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Walk with Jesus



### MARCH 2020

God, heavenly Father, look upon me and hear my prayer during this holy Season of Lent. By the good works You inspire, help me to discipline my body and to be renewed in spirit. Without You I can do nothing. By Your Spirit help me to know what is right and to be eager in doing Your will. Keep me from sin, and help me live by Your commandment of love. Send Your Spirit to make me strong in faith and active in good works. Open my heart to Your love, and prepare me for the coming feast of the Resurrection of Jesus.

Lord, during this Lenten Season, nourish me with Your Word of life and make me one with You in love and prayer. Fill my heart with Your love and keep me faithful to the Gospel of Christ. Give me the grace to rise above my human weakness. Give me new life by Your Sacraments, especially the Mass.

Father, our source of life, I reach out with joy to grasp Your hand; let me walk more readily in Your ways. Guide me in Your gentle mercy, for left to myself I cannot do Your Will.

Father of love, source of all blessings, help me to pass from my old life of sin to the new life of grace. Prepare me for the glory of Your Kingdom. I ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever.

Amen.

#### **From the Principal's Desk:**

This month we will observe the Lenten season as a school. We begin this season last month with our annual Pancake Tuesday on February 25th. The children enjoyed a delicious meal together thanks to the wonderful efforts of our CSC and the many parent volunteers who helped out on this day. THANK YOU!! The pancakes were scrumptious!

During Lent we will be setting personal goals for our Lenten offering. We each take our own personal journey through Lent, as well as sharing this time with our family and friends. As a family you can help your child through prayer and by encouraging them to sacrifice for others or by performing acts of kindness.

On Friday, March 13th, 2020, we will be celebrating **St. Patrick's Day** at Corpus Christi. Students are asked to wear green and white. If they do not wear green or white, then they are expected to be in uniform.

A reminder again to the parents, that we will be starting our class lists for next year very shortly. If you have any specific requests for next year, be sure to send a note in writing to myself (Mr. Mielko). We will not be accepting requests for specific teachers. The deadline for receipt of these requests is May 23, 2020. May your Lenten preparations go well; may you have a restful March Break; and a safe, happy and Holy Lenten season!

## CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK: RENEWING THE PROMISE

This year's Catholic Education Week theme is, "**Catholic Education: Igniting Hope.**"

The scriptural passage that guides our theme is, "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13

There are five sub-themes for each day of Catholic Education Week:

Day 1:	Our Hope in Christ
Day 2:	The Hope Within Us
Day 3:	The Hope Among Us
Day 4:	Hope for the World
Day 5:	A Future Full of Hope

Every year, the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) provides our Catholic schools with a resource kit to help schools prepare for Catholic Education Week. Using these resources as well as our own developed activities, we have prepared a series of activities which will highlight and help us reflect on this year's theme of Catholic Education Week.

We hope to see many of you during our school celebrations.

### SCHOOL MASS

We will be celebrating a Lenten mass on **Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.** at the parish. All are welcome to attend!

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

**First Holy Communion** will take place **on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020** at the parish at 2:00 p.m.

### MARCH BREAK

**Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**  
Students return to school on **March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020.**

### CHRONIC LATES

We are finding that many of our students are coming late to school, whether it's 5, 10 or 20 min 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!

## CSC NEWS

### Another Shrove Tuesday Success!

On Tuesday, February 25th, CSC organized its annual Pancake Tuesday for the entire school. With the help of all of our wonderful volunteers, over 1300 pancakes were made and delivered to our students and staff! Thank you to our incredibly committed parent and CSC volunteers for all their time and efforts in providing a special lunch for our children. Thank you as well to the Meneguzzo family for securing the syrup donations.

### Pizza

Our next pizza cycle is due to start March 4th. Thanks to all who ordered. If you missed out, our next cycle will begin April 15th.

### Hotdog day

Hotdog day is coming back to Corpus Christi in April.

More information will be coming home soon. Orders will be made through cash on line only.

### Sub day

Tuesday March 3rd is sub day. Thank you to all that have ordered.

## ALLERGIES/SEVERE REACTIONS

As you are aware, there are a number of young children who endure very severe allergic reactions to peanut butter, peanut oil products, milk and/or eggs. We do not permit the children to share snacks, treats, lunches, etc. with each other at any time. We also ask for your continued assistance in not sending your child with food items containing peanut butter or peanut oil products. We are concerned for the health and well-being of all our students. We thank you in advance for your cooperation and support in this regard.

## PA DAY

A Professional Activity day has been planned for **Friday, March 6, 2020.** There will be no school for students on this day as staff will be engaged in professional development activities.

## SUB DAY

Thanks to the fine efforts of our fabulous Catholic School Council we will be having a Sub Day on **Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>** for those who have placed an order.

## JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

We have started completing our JK registrations for the school year 2020-2021, if you know of anyone who has not registered, please ask them to call the school and speak to Mrs. Woodfine or myself. A reminder to all that

we have Full Day Early Learning Kindergarten at Corpus Christi!

### INCLEMENT WEATHER - SCHOOL CLOSURE

Though we have had no snow days this winter... you never know, we may get more snow!! So, unless announced on the Board website/twitter, all schools will remain open even though the weather may be severe. As always, parents have the right and the responsibility to decide to keep children home if there is any question as to their safety. We do ask that you call us if your child will be absent. Any school closures or cancellations of transportation will be announced on the following radio stations by 7:00 a.m.: 900 CHML, Y108 FM, 1150 CKOC, 102.9 K-LITE FM, 820 CHAM and WAVE-FM 94.7 and will be posted on the Board's website/twitter feed. Please remember to inform the school if there are any changes in home and emergency numbers.

### CYO NEWS

#### Junior Girls' Volleyball

The Junior Girls' Volleyball team played their hearts out during the playoffs to advance to the Championship game held at St. John Henry Newman Catholic Secondary School. After four very close sets, the game was tied 2 - 2. It was an intense OT set against their opponents, which resulted in a 1 point loss. The girls should be proud of representing their school and making it to the finals. Great effort and team work were shown by all of the girls: Meghan, Jessica, Victoria, Audrey, Averie, Alexia, Emily, Naya, Olivia M., Sanjana, Tiana, Ariana and Olivia G. Their coaches, Mrs. Mayer and Ms. Taiello are very proud of their success this season.

#### Senior Girls' Volleyball

Talented, energetic, determined and quick-thinking are a few words that would describe our Senior Girls' Volleyball team. Every practice and game were a pleasure to be with these girls as they demonstrated hard work. Their skills improved, as did their perseverance. The Senior Girls' were moved to Elite for the playoffs. They played against the best of the best. Round robin proved to be tough having to fight it out in overtime against both St. Therese and Sts. Peter and Paul. Going undefeated in playoffs, advanced the girls right to championship against their rivals St. Therese.

Unfortunately for the championship game, the team was without the strong serves and spikes of Audrey so the girls had to rally around her absence. After losing the first set, the girls knew it was time to shake things up. Chiara and Jenna did a great job surprising our opponents as they switched things up. Stellar serves by Cristina and Nev helped Corpus Christi gain back vital points. Chloe and Elisabeth proved that excellent setting helps to win important games. Vital digs came from all of the girls but especially from Julia, Bella and Brianna. Powerful serving, spiking and blocking from Raquel and Katie helped to lead Corpus Christi to dominate the next 3 sets. The girls easily defeated St. Therese! The victory was theirs! Once again

St. Therese's hopes and dreams of a championship were crushed by these very talented athletes.

As a team the girls proved that hard work, never giving up and following the guidance of their coaches absolutely pays off. We are truly proud of what you accomplished this season! You were definitely our "dream team". Your coaches, Mrs. Branscombe and Mrs. Bukvic.

#### Boys' Volleyball

In other news, the junior and senior boys' volleyball teams will start their seasons after the March break. Tryouts have started this week. Thanks to Mrs. Mayer, Mrs. Neufeld, Mr. Pickard and Ms. Gordon for coaching these teams.

Go Cougars go!

### FIRST RECONCILIATION

Congratulations to our Grade 2 students who received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at St. Catherine of Siena Church (Corpus Christi Site). We would like to thank the teachers Mrs. Neufeld and Mrs. Hader for preparing our students for this very special day. Thank you to Father Mark and Phillippe for performing this sacrament.

### COMMUNICATION IS KEY

We like to keep the doors of communication open at Corpus Christi. If at any time, you would like to share your concern, issue, comment, ideas or suggestion, no matter how small, we welcome your input! If you wish to discuss any matter, please do not hesitate – simply call the school to make an appointment with your child's teacher or Mr. Mielko, we would be happy to meet with you!

### CORPUS CHRISTI SCIENCE FAIR

Congratulations to our all our students who participated in the Corpus Christi Science Fair this year. The students did a tremendous job on their projects and we are proud to be sending the following students to the system fair at Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School on Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>: Sasha B., Olivia G., Joel M., Anthony B., Adriano F., Krista C., Christina D., Julia G., Katie M., Raquel L., Gianluca M., and Robert M. Good Luck!!

### SPRING PICTURES

Corpus Christi will be having Spring Pictures on **Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020**. Students can dress down in spring attire during the day. If you would like pictures with siblings, please indicate this preference on your picture form.

### SCHOOL MESSENGER APP

A reminder to all parents - **please use the School Messenger App if your child is going to be absent or late**. It is a very great help to us to know when students will be away from school! We thank the parents who are consistently keeping us informed!

## HEALTH RELATED REMINDERS

Please be advised that parents/guardians are obligated to notify the school of any potential risk of injury to their child(ren). Please help us care for your child(ren) by keeping us informed of any of the following conditions: severe allergic reactions, previous concussions, other conditions which might affect safe participation in school programmes, recess activity and/or extra-curricular activity, any other conditions which might affect the provision of first aid. School staff cannot administer medication, including Aspirin and Tylenol without a "Request and Consent for the Administration of Medication", completed and signed by a parent/guardian and a doctor. A properly labeled container is required, including the instructions and conditions that are to be followed for the administration of the medication for the safety of the child. All medication is stored in the Principal's office and administered by the Principal or designate.

## CARS IDLING AROUND SCHOOLS ARE A RISK TO YOUR CHILD'S HEALTH

Car exhaust is especially harmful to children's lungs because they are still developing. Children's height puts them closer to the height of car exhaust pipes.

Some things to think about:

- Do we have enough anti-idling signs installed around the school? Get free anti-idling signs by contacting Shelley.Rogers@Hamilton.ca
- Do we need to organize volunteers to educate idling drivers?
- Do we need to put more reminders in school newsletters?

The City of Hamilton has an anti-idling by-law. Cars are not permitted to idle for more than 3 minutes per hour when the temperature is between 5°C and 27°C. Please do your part to keep our children safe and don't idle your car around the school, or even better, fight climate change and walk or wheel to school!

## HOMEWORK

We ask parents to assist child(ren) in establishing regular homework routines, free of distraction. We remind parents to sign the agenda nightly once the work is completed. Children who do homework regularly are more likely to be successful at school. We are insisting that students submit their best work at all times.

## TOONIES FOR TUITION DRESS DOWN DAY

System-wide "Toonies for Tuition" Campaign shares gift of Catholic education

Inclusive. Supportive. Unified. Reassuring. Faith-filled.

These are just a few of the words used by the board's secondary Student Council Presidents to describe their experience of Catholic education.

Going to a Catholic school is more than just education, says Brooke Murphy, Student Council President at St. Mary Catholic Secondary School. It's about helping those in need.

That's exactly what they, the student council presidents, their fellow students and staff throughout the system intend to do this coming **March 24<sup>th</sup>** as together they embark on a second "Toonies for Tuition" fundraising campaign.

"Toonies for Tuition" is a charity established by the Canadian Catholic School Trustees' Association (CCSTA) to provide aid to Catholic schools across Canada in need of funding.

Unlike Ontario which enjoys the privilege of a thriving, publicly-funded Catholic school system, "in over half of Canadian provinces, parents have to pay the full cost for their children to attend a Catholic school," says Joey Bruccoleri, Student Council President at St. John Henry Newman Catholic Secondary School.

"This is where we can make a big difference in the lives of students like ourselves," adds Cathedral Student President, Josh Bellavia.

On **Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**, many schools throughout the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board will engage in fundraising for "Toonies for Tuition." The week's fundraising can take any form, from spirit days to special events.

"We must work together to ensure Catholic education remains healthy and strong," stresses Mary Odisho, Student Council President at St. Thomas More Catholic Secondary School.

Monies raised from the Board's "Toonies for Tuition" Fundraising Week will be sent to the Ontario Campaign to support Toonies for Tuition.

Stressing the importance of the initiative, Chairperson Patrick Daly applauded the student presidents "for their commitment to assist students who are not as fortunate as those in Ontario."

"I urge all trustees, staff, parents, students and parish communities to support this worthy cause to whatever extent possible."

"We challenge each and every one of you to take part in this fundraising activity so that we can all support other students across Canada in having the education they deserve," adds Bishop Ryan Student President Rebecca White.

### CORPUS CHRISTI CHESS CLUB

The Corpus Christi Chess club is up and running. The students meet weekly during lunch recess and enjoy a game or two of chess. They are preparing for The Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District Chess Tournament, which will be held on Thursday, April 16, 2020 from 4:30-9:00 p.m. at St. Teresa of Calcutta. Thank you to Mrs. Goldsmith for organizing and coaching the club!

### PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Lent is a time for us to focus on important practices of our faith: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. During Lent help your children see that prayer is both formal and informal and that God wants to hear from us in many ways; teach them that we can fast from a favourite food or drink, but also from a bad habit or mean spirited action; remind them that almsgiving provides support for those in need and can take the form of money, goods, or time and talent. Lent is about focussing in on how we can be better people and so it is a great teaching tool to help your children grow.

(From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

### MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

In marriage we can sometimes focus on the habits of our spouse that annoy us, rather than looking inward at ourselves and asking how we might be a better partner to the one we love. Ask yourself what one thing you can do today to be a better spouse and then do it; choose a new item to focus on each week. As we change how we connect with our spouse, their response to us will also change and suddenly, life is better. Adopt a new way of acting toward your spouse and watch your marriage thrive!

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### 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. Please don't park or stop in front of the pylons at the front of 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, 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.

### OVERVIEW OF FULLY ALIVE PROGRAM

Please visit the link below if you would like *an overview of the Fully Alive Program*.

<https://sway.com/BXixumB6vcGEDObB>

### ECO NEWS

**Bag2School Event:** We are pleased to announce that Corpus Christi has organized a clothing collection with Bag2School. 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.

By getting involved with this clothing collection we are helping the environment by diverting unwanted textiles away from land fill sites. In addition, it will help raise the students' awareness of the benefits of the 3 "R's"—Reuse, Recycle and Reduce.

Please donate any unwanted clothing - hats, belts, purses, footwear (tied in pairs please) - and soft/stuffed toys. All donations can be placed in a clean garbage bag. The more bags the better.

For each bag filled, Bag2School will make a donation to our school (\$200/ton). To help raise the maximum funds for Corpus Christi, please ask your relatives, neighbours and friends to clean out their closets too - a team effort makes all the difference!

Let us help you with your Spring Cleaning! You have just under 6 weeks to clean out your closets.

Please return your bags to the school on March 23rd to March 25th.

The Bag2School truck will be picking the bags up on the March 26th so no bags will be accepted after the March 25th.

Visit [www.bag2school.ca](http://www.bag2school.ca) for more information.

Thank you for your support,  
Corpus Christi Eco Team & Bag2School

#### Items that can be donated include:

ALL men's, women's and children's clothing  
Footwear Mittens  
Towels Backpacks  
Outerwear Scarves  
Purses Soft Bags  
Hats Belts  
Handbags Linens

### LENTEN BREAKFAST FOOD DRIVE

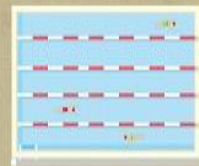
During the Lenten season we are called as Catholics to almsgiving, a work of justice that is pleasing to God. With this in mind our school will be running a Breakfast Food Drive from Monday, March 2-12<sup>th</sup>. All items will be given to families in the Hamilton area who are in need. Thank you for your continued support!!

# WHY RECYCLE OLD CLOTHING?

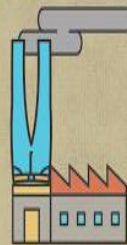


ONE YEAR OF TEXTILE WASTE WOULD FILL

**35 THOUSAND** OLYMPIC SWIMMING POOLS



CLOTHING IN LANDFILLS RELEASE GREENHOUSE GAS AS THEY DECOMPOSE



MAKING ONE PAIR OF JEANS EMITS THE SAME AMOUNT OF CO<sub>2</sub> AS DRIVING A CAR **72** MILES

IN **2 DECADES** WE HAVE INCREASED OUR TEXTILE CONSUMPTION BY



THE AMOUNT MUNICIPALITIES SPEND ON TEXTILE DUMPING

TEXTILE RECYCLING SUPPORTS MORE THAN



HEY GUESS WHAT?

**ALMOST 100% OF TEXTILE WASTE IS RECYCLABLE**



## EVERYONE CAN REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF TEXTILES THAT ARE DUMPED INTO LANDFILLS

- HAND CLOTHING DOWN TO FRIENDS, FAMILY AND NEIGHBOURS
- ENSURE UNWANTED ITEMS MAKE IT TO A TEXTILE RECYCLER - THRIFT SHOP, CHARITY, CLOTHING BIN, OR RECYCLING PROGRAM
- SELL CLOTHING AT CONSIGNMENT SHOP OR ONLINE
- MEND AND ALTER CLOTHES TO EXTEND AVERAGE LIFE
- USE OLD CLOTHES, SHEETS AND FABRICS FOR CRAFTS OR WIPING/CLEANING RAGS INSTEAD OF PAPER



We are having a **bag2school**  
**FUNDRAISING**  
**COLLECTION!**

Help your school **and** the planet by donating  
**UNWANTED USED CLOTHING**

The more we collect, **the more funds we raise!**



**WHAT CAN YOU DONATE?**

**All** men's, woman's and children's clothing  
 footwear    mittens    towels    backpacks  
 outerwear    scarves    purses    soft bags  
 hats    belts    handbags    linens

**BE** PART OF  
**THE**  
**SOLUTION**

Date and Time of Collection: March 23-25

Return Bags To: classroom teacher

Our School's Organizer Is: Corpus Christi

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