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February 17-23

**HAPPY FAMILY DAY WEEKEND!**



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**Focus for the Month**

**Black History Month**

**News from the Pews**

**Road and Student Safety**

**Coyote Sighting**

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**Green Venture Lightening Bike**

**Sub Day**

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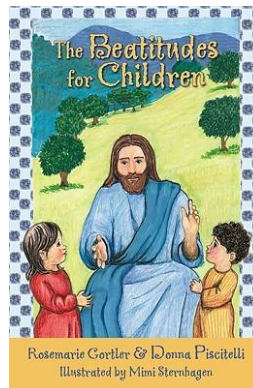
**TWU & Cardus Research Project**



Wishing all of our families a wonderful weekend! Do something special with your children! See you on Tuesday!

**FOCUS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY**

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



**Growth Mindset**

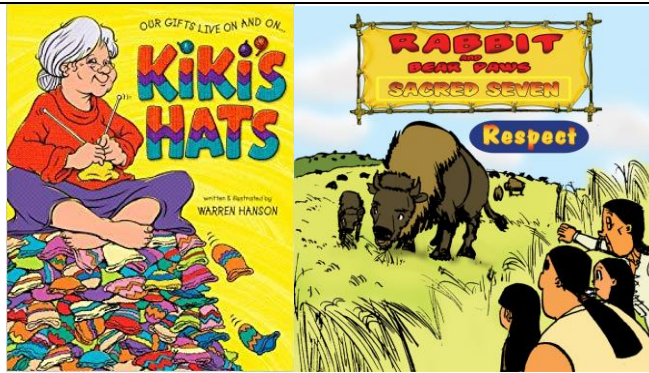
**Math Nugget**

**Pope Francis  
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**Looking Ahead**

**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 unending trust,  
the deep mystery



**“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 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.

**STUDENTS WILL BE TAUGHT, BECAUSE I AM MERCIFUL:**

- **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**

**The Grandfather Teaching Respect** is represented by the Buffalo.

**Respect is the condition of being honoured.**

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.

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.

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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## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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.

## 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.

**Enrolment Mass for Confirmandi:** The Enrolment Mass was beautiful. It was wonderful to see all of our student standing at the Altar excited about receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation! Thank you to Fr. Ross for his great homily! He reminded us to live like St. Peter and to accept our mission to share the Good News of Jesus.

Our grade 2 students will receive the following sacraments:

**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

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.

## 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!

**COYOTE SIGHTING**

An information letter has been sent home regarding a sighting of coyotes around the grassed area of our school. Please remind them to be careful.

**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.

Order forms went out Mon. Feb. 11. If you need another form please call the school to request it. You can order on line! Let's all participate and have a fun time together!

**Mardi Gras Fundraiser Baskets Themes  
 2018-2019**

<b>Teacher</b>	<b>Basket Themes</b>
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. 25. Let's see how much light we can generate!

**SUB DAY**

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



**UNDERSTANDING YOUTH WITH RISK AND SAFETY CONCERNS**



**UNDERSTANDING YOUTH WITH RISK AND SAFETY CONCERNS**

A free workshop for parents, staff and caregivers  
Presented by: Dr. Khrista Boylan & Joanna Short  
In collaboration with the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board

**FEBRUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2019**

**6:00-7:30PM**  
Register: 905-521-2100 x 74147 or online at [www.mchcommunityed.ca](http://www.mchcommunityed.ca)



**Learn More About:**

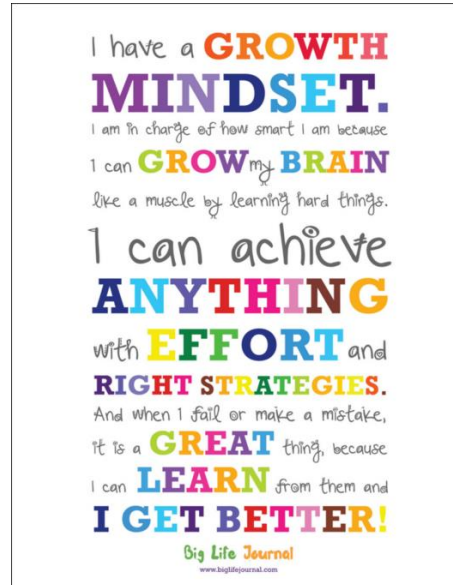
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- Suicidal thoughts and behaviours: How common are they?
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- Common myths and misconceptions
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- Local available treatments & resources
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- Helpful tips to help parents cope
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- Location:**  
Nicholas Mancini Centre  
44 Hunt St  
Hamilton, ON  
L8P 1G7

## TWU & CARDUS RESEARCH PROJECT




Researchers will be visiting our school on Fri. Feb. 22 to speak to our staff regarding Exploring Excellence in Canadian Christian Schools. We look forward to hosting these visitors!

## GROWTH MINDSET



## MATH NUGGET

Can you solve this puzzle?

 **READY FOR A CHALLENGE?**  
Use your math skills to find the value of each '!'.

$$\text{orange slice} + \text{watermelon slice} + \text{orange slice} = 21$$
$$10 = \text{strawberry} + 4 + \text{strawberry}$$
$$\text{strawberry} + \text{orange slice} = 8$$
$$14 = \text{orange slice} + \text{orange slice}$$
$$\text{strawberry} + \text{orange slice} + \text{watermelon slice} + \text{orange slice} = ?$$

You can download more free math puzzles at [www.mashupmath.com](http://www.mashupmath.com)

### FROM POPE FRANCIS TWITTER

“The Lord does not abandon us! Even if we are men and women 'of little faith', Christ continues to extend His hand to save us and allow us to meet Him, in an encounter that saves us and gives us back the joy of being.”



### LOOKING AHEAD



- Understanding Youth with Risk & Safety Concerns Feb. 20
- 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-Jersey Day, Fri. Mar. 8  
Tacky Tourist Day, Fri. Mar. 22-Spring Colours Day, Fri. Mar. 29-Celebrity Dress Up Day
- Friday, March 1 Professional Activity Day
- Mardi Gras Fund Raiser Sun. Mar. 3 at St. Marguerite
- Pancake Tuesday Feb. 5
- Primary Bowling Trip – Fri. Mar. 8
- March Break: March 11-15