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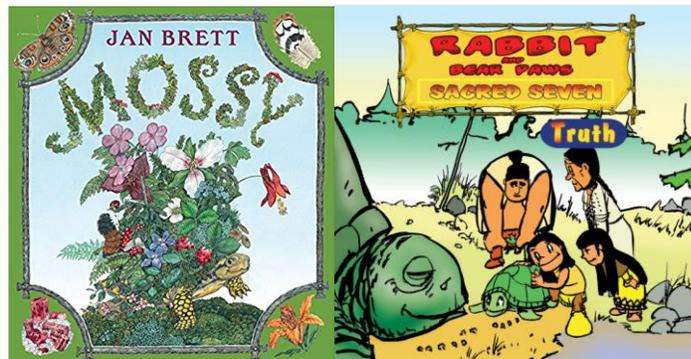
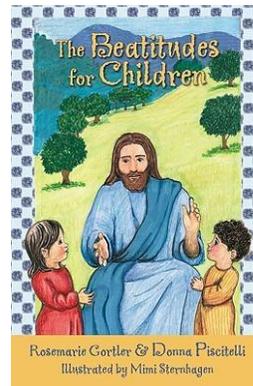
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FOCUS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

Be the Attitude of Jesus while living as Joyful Disciples!



“BLESSED ARE THE THOSE WHO HUNGER AND THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS, FOR THEY WILL BE FILLED,” will be the Beatitude introduced in March. Please review the Beatitudes (Matthew 5: 3-10) with your child. This Beatitude will be introduced by reading **“Mossy”** by Jan Brett. Please

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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-

contact the school to borrow a copy. Mossy, an amazing turtle with a gorgeous garden growing on her shell loses her freedom when Dr. Carolina, a biologist, takes her to live in her museum. Visitors flock to see Mossy, but it is Dr. Carolina's niece, Tory, who notices how sad Mossy is living in a viewing pavilion. She misses the outdoors and her friend, Scoot. This month we will encourage students to think and reflect on righteousness.

STUDENTS WILL BE TAUGHT, BECAUSE I AM RIGHTEOUS :

- I will do my best at everything I do
- I will put my best foot forward
- I will be the best person I can be
- I will want to do what is right
- I will stand up for what is right
- I will encourage others to do right
- I will assist those who need help
- I will put others before myself
- I will put God first
- I will live my life like Jesus

The Grandfather Teaching Truth is represented by the Turtle.

Truth is represented by the turtle as he was here during creation of Earth and carries the teachings of life on his back. The turtle lives life in a slow and meticulous way, because he understands the importance of both the journey and the destination.

Show honesty and sincerity in all that you say and do. Be true to yourself and in all other things.

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.

Our grade 2 students will receive the following sacraments:

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.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

106 students will have First Communion

During the month of May, 106 students from our 3 schools will be having their First Holy Communion. A gift will be presented to each of the students on their communion day.

Corpus Christi on Sat. May 4 @ 10 am
Saint John Paul on Sun. May 5 @ 3 pm
St. Marguerite on Sat. May 11 @ 3 pm

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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You're invited to a retreat to Mount Carmel

Father Mark has organized a retreat to Mount Carmel in Niagara Falls for Corpus Christi CWL and Our Lady of Lourdes CWL members. If there is space, he will open it up to other parishioners.

Date: Saturday, June 15

Depart 8:30 a.m. with a motor coach from Our Lady of Lourdes parking lot. The coach can seat 55 people.

Arrive at Mount Carmel.

Mass in the chapel at 11:15 a.m.

Lunch in Mount Carmel Refectory.

After lunch, free time to visit Mount Carmel store and Ice Wine tasting booth, quiet time for prayer in the chapel, or walking in the yard.

Bus departs at 2:15 p.m.

Bus returns: 3:30 p.m. approx. to Our Lady of Lourdes parking lot.

Cost per person will be \$30. This covers lunch and the bus. Parish will subsidize the cost of the coach.

Corpus Christi CWL members can register at our next meeting on Tues. April 2 at 7 p.m. After we and OLOL CWL register, we will see if there is space to open it up to others.

New Church Update: maps and renderings

Find out how our new Church building is progressing on Tuesday, April 2 at 7 p.m. in the P.J. Daly Room. **All** are welcome to see Father Mark and Deacon Tom update us on the progress. Will we break ground this spring or in the fall? What items will be moved to the new church? Find out April 2.

Upcoming Events:

Canadian Orpheus Male Choir at Our Lady of Lourdes site on March 23 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$20 for adults, \$12 for children under 12. Concert in aid of St. Catherine of Siena Building Fund.

CWL Regional Meeting on Saturday, March 30 at St Raphael, 4072 New St, Burlington.

April Meeting: Tuesday, April 2 at 7 p.m., after 6:30 mass. Father Mark and Deacon Tom are bringing maps and architectural renderings to provide a new Church update. You can also register for the Retreat at Mount Carmel.

Annunciation CWL invites you to see motivational speaker and humourist Judy Suke on Thursday, April 4. Let Laughter Lighten the Load. **Barbara** is planning to go; let her know if you need a ride.

CWL Convention on weekend of May 24 – 26 in Guelph.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

CSC Meeting on Tues. Apr. 2 at 6:30 pm in our Learning Commons. All are welcome to attend.



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!

MARCH MADNESS

Thank you to our Student Council who have set up some fun dress down days in celebration of March Madness! Fri. Mar. 29 is 80's Celebrity Dress Up Day Show your school spirit by dressing up!

PUBLIC SPEAKING

All of our students from Gr 4-8 are working on Speeches for our Public Speaking Forum to be held on Mon. Apr. 1 in our school gym. All parents, guardians and relatives are welcome to join us for the forum.

SUB DAY

Sub Day is Wed. Mar. 27

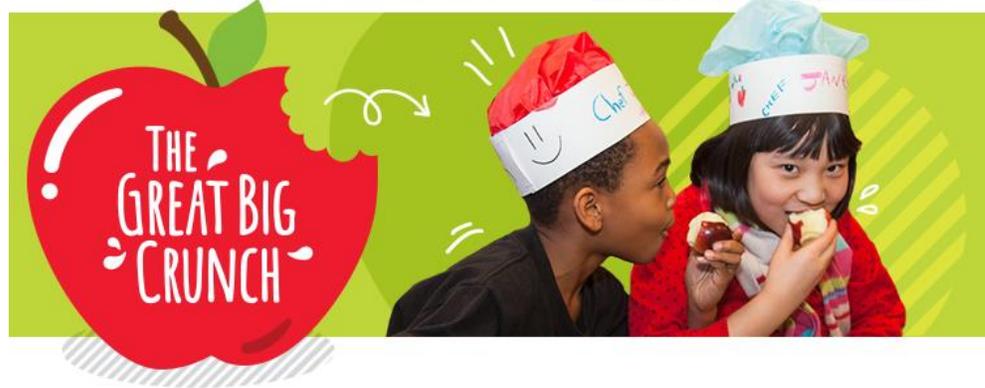


THE GREAT BIG CRUNCH DAY

March 28 will be participating in the GREAT Big Crunch Day. We thank

Drummond Farms for donating all of the apples for us to enjoy!

AN INITIATIVE OF:



EARTH HOUR



Earth Hour is on Sat. Mar. 30 from 8:30-9:30

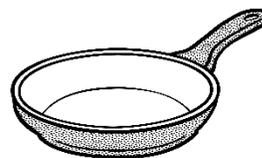
Our connection to Earth and nature is undeniable: *our planet's gain is everyone's gain.*

Healthy nature makes our life better by providing us good food, clean air, and fresh water - but it is all under the threat of climate change. Our #Connect2Earth campaign aims to raise awareness on the important role of nature in our lives and the benefits nature provides, from good food, clean air, fresh water, to so much more.

This Earth Hour, join millions around the world to turn off the lights and speak up why nature matters. #Connect2Earth

<https://youtu.be/wQ6S-pkbgB0>

FIRE SAFETY TIP



Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, boiling, grilling, or broiling food.
Stand by your Pan.

When your children are old enough, teach them to cook safely.

For more Fire Safety Tips contact the Hamilton Fire Department – Fire Prevention Division at 905 546-2424 ext. 1380, weekdays between 8:30am and 4:30pm or visit our web-site at www.hamilton.ca/fire

FIRE SAFETY PRESENTATIONS

On Fri. Mar. 29th the Fire Marshalls will be at our school to present Fire Safety Presentations for our Gr. 1-5 students. We welcome our Fire Marshalls and look forward to the learning they will bring.

80'S DRESS UP FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION

On **Fri. Mar. 29th**, we will ask for a toonie to support the School Board's "**Toonies for Tuition**" Fundraiser Day.

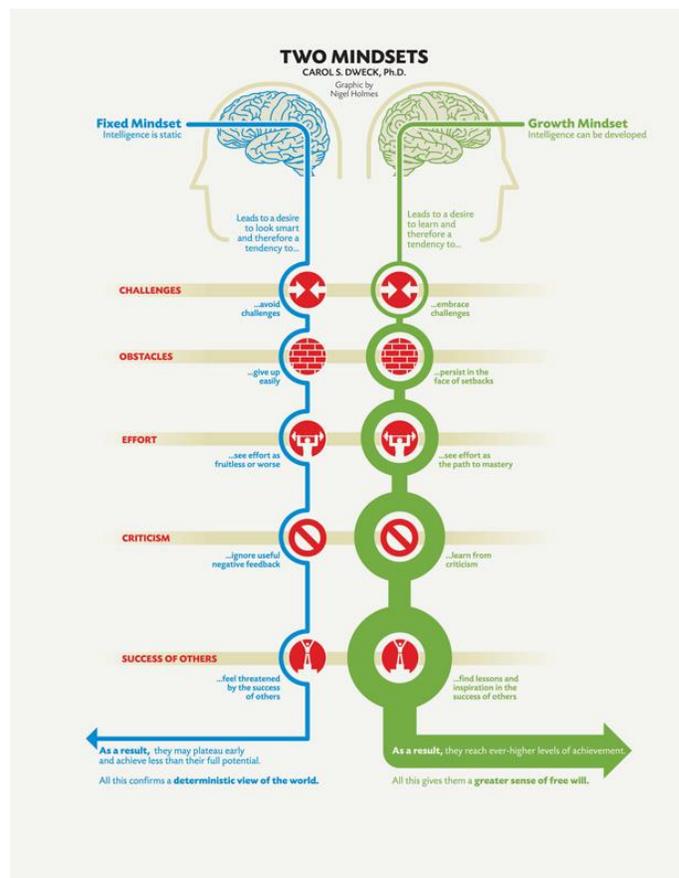
Proceeds will be donated to the Canadian Catholic School Trustees' Association's (CCSTA) "**Toonies for Tuition**" fund which provides tuition assistance to Catholic students in provinces that receive limited or no public funding for Catholic schools.

We are blessed in Ontario to have publicly funded Catholic education. Other provinces receive partial funding, and others receive no funding at all. For many Catholic families in those provinces, the cost of tuition can be challenging.

Your change can be the change for hundreds of Catholic students and their families.

Please support this worthwhile campaign.

GROWTH MINDSET



MATH NUGGET

Can you solve this puzzle?

PokeMON MaTh Challenge

Use your math skills to find the value of each icon.

$$39 = \text{Pikachu} + \text{Pikachu} + \text{Jigglypuff}$$

$$\text{Pikachu} - \text{Machop} = 10$$

$$\text{Machop} = 2 \times \text{Machop}$$

$$\text{Jigglypuff} = \text{Pikachu}$$

$$\text{Pikachu} + \text{Machop} + \text{Jigglypuff} - \text{Machop} = ?$$

FROM POPE FRANCIS TWITTER

Let us thank God for "sister water", such a simple and precious element, and let us strive to make it accessible to all. #WorldWaterDay @Pontifex



LOOKING AHEAD



MARCH MONTHLY AWARDS ASSEMBLY

Our March Monthly Awards Assembly will be held on Mon. Apr. 1 at 10:30. All parents and relatives are welcome to join us. Our Grade 1 students will be presenting.

WORLD AUTISM DAY

On Tues. Apr. 2 we will celebrate World Autism Day!

FARM GATE TO DINNER PLATE TRIP

On Tues. Apr. 9 our Gr 3-4 students will be attending a great trip! We wish them much success and learning!

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR EASTER CRAFT NIGHT



All families are invited to attend our Easter Craft Night on Wed. Apr.10 at 6:30 p.m. in the gym. This is a great opportunity for all to spend time with your family to pray and create a unique craft.

PASSION PLAY

On Thurs. Apr. 18th all families are welcome to join us for our Annual Passion Play. Ms. DiTrapani always prepares a wonderful, inspirational and solemn account of the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ to his Glorious Resurrection.