



St. Lawrence Catholic Elementary School



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March Newsletter 2020

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Lent is a time that we, Roman Catholics, prepare for the coming of the Easter season. This symbolic period reminds us of our mortality and sorrow for our sins, as well as our will for change and hope for forgiveness. During the Lenten season, we try to overcome our own faults, and for 40 days, prepare ourselves to rejoice at the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

It is during Lent when we commemorate Christ's time spent in the desert fasting and praying to His Father. Some of us will try to follow the example of Jesus by giving up luxuries and practicing self-discipline. Others use the Lenten season to reflect on how they can be more active in supporting charitable work. All members of our Catholic community are encouraged to consider how they will live out their Lenten promises.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance is crucial to success at school. When students are habitually late or leave habitually early, they miss class time, feel disorganized and may miss important information. Punctuality is an important life skill that students should learn in helping them establish good work habits for their future.

PANCAKE/SHROVE TUESDAY

On Tuesday, February 25th students at St. Lawrence School enjoyed celebrating Shrove Tuesday. Each student enjoyed delicious pancakes and sausages during that morning during scheduled times in our gymnasium. We thank our Catholic School Council members who have made it a priority to support this annual tradition at our school.

ST. LAWRENCE SCIENTISTS!

Students participating in this year's science fair club have been working on completing a major science fair project. We will be sending a select number of students to showcase their science projects at the HWCDSB System Science and Engineering Fair which will be taking place on **Saturday, March 7th, 2020** at Bishop Ryan Secondary School.

We wish all of our junior and intermediate scientists much luck as they demonstrate their scientific discoveries to a panel of judges. Good luck to Beatrice C., Laura C., Angelina D., Kaylee L., and Max N. A special thank you to Ms. Falcao, Mr. Orlando and our Basef rep Mark Mindorff for guiding the students in their work.

SPRING PHOTOS

On Friday, March 27th, 2020 we will be having a civvies day so that students may have their spring photo taken wearing their favourite clothes. Lifetouch forms will be sent home shortly.

MARCH BREAK

A reminder that March Break will begin on Monday, March 16th to Friday, March 20th inclusive. There will be no school on these days. School will resume on Monday, March 23rd.

HEALTH ACTION TEAM NEWS

The Health Action Team would like to thank everyone for participating in PINK SHIRT DAY on Thursday, February 27th. Pink Shirt Day aims to raise awareness of bullying issues. The Health Action Team collaborated with our Public Health Nurse and for the month of February focused on "Being Kind".

FAMILY TIPS:

1. **BUILD SELF-ESTEEM:** Value your child's contributions and achievements. If they are socially isolated at school, get them involved in community activities.
2. Teach your children that if they see someone being bullied, **THEY SHOULD NOT WATCH, LAUGH OR JOIN IN.**
3. Help kids see the value of offering **EMPATHY AND SUPPORT** to those who are bullied.
4. Model **RESPECTFUL BEHAVIOURS** at home and in your daily interactions.

REGISTRATIONS FOR 2020-2021

Parents needing to register their child in Junior or Senior Kindergarten for September 2020, are asked to log into our school website (stla.hwcdsb.ca) and click on the online registration link.

Once the registration has been submitted by the parent, and has been viewed and validated by our school secretary, Mrs. Capozza, an email will be sent to the parent to let them know that the registration has been approved. Once that process is complete, the parent will be notified to contact the school to make a registration appointment (905-529-6625).

The following documentation are required for registration:

1. **Birth Certificate**
2. **Baptismal Certificate**
3. **Immunization Record**
4. **Proof of Residence**
5. **Immigration Papers if Applicable**

The ages for registration at this level are:

Junior Kindergarten — 4 years old by December 31, 2020

Senior Kindergarten — 5 years old by December 31, 2020

SACRAMENTAL & LITURGICAL INFORMATION

First Reconciliation:

Our Grade 2 students will receive their first reconciliation on Saturday, March 28th, 2020 at St. Lawrence Catholic Church. The liturgy will begin at 11:00 am. Thanks to Father Peter, Mrs. Diadamo, and Mrs. DiDonato for their work in preparing the students to receive this important sacrament.

School Confessions:

The Grade 3 to 8 students will participate in confessions on Thursday, March 26th at 9:30 am. The confessions will take place at St. Lawrence Catholic Church.

ANNUAL PASTA DINNER – SAVE THE DATE!

The St. Lawrence Catholic School Council will be hosting our annual Pasta Supper event on Thursday, May 7th, 2020. Parents/grandparents and caregivers are invited to come out and share an evening of fellowship and fun. This event will also serve as one of the CSC major fundraiser for this year. All monies from the event will be used to offset costs related to resources, learning materials and educational technology. Please consider bringing your entire family to this event. More information to follow.

TEACHER VS. STUDENTS VOLLEYBALL GAME

On Friday March 13th, 2020, our Senior Girls Volleyball players will take to the court to face off against the staff of St. Lawrence. The game will take place at approximately 12:30 pm in the gymnasium. Classes will be invited to watch the match. We are kindly asking students to donate a non-perishable food item that day. This will be a full dress down day beach theme.

MAKING MATH FUN AT HOME

e-math+, a new online tool for Grade 3–6 has been created in partnership with *Nelson Mathematics* to connect math learning in the classroom and at home. Your child in grades 3-6 has been registered and a package containing their login information and information about the new tool has been sent home.

e-math+ has features designed specifically to help you understand the math lessons your child is learning and help you assist your child to be successful: Understand current math language and teaching strategies, Extra support and practice for your child and Online access to *Nelson Mathematics* textbooks.

Be sure and take some time to review the tool with your child and to use it to reinforce math concepts and new learning on line!



February 2020 Award Recipients

Congratulations to the following students who have been recognized for their outstanding work in being “**Collaborative Contributors**”:

Ms. Demydchuck Ms. Felix	Denysia and Rheo
Mrs. Baltrunas	Mario and Logan
Mrs. Gulley	JoJo and Saidy
Mrs. DiDonato	Dax and Izaiah
Mrs. Diadamo	Nathan and William
Mrs. Fackelmann	Rihanna and Emma
Ms. Mattina	Tatiana and Mateus
Mr. Colombe	Sophia and Kellin
Mrs. Leo	Jack and Empress
Ms. Smith	Brooklyn and Tristan
Ms. Lamparski	Sander and Elena
Mr. Cataldo	Celena and Rodrigo
Ms. Falcao	Beatrice and Brodie
Mr. Orlando	Gabe and Jordan
Ms. Rullo	Xaiyah and Travis

March 2020 Catholic Graduate Expectation Focus

I CARE!

I love God, myself and my family
I care about and respect my ‘family’ at school,
at Church, in the community, and the world
I care about and respect God’s creation and everything in it



Because I care, I pray for all my families, and I will live my life like Jesus.

March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6 P.A. Day	7 Science Fair at Bishop Ryan
8	9 Parent Council Meeting	10	11	12	13 Civvies Day 'Beach Theme'	14
15	16 March Break	17 March Break	18 March Break	19 March Break	20 March Break	21 March Break
22	23	24	25 Father Peter visits classrooms	26 Confessions	27 Spring/Siblings Photo	28 First Reconciliation 11:00 am
29	30	31				