

School Newsletter Insert:

Hospitality

As we welcome our students back to school in September it seems fitting that this month's virtue is HOSPITALITY. Our teachers have been busy preparing their classrooms, gathering together resources, supplies and putting up bulletin boards that will invite the students back into a welcoming environment. But hospitality is more than just a welcoming back. Our quote for the month is from Matthew 25:40, "*Whatsoever you do to the least of my people, that you do unto me*". According to Henri Nouwen, "*the German word for hospitality is Gastfreundschaft which means friendship for the guest.... It means the creation of a free space where the stranger can enter and become a friend instead of an enemy.*" In our school community and in our homes we can discuss the concept of the least of our people or the stranger who needs our hospitality, be it the newly arrived to Canada or the new student at our school. Today hospitality is more important than ever and it is only through a deep moral obligation to hospitality that we can transform our communities. This month at name of school we will be focussing on hospitality through the following activities;_____.