



St. Lawrence Catholic Elementary School



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February Newsletter 2021

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As we begin the month of February, we continue to refer to the Catholic Graduate Expectations and Virtues as reference points in strengthening our relationship with Christ. This month, staff and students will be emphasizing the importance of being a collaborative member of a Catholic school community. We will be encouraging our students to co-operate with others in achieving common goals and in contributing towards the common good of our community.

This month, staff and students will also be emphasizing the importance of extending compassion to others. We call upon our students to consider ways in which they can show compassion through their actions and words. Showing our care and consideration for all members of our Catholic school community is integral in answering Christ's call of service and discipleship.

SNUGGLE UP & READ

Thank you to all those who participated in Pajama Day on Friday, January 29th^t and for reading throughout the day. This year it looked a little different but I was able to go in a few classes and read to the classes.

Children love the feeling of closeness when a parent, grandparent or other caregiver reads to them. When children find out that reading with a loving adult can be a warm, happy experience, they begin to build a love of reading that will last a lifetime. Reading together not only nurtures positive relationships, it also helps children learn specific things about books and words.

Reading together helps young children learn about books-how to hold them, how to turn pages one at a time, and that books have words and pictures to help tell the story. They are also learning about print-that there is a difference between words and the pictures. Pre-readers are most interested in the pictures initially. Think of all the things children are learning about words and language! They discover that there are many new words to learn and that sometimes book language sounds different from everyday conversation.

Sharing books together will open the world up to your child. They can visit places, see objects, engage in activities and attend events they have never heard of before! Let the adventures begin read on!



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REGISTRATIONS FOR 2021– 2022

We will begin processing JK registrations for September 2020 throughout the month of February and for any student new to Kindergarten. Parents wishing 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, 2021

Senior Kindergarten — 5 years old by December 31, 2021

TERM ONE REPORT CARDS/COL (Kindergarten)

Report cards for Term 1 / Communication of Learning (Kindergarten) will be sent home on **Wednesday February 17th, 2021**. Please review the report with your child, complete the response form and return the response form to your child's teacher. If you would like to personally discuss your child's progress with the teacher, please do not hesitate to contact him or her at the school to schedule an appointment.

ST. LAWRENCE SCIENTISTS!

Last year we had several students participate in the System Science Fair, 2020. This year we will not be having a Science Fair. Students are invited to logon to the BASEF website if they are interested in pursuing their love of Science and creating a project. This is for grade 7-12 students only.

CELL PHONE POLICY

Students are asked to keep their devices at home or in their backpacks. They are not to use them at school. We have technology in the classroom for curriculum. If students are not feeling well they are to report to the Office.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

PEANUT/NUT ALLERGIES: We have several students with severe allergies to peanuts and nut products. It would be greatly appreciated for the safety of these students that parents refrain from sending lunches and snacks that contain nut products. Past cooperation is greatly appreciated and anticipated throughout the year.



NEWS FROM OUR H.A.T.

The role of the HAT is to identify a priority health issue at the school and implement initiatives to address that issue. Mental well-being was the issue identified by students at St. Lawrence. The Health Action Team has been working on strategies to improve the mental well-being of our students. One such strategy is to share what they are learning with their peers and the parent community.

Your children's mental wellness is shown by how they think, feel and act in life. Help your children to do the following: Connect, Keep Learning, Be Active, Take Notice, and Be Creative & Play.

Connect:

Strong, healthy relationships can give your children a sense of belonging, improve their self-esteem and lead to greater happiness. Here are some things you can do to build connections with and for your children:

- Sit down for family meals
- Go for walks together
- Play games
- Make playdates so your child sees friends (not just speaking online or by phone)
- Register them in afterschool clubs, sports, etc. to widen their circle of friends.

OUR STUDENT COUNCIL AT WORK!

Our Student Council will be planning fun activities throughout February. February holds many themes throughout the month, Black History Month, Random Acts of Kindness, Valentine's Day and Family Day. Student Council will help us learn about each theme and plan exciting things to do both virtually and once we return face to face.

Award Recipients

Congratulations to the following students who have been recognized for their outstanding work in being

Mrs. Tittarelli Ms. Felix	Gwen and Cohen
Mrs. Gulley	Mercy and Grace
Mrs. DiDonato	Phoenix and Denysia
Mrs. Diadamo	Mae and Bao
Mrs. Baltrunas	Dax and Nathan
Mrs. Fackelmann	Anthony and Dominic
Mr. Perino	Isaac and Lucas
Mr. Colombe	Davi and Jake
Mrs. Digiovanni	Jordan and Emily
Ms. Falcao	Meisie and Gabriel Cameron and Rodrigo
Mrs. Leo	Sander and Chloe
Mr. Orlando	Laura and Lisa
Ms. Rullo	Max and Emma Ayden and Sammy

February 2020 Catholic Graduate Expectation Focus

I AM A TEAM PLAYER!

I co-operate with others in all that I do
I value everyone's work
I respect and listen to others
I think of others before myself
I follow rules of fair play
I work hard in school so that I can build my community
And make it a better place



Because I am a Team Player, I know that 'Together is Better', and we will live our lives like Jesus.

February 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
		Father Peter visits Gr. 6/7 and 7 classes virtually				6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	CSC Meeting 3:00 pm – Virtual TEAMS meeting				Valentine's Day Red, White and Pink Day	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Valentine's Day 	Family Day 		Ash Wednesday(Liturgy) Report Cards go home Read Canadian Day			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
					Pink T-shirt day Awards Assembly 12:30pm	

