



# March Newsletter 2025

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**Loving God,**

**our creator, our friend, our companion,**

**Bless our community at our school**

**as we continue our Lenten journey.**

**Refresh our souls and renew our spirits.**

**As you know the plans you have for us,**

**lead us in paths of wisdom, compassion and  
understanding.**

**May the Holy Spirit flow freely in our words and  
actions**

**here in this place and in our classrooms, school,  
homes,**

**churches, and community. AMEN**

## *Virtue of the Month – Kindness*

### PEOPLE OF KINDNESS...

- ARE GENTLE AND SENSITIVE TO OTHERS
- ALWAYS LOOK FOR WAYS TO BE HELPFUL
- SAY NICE THINGS ABOUT OTHERS FROM THE HEART
- STICK UP FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE PICKED ON
- REFUSE TO JOIN IN WHEN OTHERS ARE BEING MEAN
- ARE GENEROUS WITH THEIR TIME AND TALENTS
- COOPERATE AND WORK WELL IN A TEAM
- AVOID BEING MEAN OR BOSSY



### *Catholic School Council Meeting*

Our next Catholic School Council meeting will take place on *Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm in our school library. Public Budget Meeting Webcast to follow 6:30-7:30pm* Please join us!

## *Stations of the Cross*



Our grade 7 and 8 students are preparing a presentation of the Stations of the Cross for our school. The school community is welcome to join us on Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:15pm for this event.

### *Parking Lot Safety*

Parents are asked to please drive very slowly through our school parking lot, to stop at all stop signs, and to use the correct school entry and exits.



Parents are asked to please walk their children to and from school, or to park and safely walk their children onto or off of the school grounds. We encourage parents to access Kiss and Ride (middle lane of the driveway) which is available in the mornings.

Also, parents are asked to please *not pull up to or drive through the Bus Lane to pick up and drop students off, as this lane is reserved for student buses and day care vehicles.* **The traffic congestion it creates with cars trying to maneuver around one another makes it extremely unsafe.** Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

## ***Shrove Tuesday Pancakes!***

Thank you, to our amazing Catholic School Parent Council, and parent volunteers, for their time and efforts in organizing and preparing pancakes for all students and staff. The pancakes were delicious, everyone enjoyed them, and most importantly, it was a wonderful way to get together to begin the season of Lent!



EQAO testing will take place on May 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup>, for the Grade 6s and June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> for the Grade 3s. We ask that school day appointments for Grade 3 & 6 students be avoided at that time. For parents interested in more information about these assessments, there is a website made available by the province, [www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com). The website has parent resources, samples of the assessment questions for providing practice and support for your child, and other related information.

## ***Junior Basketball***

We would like to congratulate the Junior Boys' and Girls' Basketball teams on having a great season. They not only displayed remarkable skill, dedication, and hard work but they also showed amazing sportsmanship and kindness to their teammates and others. Thank you for all your hard work, we are all proud of you. Special thanks to Mrs. Polom & Mrs. Abseh.



## **GRADUATION 2025!**

Dates to remember...

- April 10<sup>th</sup>- Gr. 8 Grad Photos
- June 18<sup>th</sup> – Graduation/End of the year Mass @ St. John of the Cross Church, 10am
- June 24<sup>th</sup> – Graduation lunch/dance and Ceremony (details to follow)

## **Attachments:**

1. Trustee Corbet's Newsletter
2. Thrive in Community Newsletter