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WELCOME AWESOME APRIL

RELIGIOUS FOCUS FOR THE MONTH

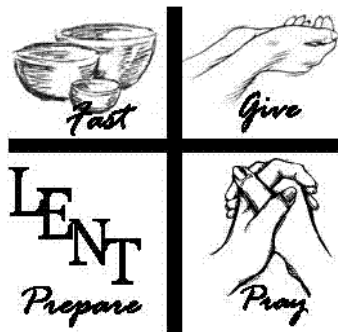
Lenten Reflection

“We have a good, good God, and he has made us “very good.” May the grace of this Lenten season bring us even closer to him and help us display goodness in our lives.” (The Word Among Us p. 9)

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.

on.
May we learn as you did the life-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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Please continue to pray for our students who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Fri. Apr. 5.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING



Please join us for our Catholic School Council Meeting this Monday April 15 at 6:30 in our Learning Commons. All are welcome to attend! Please join us!

MARCH MONTHLY AWARDS ASSEMBLY

Thank you to Mrs. Bellavia, Ms. Parisse and Mr. Tittarelli for supporting our Grade 1 students for our Monthly Awards Assembly. Our Grade 1 students did a wonderful job. Congratulations to all of our monthly awards winners!

MCMASTER STUDENT NURSES

We said good bye to our McMaster Student Nurses on Fri Apr 5. We are very grateful for the support they provided for our school community and especially to our Health Action Team. We are looking forward to the learning that occurred and the great booth they helped create for our EcoFair. Thank you to Tenzia, Krista, Jessica, Rachel and Tess!

PUBLIC SPEAKING FORUM

Congratulations to the following students who presented their speeches at our School Forum last Mon. Apr. 1:

Rhoss H., Reese W., Mateo Z., Bianca L., Layla G., Celina A., Olivia S., Elisia M, George Z., Conner S., Ella Z., Senna G., Tarryn S., Nevada L., Ainsley S., Marina Y., Gabrielle P., Delina M.

All of the above students did a wonderful job.
The two top speeches per grade level are as follows. These students will be representing our school at the Regional Public Speaking Forum at Annunciation of our Lord School on Wed. Apr. 17 at 6:30.

Grade 4: Reese W., Mateo Z.
Grade 5: Layla G., Olivia S.
Grade 6: Elisia M., George Z.
Grade 7: Seanna G., Tarryn S.
Grade 8: Gabrielle P., Marina Y.

Good luck to all of our representatives!

Congratulations to all of our Grade 3 students who did Choral Speaking! All of them did a fantastic job!

GRADE 7 NEEDLES

On Tues Apr 9 our Grade 7 students will be visited by our Public Health Nurses who will administer their immunization needles. Welcome Public Health!

EASTER CRAFT NIGHT

On Wed Apr 10 we will be having our annual Easter Craft Night. All families who sent in their registration form are welcome to attend. We are looking forward to the fun the evening will bring. Just a reminder that the event starts at 7 pm in our school gym.

Hoppy Easter!!

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!

FARM GATE TO DINNER PLATE

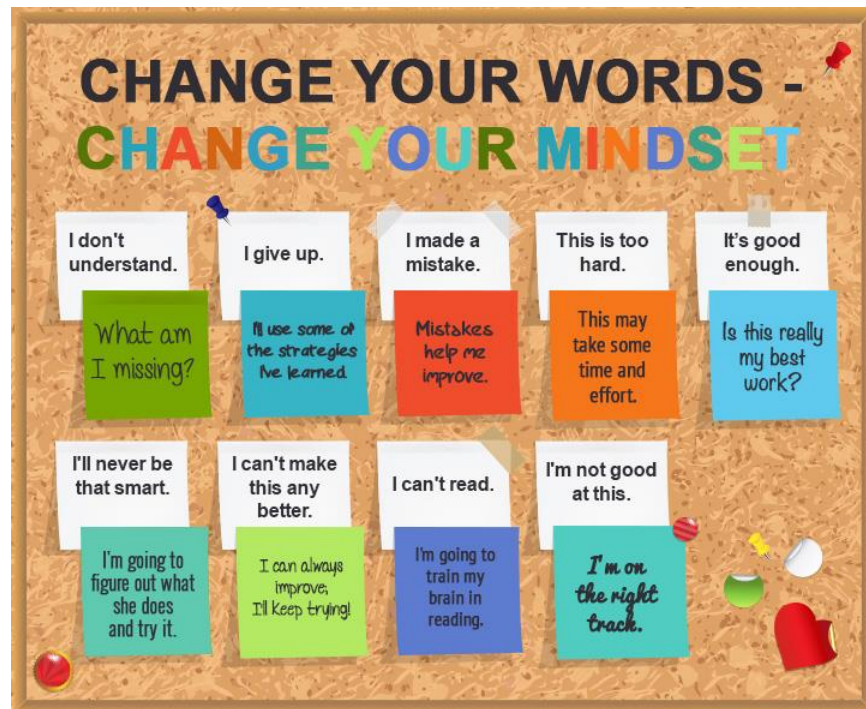
We wish our Gr 3 and 4 students a wonderful trip on Tues Apr 9 as they head over to the Ancaster Fair Grounds for their Farm Gate to Dinner Plate Trip. Enjoy the learning and be ready to share your learning with the school community!

SUB DAY

Sub order forms go out on Mon Apr 15 to be returned on Thurs Apr 18 for the Sub Day on Wed Apr 24.



GROWTH MINDSET



MATH NUGGET

Can you solve this puzzle?

Happy Space Exploration Day!



$$\text{astronaut} + \text{rover} = \text{rocket} + 1$$

$$\text{planet} + \text{astronaut} + \text{planet} = \text{rover}$$

$$0 = \text{planet} \times \text{rocket}$$

$$\text{rocket} - 3 = 2$$

$$\text{astronaut} \times \text{rover} + \text{rocket} = ?$$

FROM POPE FRANCIS TWITTER

“Lent is the time to rediscover our way back to life. The Lord is the destination of our journey in the world: the course must be set on Him.”



LOOKING AHEAD



KINDERGARTEN TRIP

Our Kindergarten students will be going on a trip to the RBG on Wed Apr 17. We wish them a wonderful time of learning and fun!

DENTAL SCREENING

There will be a dental screen for all of our Kindergarten students as well as our Gr 2 students on Tues Apr 16.

HOLY WEEK

Holy Week begins with the celebration on Palm Sunday Apr 14 and continues to the Celebration of Easter on Sunday Apr 22. Just a reminder to all parents/guardians of the Good Friday and Easter Monday no school days.

Hopefully families will be attending their parishes to partake in the Easter Triduum beginning Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday.

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!

