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Respect your school

Respect others

Walk with Jesus

February 2020

VALENTINE PRAYER

*I said a Valentine prayer for
you
And asked the Lord above
To fill your heart and bless
your soul
With the precious gift of love.*

*I asked Him for sincere love,
The kind that's meant to stay
Just like the generous love
You give to those you touch
each day.*

*I prayed for love from family
And from every cherished
friend
Then I asked the Lord to give
you
His love that knows no end.
Amen.*



From the Principal's Desk:

As we begin the second term of school, I encourage all students to work to the best of their abilities at all times, to enjoy the opportunity to learn and to have fun while doing so! Happy St. Valentine's Day everyone!

Report Cards will be coming home in the second week of February. Remember that daily reading and review of math facts can help students at all grade levels. Together we can make a difference!

Within the next little while, we will begin planning for next year in regards to classes, scheduling and staffing. Much time and effort are put into the process to arrive at a placement that is beneficial for all of the students in the school. If you have any questions or concerns about the process, please contact me. As well, if you have any information that would be beneficial in the planning process, please send it to me in *written form* (addressed to the principal) as soon as possible. When giving us this information, please be aware that we will NOT be taking requests for teachers. Together, we will all work for the betterment of your child's education.

INCLEMENT WEATHER - SCHOOL CLOSURE

PLEASE NOTE – when schools are closed or buses cancelled due to extreme weather conditions, details will be announced by the following Hamilton and area radio stations, Twitter, Board Website and CHCH TV station: 900 CHML/ Y108 FM, WAVE-FM 94.7, 1150 (CKOC), K102.9 FM/ 820 CHAM, CH TV Morning Live www.hwcdsb.ca. Announcements will be made by 7:00 a.m.

SNOW BALL THROWING

All students have been given verbal warnings about the dangers of throwing snow or snowballs. This activity is very dangerous and shall not be engaged in under any circumstances.

DRESS FOR THE WINTER

Parents are asked to remind their children to dress appropriately for the winter months. Wear boots, mitts, scarves, toques or hats to keep warm. If possible, we also asked that children keep an extra pair of shoes at school during the winter months to wear indoors. Boots will not be permitted in classrooms or gym for the health and safety of all children concerned. Labelling clothing articles is strongly encouraged to help in identifying them.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Corpus Christi Catholic School Before-and-After School Program is a school-based Catholic childcare program designed to support and compliment the programs of Corpus Christi Catholic School. We provide care for children attending school all day from ages 4 to 12 years of age. The program operates before and after school. On site supervisor is Sara 905-928-2357.

FIRST RECONCILIATION/HOLY COMMUNION

First Reconciliation date is Saturday, February 8th, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.
First Holy Communion date is Sunday, April 26th, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Junior Kindergarten Registration for September will be held in February. If your child was born in 2016, he or she is eligible to come to FULL DAY Kindergarten in the fall of 2020. Please call Mrs. Woodfine to arrange an appointment. The following documents are required for registration:

- Baptismal Certificate
- Birth Certificate
- Proof of Residency
- Proof of up-to-date immunization/Health Card
- Immigration papers, if applicable
- Information regarding custody (if pertinent)

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

Our next school mass will take place on Ash Wednesday, February 26th at 9:00 a.m. at the parish. All are welcome to join us.

NO PARKING IN THE BUS LOADING ZONE

When you are dropping and picking up your child (ren), please park at the church parking lot and cross your children over to the school. This reminder is for the safety of all children at the school. Please **do not park** in the bus loading zone out front of the school, in the fire zone, or in the staff parking lot. These areas must remain clear for buses that drop off and pick up our students or emergency vehicles when required. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

PANCAKE TUESDAY

The Corpus Christi Catholic School Council will be serving a Pancake lunch to all students and staff on **Tuesday, February 25th**. Please send snacks and drinks in with your child to supplement their lunch. If you have any allergen concerns please contact the school office with any concerns you may have.

FAMILY DAY

Please mark **Monday, February 17th, 2020** on your calendars, as it is Family Day! Enjoy your families!

ALLERGIES/SEVERE REACTIONS

Please continue to refrain from sending in PEANUT / NUT PRODUCTS and other allergens to our school. We are a peanut sensitive school, with several anaphylactic students in our building. The best way to prevent any errors is to read food labels for ingredients. We thank you as always for your attention to this issue.

SNUGGLE UP AND READ/PAJAMA DAY

This day was thoroughly enjoyed by all students. The primary students began the day with an exciting read aloud by our guest reader Mr. Robert Reynolds. All students enjoyed a warm cup of hot chocolate and literacy activities throughout the day. Much thanks to the teachers who organized and ran this day. Our sincerest gratitude is extended to our Catholic School Council for distributing the hot chocolate to our students and to Tim Hortons for their donation. We are so fortunate to have such an involved group of parents to support our school!

CSC NEWS

Pizza - Volunteers needed

We are always looking for extra volunteers to help distribute pizza. If you're interested in helping out and have a current police check please leave your contact information with the office.

Shrove (Pancake) Tuesday

Shrove Tuesday (pancake Tuesday) is February 25th. The CSC will be serving the students and staff a pancake lunch. Please send in snacks to supplement your child's lunch.

Sub day

We will be doing an additional lunch day the first week of March. More information will be coming home soon. Orders will be placed through school cash-online.

Catholic School Council meeting

Our next scheduled meeting is February 10th at 6:30 in the learning commons. Please join us.

ECO NEWS

In the month of February, we will be preparing for our Bag to School Campaign. This year we will have our collection on March 26th. Parents and students are encouraged to donate any clothing, shoes, etc. we will be collecting bags starting March 23-25th. We will be sending a list of approved items. In addition we will be having boomerang lunches starting in March. Every Tuesday will be a boomerang lunch where any garbage produced will be sent home for disposal. This is intended to show the students and families the amount of garbage that is created. Thank you for all of your support and remember to Keep it clean and Go Green!!!

HEALTHY SMILES ONTARIO

Your child may be eligible for free dental care. The Healthy Smiles Ontario program pays the cost of regular dental services. This program is for children & youth under 18 years of age from lower-income families in need of support. Even if you have dental insurance you may be eligible for Healthy Smiles Ontario. Call us at 905-546-2424 ext. 5369 or visit <http://www.hamilton.ca/dental> for more information. Our website also contains information about this program.

GRADE 7 AND 8 STUDENTS AND PARENTS.....WHAT MATH DO I NEED?

I want to be a vet...what math do I need? I want to be a dental hygienist...what math do I need? I want to be a chef....what math do I need? I want to be a massage therapist...what math do I need? As you think about your future and the courses you'll be taking in high school check out the website "Choose a Path That Includes Math". This site, created by the Ministry of Education, allows students and parents to investigate careers and the appropriate math path through high school to take in order to be prepared for their future. Check it out at: <http://www.mathpathontario.ca>.

PINK SHIRT ANTI-BULLYING DAY

Corpus Christi will be having a Pink Shirt Anti-bullying day on Friday, February 21st, 2020. On this day students will be given a pink shirt with a bullying slogan, courtesy of our awesome Catholic School Council. There will be special announcements and other activities for students to raise awareness of the harmful effects of bullying and strategies to deal with it. Furthermore, students will be able to wear their pink shirts on Fridays for the remainder of the year.

DIVERSITY CONFERENCE

The grade 7 students will be participating in our Diversity Conference on Friday February 21st, 2020. Throughout the day, students will focus on developing an understanding of multicultural, multiracial, diversity, equity and social issues. It is our hope that our students will be empowered to apply strategies to counteract the negative influences of bias, inequity, stereotyping, prejudice, discrimination and injustice that are so prevalent in our society. They will also be treated to a pizza lunch as part of the day!

BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Every year, in February which is Black History Month, Canadians are invited to take part in the festivities and events that honour the legacy of Black Canadians, past and present. This is a time to celebrate the many achievements and contributions of Black Canadians, who, throughout history, have done so much to make Canada the culturally diverse, compassionate and prosperous nation we know today. It is also an opportunity for Canadians and especially students, to learn about the experiences of Black Canadians in our society, and the vital role this community has played throughout our shared history. For more information, please visit: www.canadianheritage.gc.ca

CONCUSSION PROTOCOL

Please be advised that should your child have a suspected concussion based on the signs and symptoms they are presenting, our concussion protocol will be activated.

For more information on this protocol, please visit the Board's website under the Board tab, Policies and Procedures at <http://www.hwcdsb.ca>.

VALENTINE'S DAY

We will be celebrating Valentine's Day as a school with a red and white dress down day on **February 14th**. As your children prepare special Valentine's greetings for their classmates, please encourage them to remember all of their classmates so we can avoid the hurtful situation of popularity contests. This is one of those opportunities to teach our children the importance of kindness, sensitivity to the feelings of others, consideration and inclusion. The teachers will be happy to prepare a list of children (first name, last initial) to help your child if you wish.

PARENTING TIP

Spending quality time together will pay great dividends to all involved, especially our children. Time together allows for positive interaction, the ability to learn about each other and the chance to build strong bonds and memories. A great starting point is a shared family meal, but reading together, playing a board game, or working on a puzzle together are but a few of the many ways we can build connections. The result will be higher self-esteem for children, a greater cohesiveness in the family unit and the desire for more time as a family. Try it, you won't regret it! (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

MARRIAGE TIP

The gift of self we promised during our wedding vows is essential to put into action during moments of struggle. When a spouse's actions cause anger, sadness or disappointment, we must try to look past the action or words and see the person we love. Instead of responding negatively in the moment, try to understand what has caused this situation and propose a resolution that will work for both of you and for your relationship. In our most vulnerable moments we have a chance to show our greatest love by responding as we should, as opposed to how we feel. (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

CORPUS CHRISTI SCIENCE FAIR

Corpus Christi is proud to announce it will be hosting its bi-annual Science Fair on Wednesday, February 5th, 2020. Much time and effort goes into completing a successful Science Fair project and the students have done an outstanding job on their projects this year. Parents, guardians, relatives and friends are welcome to view the projects from 12:00-2:00 p.m. on this day.

AWARDS ASSEMBLY

We will be having our second Awards Assembly for Term 1 on Friday, February 20th at 10:15 for JK – Grade 4 and 1:30 for Grades 5-8. All are welcome to attend.

TERM 1 REPORT CARDS

Report cards for term 1 will be distributed on **Tuesday, February 11th, 2020**. Please take the time to discuss the report card with your child, and sign and return the second copy. If there are any concerns, please contact your child's teacher for clarification.

CYO NEWS

In sports news, our boys' basketball teams and girls' volleyball teams have been playing each week in their regular seasons. All teams have been practicing, working on their skills and sportsmanship.

Playoffs will start for these 4 teams mid-February. Schedules have not been released yet. Thank you to Mrs. Mayer, Miss Taiello, Mrs. Branscombe, Mrs. Bukvic, Mr. Sessa, Mrs. Machado, Mrs. Zippilli and Mr. Pickard for coaching these teams.

Go Cougars Go!

GRADUATION PICTURES

Our graduates for 2020 will be taking their grad pictures on Tuesday, February 25th in the morning. More information to follow.

CHRONIC LATES

We are finding that many of our students are coming late to school, whether it's 5, 10 or 20 minutes in the morning. It is very important that students arrive on time before the bell to start the day. It might not seem like they are missing much information, but lessons begin promptly after the bell. Parents, please ensure that your child arrives on time in the morning before the bell rings at 8:25 a.m. so that your child is set up for a successful day. Thank you!

PARISH NEWS

Enjoy hot apple cider this Saturday

Don't be a groundhog—come out of hiding and join us for Tea & Treats. Enjoy hot apple cider this Saturday, Feb. 2 at 1 p.m. in the P.J. Daly Room. Corpus Christi CWL is celebrating Friendship month with Tea & Treats. All women are invited to bring a friend and join us on a **special** day and time.

Dinner, Dance, entertainment - Winter Wonderland!

St. Catherine of Siena Winter Wonderland is a parish event to unite both sites for a wonderful dinner and dance. The joyful event includes a three-course meal, dance, entertainment, door prizes, and children's activities. Saturday, Feb. 16 at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. at Michelangelo's Banquet Centre on Upper Ottawa. Tickets will be on sale in the Narthex until one week before the event. If you have dietary concerns or want to sit with someone, please inform the volunteers when purchasing tickets. Adults \$50, children under 11 years \$20.

STUDENT ILLNESS - WHEN TO KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME

Parents please keep your child home if....

- they are vomiting or have diarrhea through the night
- have a fever above 37° C or 98.5 ° F
- have an earache or any drainage from the ear
- any eye irritations/yellow discharge or redness
- have a persistent runny nose with thick mucous or a cold that makes it hard to pay attention at school
- have a severe sore throat, stomach aches or headaches
- have a cough that does not go away
- have a rash that a doctor has not seen

Welcome to Kindergarten!

Time to think about registering now for September.

Our Catholic schools are ready to welcome your child to an academic, spiritual and social journey that will last a lifetime.



Choosing a school for your child is an important decision and our dedicated staff will help you along the way. Visit one of our Catholic schools and we'll provide you with a package containing all of the details you'll need to make getting ready for Kindergarten fun and easy. We believe there's something truly unique and special about learning that is rooted in faith and spiritual growth.

Patrick J. Daly
Chairperson

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