

March Newsletter 2021

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.

A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

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. Just a reminder that we have free entry in the morning beginning at 8:20am and staggered exit (classes exit different doors) to avoid congregating at the end of the school day.

GRADUATION PHOTOS

On Tuesday March 16th, 2021 we will be Graduation photos for our Grade 8 students. Also on this day, students who would like a re-take may be called down individually to have their photo taken.

MARCH BREAK/APRIL BREAK

As you know March Break has been re-scheduled to April this year. The week of April 12th-16th will be our scheduled break.

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.

For the month of March the HAT team has created shields. Each student will put items to reflect themselves for example favourite foods, sports, colour and activities.

REGISTRATIONS FOR 2021-2022

Parents needing to register their child in Junior or Senior Kindergarten for September 2021, 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

SACRAMENTAL & LITURGICAL INFORMATION

Father Peter will continue to work with our Grade 7 Confirmandi and Grade 2 Communicants to prepare them for Confirmation and First Holy Communion along with Ms. Falcao, Mrs. Leo and Mrs. Diadamo.

A date will be confirmed once we hear from the Diocese.

Student Council is preparing a few theme days for March. We are working on a Beach Day theme and St. Patrick's Theme day. More information to follow through School Messenger and St. Lawrence School website.

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!



Art Contest for the month of March

Student Council along with Parent Council have come together to work on an Art Contest highlighting Easter. Each class will display a piece of ART and display it in the gym by Thursday April 1st. Each class will have the opportunity to walk through the gym to look at all the amazing Art.

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.

