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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Being in the middle of winter has several advantages. Half of it is already behind us, and we hope for the onset of an early spring. Please ensure that you send your children to school properly dressed to enjoy these winter days. Our students are encouraged to walk to and from school. Walking is an excellent way to be physically active.



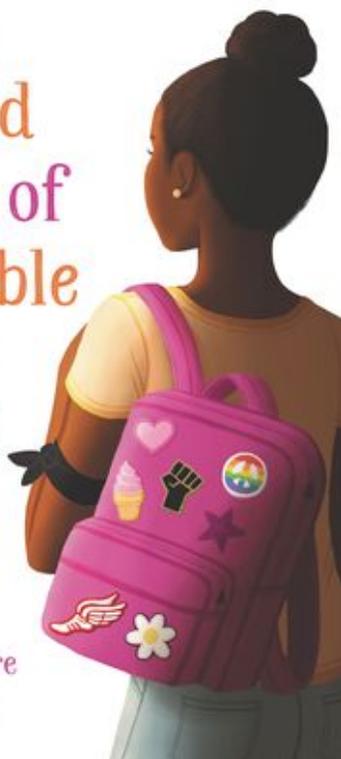
February is African Heritage month. During this month we highlight African Heritage in our virtual classrooms. Students in Grade 5 -8 read culturally relevant novels, that were purchased with equity funds.

Here is an example of the novels that were purchased. Students in Ms. Thornton's class are reading this book:

A Good Kind of Trouble

"Full of heart
and truth."
—ANGIE THOMAS,
#1 New York Times
bestselling author of
The Hate U Give

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ENROLLMENT ⓘ

8:30 – 4:30

HOURS OF OPERATION ⓘ

11:45 – 12:45

LUNCH HOUR ⓘ

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February is also Psychology month. Parents are encouraged to spend quality time with their children. During the winter months, play a board game, play cards, read a book, go tobogganing and drink some hot chocolate. Card games are an excellent way to promote mathematical concepts!

We encourage all of our parents to read with their children, especially if they are in the primary grades – Kindergarten to Grade 3. You can read with them in any language that you are comfortable with. Spend some quality time curled up with your child and a book.

February's Virtue of the Month – Love

Chocolates, flowers, valentines, and red hearts, what would the month of February be without the celebration of Valentine's Day? While the rest of the world may choose to celebrate the ideal of romantic love on February 14, TCDSB schools will be focussing on the virtue of LOVE as expressed in the gospels. "For *God so loved the world, He gave His only son.*" John 3:16. As we focus on the virtue of love at Santa Maria this February let us remember that love not only inspires the practice of all other virtues, but it is also the form and completion of all the other virtues. We will not limit our celebration of the virtue of love to February 14th but demonstrate this virtue through the month. I encourage all students to "love" their peers by reaching out to them, helping them, and listening to them. Love your neighbour!



Growth Mindsets By Jo Boaler

Here are 7 messages to give to students in math class and at home:

1. Everyone can learn math to the highest levels
2. Mistakes are valuable
3. Questions are really important
4. Math is about creativity and making sense
5. Math is about connections and communicating
6. Math class is about learning not performing
7. Depth is more important than speed



Ash Wednesday – The start of Lent – February 17th



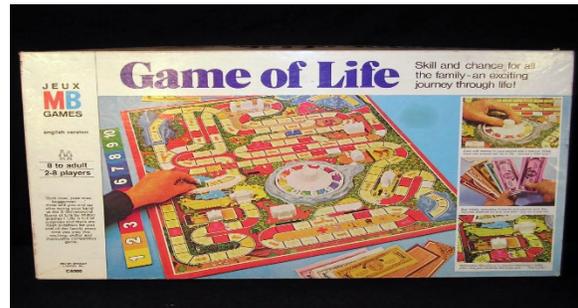
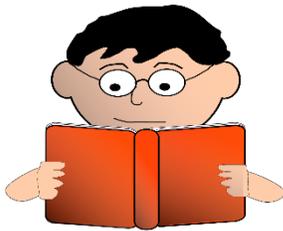
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On Ash Wednesday the Church enters her great retreat time called Lent. It is a time to reflect on how we are with God, with our neighbor, and with ourselves, and to make some changes in our attitudes or speech or actions if we need to. We have six weeks to concentrate on this conversion of heart, this turning back to, or moving closer to God. We are called to pray, fast, and give alms. Lent's purpose of preparing us to celebrate Easter becomes more focused as we enter Holy Week. Lent ends with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening. At that moment we enter the Triduum, the three holiest days of the Church year. During this pandemic, Lent may look different, but we can still take time to pray, fast and give to the poor in our community.

Virtue of the Month for January – since we are engaged in remote learning, we will select recipients for the virtue of courage when we return to in-person learning.

Report Cards – will be going home on Monday February 8th and interviews will take place on February 9th and 11th. **February 12th is a PA Day.** Monday, February 15th is Family Day. Spend time with your children on family day engaging in healthy activities like board games, baking, reading, praying etc...

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