

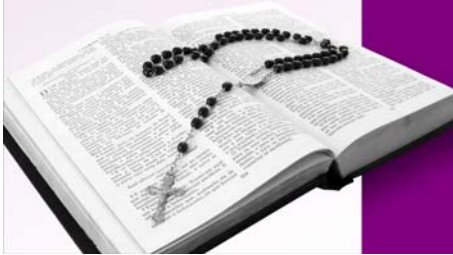
March Virtue—Forgiveness

TO ERR IS HUMAN,
TO FORGIVE IS DIVINE.

~ ALEXANDER POPE ~

- LET YOUR ACTIONS BE GUIDED BY THE IDEA THAT JESUS SAID, "LET HE WHO IS WITHOUT SIN, CAST THE FIRST STONE."
- THE FIRST STEP TO FORGIVENESS IS TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR ACTIONS.
- IF YOU WANT TO BE FORGIVEN, YOU NEED TO MAKE SURE YOU FORGIVE OTHER PEOPLE.
- LIVE YOUR LIFE IN A WAY THAT MAKES OTHERS KNOW YOU ARE A FOLLOWER OF CHRIST.

FORGIVENESS



Important Numbers

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Principal's Message

Forgiveness is the virtue for the month of March. God is ever present when we reconcile with others and the world. Jesus becomes manifest in our willingness to forgive and be forgiven. It is a time to reflect on Christ's journey to the cross as we move through the season of Lent. "Lent invites us to turn from our own selves, from our sin, to come together in community. Self-denial is the way we express our repentance. Self-denial is threefold, advises Matthew's gospel, We pray: "Go to your room, close your door, and pray to your Father in private." We fast: "No one must see you are fasting but your Father." We give alms: "Keep your deeds of mercy secret, and your Father who sees in secret will repay you." Through the Lenten exercise of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we spring-clean our lives, sharpen our senses, put tomorrow in its place and treasure the day at hand (Father Thomas Rosica, C.S.B.,C.E.O. Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation). Traditionally during Lent, Catholics have remembered Christ's gift in the giving of His life in order that we might have eternal life. During the Lenten season as a school community of faith, we will be praying one decade of the Sorrowful Mystery each Friday. For almsgiving, to help the poor, the sick and the most vulnerable in our society, our school Leadership Team will begin a Nickle fundraiser for Share Life which will be donated through our Parish. As we work together to make these sacrifices during Lent, as a school community we will be looking at how we can move closer to reconciliation with God. An idea we will be focusing on within our school is that forgiveness involves two important parts. Firstly, we must be willing to accept that we have done something wrong in order for forgiveness to take place. Equally important is the idea that if we want God's forgiveness we must first be able to forgive others. To quote Christ himself, "Let he who is without sin cast the first stone." The beginning of March also brings the end of the second term. Term two report cards will be arriving home on March 2. Parent/teacher interviews are on the evening of Thursday, March 4 and the morning of Friday, March 5. As you look over your child's report card for the second term, we encourage you to focus on two important things. What areas has your child shown improvement? Often times we are focused on seeing the highest result possible, but it is equally important to look for and celebrate improvement. After first term report cards, we celebrated those students who had the best academic performance. Second term's rewards go to those students who have shown the greatest improvement. If life is about constant improvement, then it is critical that we acknowledge when these improvements take place. The other area we would ask for you to pay extra attention to is the learning skills section of the report card. This area takes a look at how your child is succeeding in areas such as cooperation with other students, goal setting, homework completion, etc. These areas may not be given a grade but are important indicators of the success your child is having. And so as we move into the month of March, we allow ourselves to be guided by three important thoughts. Firstly, improvement is something that we should constantly strive towards in academics, faith development, social development and athletic development. No matter how well, or disappointing your child is doing in each area, they should be encouraged to articulate how they will aim for improvement. Secondly, the Lenten season is a time of forgiveness, both for us to seek it, and to offer it to others. And thirdly, take heart because March 20 brings the first day of spring –warmer days are ahead and you have survived another winter season!

Mr. M. Femia

Classroom Activities

Mardi Gras

In the spirit of Mardi gras, the Grade 8s celebrated with a breakfast. Mme Pol-Bodetto and Mme Wolk would like to sincerely thank all of the students and parents for their generosity in making the breakfast a success. Merci!

Pancake Tuesday

Mr. Femia and Ms. Martin would like to send an extra special thank you to the CSAC members and parents who organized pancake Tuesday. It was delicious! On behalf of the students and staff we truly appreciate your generous spirit and example of this months virtue of love.

SCHOOL HOURS & SAFETY

Parents/caregivers are reminded that they are to report to the main office and not the classroom when they need to contact their child/children. For safety reasons, we ask if you are on school property that you report to the office. You may be known to your child but are a stranger to other children.

As you can imagine, getting over 500 children home at the end of the day is quite an endeavor. End of day procedures require

parents to wait OUTSIDE the school to meet your children. This helps alleviate any unnecessary confusion and again allows us to keep your children safe.

STUDENT SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM

Parents are asked to call the school at 416-393-5244, press 1 and leave a message if your child(ren) is going to be LATE or ABSENT from school. Clearly state the date, your child's name, their grade and the reason for the absence. Our school bell rings at 8:45 a.m. to start the day. Morning recess is from 10:30 – 10:45 a.m. Kindergarten dismissal is at 11:30 a.m. Lunch is from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Afternoon recess is from 2:30-2:45 p.m. and the end of day bell is at 3:45 p.m.

CABERNET CUP

Leadership Team

The St. John the Evangelist Student leadership team of Intermediates was asked to be host assistants at the Cabernet Cup. The Cabernet Cup is a high school based boys and girls hockey tournament in it's fourth year. This community event fosters healthy living, leadership and team work. The Tournament is affiliated with St. Bernard de Clairvaux parish at Lawrence and Keele. The Intermediate leadership team provided help on February 9th with the hospitality, scorekeeping, photography, videography, and calculating statistics. Their efforts were posted online at cabernetcup.com during the tournament days which ran February 8th, 9th, 16th and 17th for both senior and junior tournaments. CityPulse TV was at the event on February 9th, 2010 to see the leadership in action. We are proud of the students for being active members of the school, neighbouring parish and the community at large. The student leadership team would like to thank Ms. Ianozzi for the opportunity to be helpers at the Cabernet cup.



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In no time Spring will be nipping at our heels and with that we are happy to spread the word that the Scarborough Parent Conference is back by popular demand! Save the date - this year's event will take place on Saturday April 24, 2010. This is a joint conference serving the parents from the Toronto Catholic District School Board AND the Toronto District School Board – working together for our children's success. There will be great workshops, interesting exhibits, childminding will be available, and it will feature student talent from the TCDSB and TDSB. Come on out and share a great day of learning. Registration brochure coming soon – your CSAC's will be providing you with more information as it becomes available.

The Catholic Parent Involvement Committee website has been updated with some of the latest and new information...check it out by visiting: <http://www.tcdsb.org/parents/cpic.htm> . Get acquainted with your local CPIC area representative under the area: **Your CPIC Representatives** , you will be able to send your representative an email and introduce yourself, we look forward to hearing from you!

As the March Break approaches, we wish you and your families and safe and happy week!



Catholic School Advisory Council

IN February, CSAC was able to host the Valentine's Day dance for all the St. John's children and staff. The music and atmosphere were great, and the kids had a blast at the dance. Thanks to all the parent-volunteers!

As it is a tradition in our school, CSAC hosted Pancake Tuesday for all the students, staff and teachers on February 16th. All the kids were served warm pancakes and juice. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Finch Avenue Golden Griddle for providing us with the batter and syrup, as well as all the parent-volunteers, and leadership group students for donating their time. Thank you all for making it a really enjoyable morning!!

Soon you all be getting an introduction letter for the new FUNdraising initiative CSAC is conducting. We hope that you, as always, will support our plans as we start the KERNELS popcorn fundraiser. We are very excited to introduce this product to the St. John's community, and we hope that through your efforts we will be able to raise money to cover for many different activities.

In a final note, we will like to welcome you all to the next CSAC meeting, which will be taking place on Monday, March 8th at 6:00 pm in the Staff room on the second floor. Also, if you would like to contribute some time to donate to the school, or would like to take part on any of the CSAC hosted activities, our e-mail is: csac.stjohntheevangelist@tcdsb.org, or you can also leave a message at the school's Office and it will be forwarded to the appropriate person.

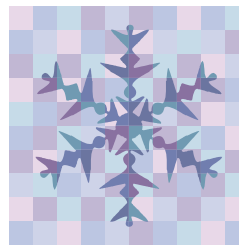
MS Read-a-thon

The MS Read-a-thon has come to an end. Thank you to all of the students and parents who supported this very worthy cause. Students have been trying to reach our school goal to raise \$2 500.00. Soon we will find out if they have achieved this goal. All pledge envelopes should have been returned to your child's teacher by Wednesday, February 24, 2010, so that they can be forwarded to the MS Society. If you still have pledge envelopes to return, please do so immediately.



February Virtue Students

- Melina Mehari
- Jolivia Wilmott
- Kristian Bennett
- Oluwatosin Agbi
- Daniel Blasioli
- Alexander Akulick
- Joshua Espinoza
- Claudia Vozza
- Delia Mena-Bejarano
- Jordana Ricci
- Alexandrea Bennett
- Celina Godinho
- Maya Kozieja
- Oghogho Iyekekpolo
- Alondra Montero'Mabior Ater
- Victoria Faustino
- Jordan Travassos
- David Nguyen
- Jonathan Siviebadan
- Ashaleni Tharmarajah
- Joshua Faustino



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Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to St. John's! Students will have the opportunity to visit the Book Fair and make purchases during their library classes from Friday, February 26, 2010 to Thursday, March 4, 2010. The Book Fair will also be open from 3:45 to 4:00 on Tuesday and Wednesday on the week of March 1, as well as on interview night, Thursday, March 4. The parents and students of St. John's have been very supportive of the Book Fair in the past. We look forward to seeing you during our Scholastic Book Fair and thank you in advance for your continued support of this very important literary fundraiser.



**December 2009/ January 2010
Monthly Update**

Dear Parents in Catholic Education,

My goodness! Is it February already?? It seems the holidays were just here and now we're already into Lent! The Ministry of Education did not let us forget the holidays were over though, as evidenced by the consultations at the end of January...

Don't forget to share with us the good works and events going on in your schools and boards, so that we may share them in our newsletters!!

[click here](#) to view a printable pdf version of this point form summary that we encourage you to share by email or even as handouts or attachments for school council/Parent Involvement Committee/regional council meetings.

We welcome your feedback on this initiative to help make it more valuable for you and all parents across the province.

Thank you for your support and efforts in sharing this information. Encouraging parents to subscribe to our communication list (which is never shared with anyone and only used for our communications) to get the most up to date information, right from the source, helps to ensure the most accurate information sharing possible.

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