

Virtues: Faith and Character Development Calendar Explanations

Moving forward with **Worship**

A quick explanation of some changes you will notice on the Virtues Calendars this year.

- This is the second year of the three-year plan on Nurturing our Catholic Community through Word, Witness and Worship.
- As we all know the many curriculum demands are best met within an integrated setting. To this end, an attempt has been made to explicitly highlight how the virtues calendars can be used to meet curriculum needs in the area of language, art and environmental studies
- Oral communication and writing can both be assessed through activities on Monday and Tuesday that are designed to help students make a connection to how the virtue of the month impacts on their daily life
- With our board's growing focus on going green, environmental awareness as it applies to the virtue has been linked to Thursday's activity
- The first Thursday of the month has been left as an art activity to encourage students to create a visual representation of the virtue of the month. The hope is that we will be creating professional posters around student art work. With this in mind, you are requested to submit the best student work each month that you feel best depicts the virtue
- In terms of student work, you may also consider choosing the best quick write by division and submitting it as evidence of some of the great student understanding that is being shown on the virtue of the month
- Knowing how important it is to continue emphasizing the connection between home and school, Friday's activity has been renamed from Action, to Home School Connection. If there is space in your monthly newsletter, you may consider double-siding your school calendar with the virtues calendar
- As always the calendar is offered as a quick way to centre your day in the virtue of the month. It is most effective if the day's activity is read over the PA as the start of the day. In this way, even if the activity is not done by every teacher, everyone in the school is aware of the day's activity, and in this way we are centring our day in the Virtue of the month.