photos will take place on Fri. Feb. 15 in the morning.

GROWTH MINDSET

If you hear yourself thinking
I can't do this...

Tell yourself

I can't do this
yet...

If you hear yourself thinking
I'm no good at
this...



Ask instead
What can I do
to improve...

If you hear yourself asking

What grade
did I get?


Tell yourself
I can become
better at this...

MATH NUGGET


Can you solve this puzzle?

Genius Puzzle Series #8


THE PENGUIN PUZZLE

 = 24

 = 18

 = 16

 = 9

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FROM POPE FRANCIS TWITTER

“We all need to be healed, and we can all heal others if we are humble and meek: with a good word, with patience, with a glance.”



LOOKING AHEAD



- Family Day Weekend February 16-18
- Winter Wonderland Dinner Dance Saturday, February 16
- TWU & Cardus Research Project: Exploring Excellence in Canadian Christian Schools visit Friday, February 22
- First Reconciliation at Corpus Christi Site on Saturday, February 23 at 9:30 am
- Anti Bullying Awareness Day Wednesday, February 27
- February Awards Assembly Thursday, February 28
- March Madness Activities begin Thurs. Feb. 28-details to follow
- Friday, March 1 Professional Activity Day
- Mardi Gras Fund Raiser Sun. Mar. 3 at St. Marguerite
- Pancake Tuesday Feb. 5
- Primary Bowling Trip – Thurs. Mar. 7