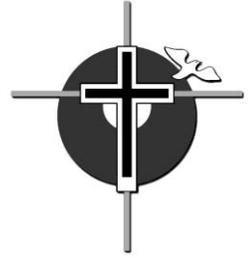


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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The month of February is already upon us. With it comes the beginning of Lent, a time when we prepare as a faith community to meet the risen Christ at Easter. It is a time for conversion, where we acknowledge and turn away from whatever keeps us from living the Gospel, a time to remind ourselves that we are called to live rooted in right relationship with God and neighbour. As we prepare to meet Christ in his resurrected glory, we pray for a change of heart towards greater love of God and neighbour; we fast from self-indulgence and indifference to the poor and suffering; and finally, we share our food, our wealth and our time with others in need. There are many ways in which families can observe lent together. These may include cleaning house, by donating one item per day for 40 days. Others may wish to create a prayer jar in which the names of 40 people and/or groups are written on separate pieces of paper. Every day, a piece of paper is drawn from the jar and that person or group becomes the focus of the family's prayers for the day. This is a great way for children to learn to pray for others as opposed to only praying for things they want. Read on to discover how our Kids Care Club will be encouraging St. Jude students to care for others during the Lenten season.



February is Heart month in Canada. It is a great time to promote healthy and loving hearts. At St. Jude Catholic School, we continue to promote both of these by encouraging students to partake in physical activities such as Jump Rope for Heart and by performing random acts of kindness towards one another. We reinforce the importance of accepting and celebrating one another despite our differences. We are here to learn from, to share with, and to enjoy one another. Take some time this month to show your appreciation for the ones you love: send them a note, spend time with them, give them a compliment, or offer to provide them with help. Even a smile can go a very long way!

Last but certainly not least, I wish to draw your attention to a very special invitation on the last page of the newsletter. We hope to see you there!

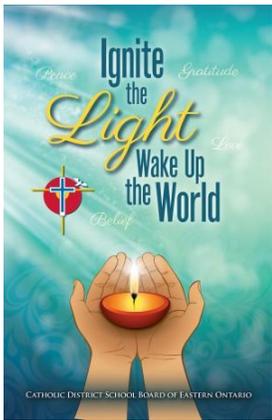
Wishing you and your family a lovely month of February,

S. Wilcox, Principal

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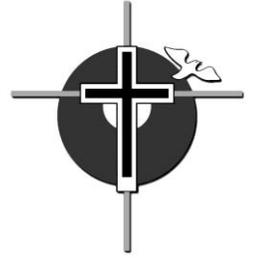




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Snacks! Many students don't have any snacks left by the afternoon; please ensure you put enough snacks in your child's lunch. Thank you!

ST. JUDE PARISH:

A reminder that weekend masses continue to be celebrated at the following times:

Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

Note: Students from St. Jude Catholic School will be taking part in the Rite of First Communion during mass on February 17th and 18th. The Rite of Confirmation for St. Jude students will be taking place during mass on February 24th and 25th.



ST. JUDE CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

I would like to take this opportunity to invite parents and students to attend the St Francis Xavier CHS Open House on Thursday, February 8th from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. A free chili dinner will be served from 6:30 – 7:00 pm in the cafeteria. Following the meal, you will be invited to attend a brief presentation in the gym before being invited to tour the school and speak to both students and teachers alike. The school is worth the drive!

Our next meeting will be held on February 13th at 6:30pm in the school library. All are welcome and most encouraged to attend.

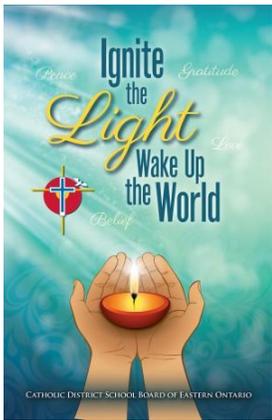
Lorraine Boyer, CSC chair 2017-2018



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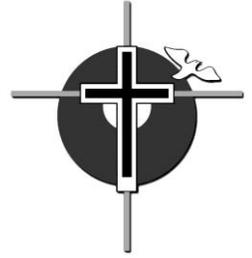




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Report Cards

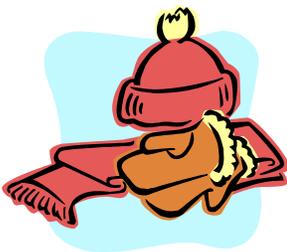


Report cards will be going home on Monday, February 26th. Should the teachers wish to meet with you in order to discuss your child or children's progress, they will notify you. However, you may always request a meeting, if you so desire.

Our Students of the Month are:

Declan, Selena, Makylan, Olivier, Jacob, Tristan, Cole, Rebecca, Lindsay, Megan, Lola, Morgan, Maité, Liam, Kaitlyn, Chase, Brianne, Nicolas and Anna.

These students have been recognized for believing and trusting in others and in God, for cherishing their relationships with others and with God, and for standing up for what they believe in. Congratulations to all of these recipients for demonstrating **Belief** as they worked to ignite the light and wake up the world throughout the month of January!

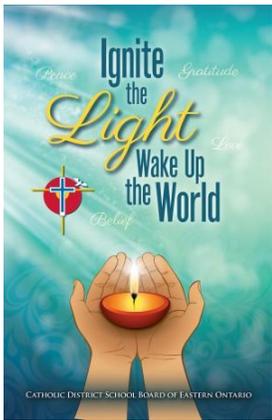


Please send some extra items to school with your child: mittens, socks, gloves, and hat. A reminder that students are outside for a period of 40 minutes at lunch time, therefore proper outdoor clothing is required. Students have been reminded not to throw snow balls and to share the snow, i.e.: building forts. Thank you for your continued support.

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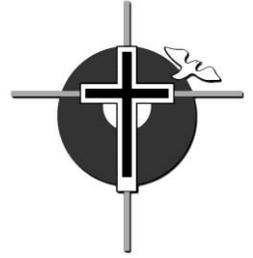




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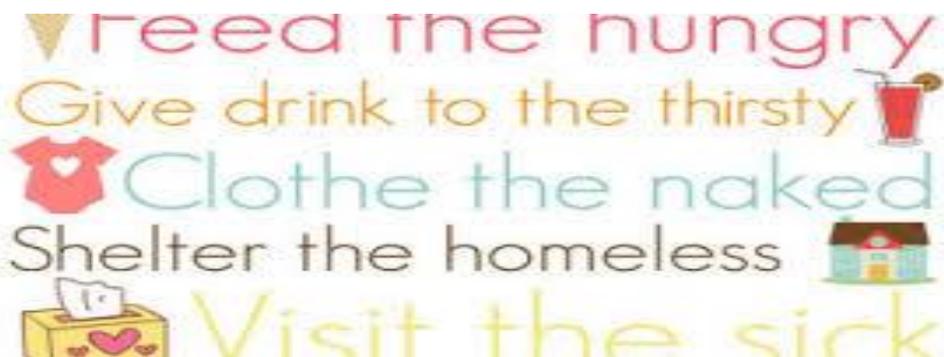
KIDS CARE CLUB

Hat day was a great success. We raised \$187 dollars for the Good Samaritan Trust Fund. Thank you for your donation.

We have 3 upcoming events. On Friday, February 9th from 1:30 - 3:00 pm, there will be a dance for Grade 5 - 8 students. The cost to enter will be \$3.00. There will be drinks and treats for sale. All money raised will be donated to WE.

On Friday, February 23rd, we will be having a PJ day. Bring a toonie and wear your best pyjamas. The money raised at this event will help support the CDSBEO student senate.

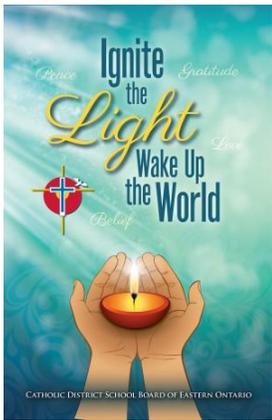
Lent begins on Wednesday, February 14th, with Ash Wednesday. Each year, the Kids Care Club helps focus the students on prayer, almsgiving and fasting throughout Lent. This year, each class will focus on one Corporal Work of Mercy (Shelter the Homeless, Give Drink to the Thirsty, Feed the Hungry, Visit the Sick, and Clothe the Naked). We are challenging the students to show their love for one another through their actions during Lent. The Bible says, "Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action" (John 3:18) Please take the time to visit our school's front lobby to see our Lenten display. Also, please help your child participate in the Work of Mercy that he or she will choose to complete.



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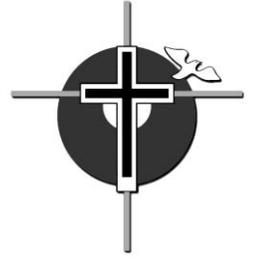




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Our reading strategy of the month will continue to be Inferring / Inferences. Staff will continue to focus on teaching and reinforcing this strategy throughout the month of February in both the English and the French Language Arts programs. Some of the readings this month will focus on "Black History" as February is also **Black History Month**.



Primary Home Reading

We celebrated the December Ribbons on January 16th. The students were thrilled to receive their green ribbons. On our trip around the world, our stop for January was Asia. We will celebrate on Tuesday, February 6th. In February, we will travel to Australia. We hope students will read for 15 nights to earn their ribbon. Happy Reading!

Watoto Children's Choir

Mark your calendars! The Watoto Children's Choir is making a return to our area. We were lucky enough to see them last year at school and their performance blew us away! So full of love, joy and energy. This year, they will only be presenting at St. Jude Church. We hope to see you all there on February 27th, at 7:00 pm. Come early to get a good seat. This concert is by donation.

Pediculosis (Head lice): We ask all parents/guardians to be vigilant and to regularly check your child's hair for pediculosis. Please call the school to inform us if your child has pediculosis. We have had some cases and are doing our best to help stop the spreading.

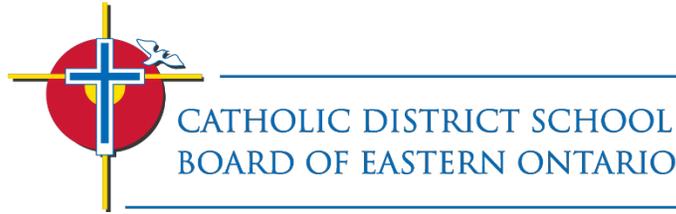
Student Transportation: A reminder that for bus cancellations, you may listen to the radio or visit the following website: www.steo.ca



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Please Join Us

Catholic Education Coalition

Catholic Education – Inspiration, Confidence and Hope

A presentation by Bishop Gerard Bergie

Bishop Gerard Paul Bergie was named Bishop of the Diocese of St. Catharines on September 14, 2010 and installed on November 9, 2010.

Bishop Bergie is currently a member of the English Sector Episcopal Commission for Evangelization and Catechesis of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB), Chair of the Education Commission of the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario (ACBO) and a member of the Catholic-Lutheran Church of Canada Theological Dialogue.

Let us all journey together with Bishop Bergie as he helps us find inspiration through many of our schools' Patron Saints; reminds us that our strong faith in Jesus Christ makes us resilient and hope-filled; and, calls us to celebrate the great potential for good found in our schools!

All are Welcome
February 22, 2018
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

St. Michael Catholic High School
2755 Hwy. 43, Kemptville ON

Live-streamed to three regional locations:

Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School, Cornwall
St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School, Russell
and Notre Dame Catholic High School, Carleton Place

Please contact your local school principal to register by February 15, 2018