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WELCOME AWESOME APRIL

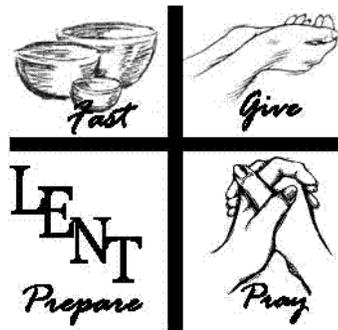
RELIGIOUS FOCUS FOR THE MONTH

Lenten Reflection

Lent is a time for “Spring Cleaning,” cleaning our hearts, our minds, and our spiritual journey. We aim to become closer to God and to ask for His forgiveness for our human weaknesses. In our journey of Lent, let’s aim to be “The Face of Jesus” to all we meet.

Lent offers us a very special opportunity to reflect, change our hearts and grow in our relationship with God. Our daily lives are hectic –Lent provides the opportunity to slow down, reflect upon our way of life, to pray more deeply, to experience sorrow for our sins and to be generous to those in need. We are called to deepen our commitment to a way of life which is rooted in Christ. Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It is a beautiful season of returning to our Father’s warm embrace, certain of his mercy, forgiveness and love.

Our spiritual path is to learn to be other-centred! True giving means sharing with others what we most want to keep. Fasting is meant to put us in touch with those who experience loss on a daily basis. Fasting is not only from food but from things we like to do. Prayer is making silent time so that God can speak words of truth and love to us. Jesus challenges us to be compassionate with one another.



Lent should be more than a time of fasting. It should also be a joyous season of feasting. Lent is a time to fast from certain things and to feast on others. It is a season in which we should:

- Fast from judging others; feast on the Christ dwelling within them.**
- Fast from emphasis on differences; feast on the unity of all life.**
- Fast from apparent darkness; feast on the reality of light.**
- Fast from thoughts of illness; feast on the healing power of God.**
- Fast from words that pollute; feast on phrases that purify.**
- Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude.**

Math Nugget

**Pope Francis
Twitter**

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 unflinching trust, the deep mystery of suffering and pain,

**Fast from anger; feast on patience.
Fast from worry; feast on divine order.
Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation.
Fast from negatives; feast on affirmatives.
Fast from unrelenting pressures; feast on unceasing prayer.
Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness.
Fast from self-concern; feast on compassion for others.
Fast from personal anxiety; feast on eternal Truth.
Fast from discouragement; feast on hope.
Fast from facts that depress; feast on verities that uplift.
Fast from thoughts that weaken; feast on promises that inspire.
Fast from shadow of sorrow; feast on the sunlight of serenity.
Fast from idle gossip; feast on purposeful silence.**

If we all fast from the things that trouble us and focus on the positive, we can commit ourselves to Christ and follow His way more clearly. Prepare for Easter with a clean heart and soul.

BE THE ATTITUDE OF JESUS WHILE LIVING AS JOYFUL DISCIPLES!

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Sacramental Preparation

Our grade 7 students will receive Sacrament of Confirmation **THIS** 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 SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING



Please join us for our Catholic School Council Meeting this Tuesday, April 2 at 6:30 in our Learning Commons. All are welcome to attend! Please join us!

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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MARCH MONTHLY AWARDS ASSEMBLY

Please join us for our March Monthly Awards Assembly on Monday, April 1 at 10:30 am in our school gym. Our Grade 1 students will be presenting. All parents and relatives are welcome to attend.

PUBLIC SPEAKING FORUM

Please join us for our School Public Speaking Forum on Monday, April 1 at 12:40 in our school gym. All parents and relatives are welcome to attend.

WORLD AUTISM DAY

Tuesday, April 2 is World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD), a day dedicated to raising public awareness by recognizing those individuals around the globe living with Autism Spectrum Disorder including our own family members, friends, neighbours, classmates and colleagues.

Students and staff will participate in a system-wide "Prayer for Autism" on this day.

The Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board has partnered with Autism Ontario and other community organizations to host a World Autism Awareness Day Family Carnival on Saturday, March 30, 2019 (see attached flyer for details).

When speaking to families affected by autism, Our Holy Father Pope Francis said, "Everyone should be committed to promoting acceptance...and solidarity through concrete support and by encouraging renewed hope."

A Prayer of St. Francis for Autism

by Tim Tucker

Lord, let thy peace fill me up until I overflow;
that where people cannot speak, I may be their advocate;
that where anyone is rejected, I may extend my arms in welcome;
that where parents are heavy burdened, I may offer a word of comfort;
that where our children struggle, I may lift them up and cheer;
that where some see disability, I may reveal to them extraordinary gifts;
that where others judge, I may share with them my deep gladness;
and that where any are overlooked, I may help the lights of all to shine.

O Giver of These Gifts,
grant that I may not so much seek to be reassured as to reassure;
to be praised, as to praise;
to be accepted, as to accept;

for it is in all our uncertainty that we are inspired to hope;
it is in great challenges that we discover our greatest joys,
and it is in our community of wanderers that we find the way home.

Amen.

 [WAAD flyer 2019_29Jan19](#)

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! We all had a wonderful time thank you for your leadership. We were able to raise \$561.00 for Toonies for Tuition. Thank you to all of our families for their generosity.

THE GREAT BIG CRUNCH DAY

March 28 was the GREAT Big Crunch Day. We thank Drummond Farms for donating all of the apples for us to enjoy! Drummond Farms donated over 17,000 pounds of apples!



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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>

GROWTH MINDSET

Coaching a Growth Mindset

5 Questions to Develop a Growth Mindset

- What did you learn from today's performance?
- What steps did you take to make you successful today?
- What are some different strategies you could have used?
- How did you keep going when things got tough?
- What can you learn from your opponent today?

5 Feedback Comments to Develop a Growth Mindset

- This will be a challenging concept to learn, but I believe you can master it
- You haven't got it yet, but you will if you keep working and thinking about it
- I really appreciated your effort today
- It is okay to take risks, that's how we learn
- Getting better takes time and I see you improving

@BelievePHQ @SportPsychDunc

MATH NUGGET

Can you solve this puzzle?



math challenge #13 of 17
of the day

Find the value of each icon
in the multiplication table below:

	0		2
	0		
			12
	0		



Icons provided free by EmojiOne.com
Get more weekly math challenges at www.mashupmath.com

FROM POPE FRANCIS TWITTER

"If we do not listen to the voice of the Lord, our hearts become like soil without water. That is why the Lord says: "Harden not your hearts."



LOOKING AHEAD



SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR EASTER CRAFT NIGHT



All families are invited to attend our Easter Craft Night on Wed. Apr.10 at 7 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

Our Annual Passion Play will take place on Holy Thursday April 18 at 10:30 am in our school gym. All families and relatives are welcome to join us for this very powerful and moving experience. We are blessed to have a very special visit from His Excellency Bishop Crosby along with our School Board Director Mr. Hansen, Chairperson Mr. Daly, Our Superintendent Mrs. Pizzuti and many other special guests and friends join us for this beautiful experience. Thank you to Ms. DiTrapani and Mrs. van Kester for taking the lead and mentoring our students! Please join us!

HEALTHY ECOFAIR

Please join us for our annual Healthy EcoFair on Fri. Apr. 26 in our school gym. We will be welcoming many important guests. Please join us!