

ANNOUNCEMENTS- SEPTEMBER 28, 2023

SUBMITTED BY	ANNOUNCEMENT-SCHOOL RELATED
Mr. Martins	Hey Ascension! Are you interested in learning about computers, building your own computer, gaming, or programming? If you are then come for a meeting today, Thursday, Sep. 28 to room 304 at 2:30pm. Thank you.
Feres-Allen	We will be observing Truth and Reconciliation through Orange Shirt Day in remembrance and solidarity with the survivors and victims of the residential school system. We encourage everyone to wear an orange shirt on Friday to show our commitment to reconciliation, understanding, and a ledge that "Every Child Matters". Let's come together as a school community to show our support and raise awareness about this important issue in our history. Wear your orange shirt, but remember you must wear your Ascension pants and black shoes"
Spitzig	SPIRIT WEAR is on sale now. All new designs and lots of options available. Go to your school cash online account to pre-order your spirit wear. The LAST DAY to place orders will be October 17. These are pre-orders only and will be delivered as soon as possible after sales close. Questions? Please ask at the phys. Ed. Department.
Parahoo	Ascension , last year Mr. Kitson took 3 wrestlers to OFSAA. Out of 24 wrestlers, 3 made it to the highest level in Ontario High School wrestling. Not bad odds. If you are a good athlete and think you can improve on those odds, come get a form from Mr. Kitson in room 208 during 3A lunch. Bring your signed permission forms back to him before our first practice: Tuesday, October 10 th . Let's get ready to rumble!!!!
Albano	Don't forget to bring in your non-perishable items to either your homeroom class or Ms. Albano's office.
Carolan	Get ready for the annual Terry Fox marathon of hope. The goal is \$10 for Terry. Donations can be made online or through your homeroom classes starting Thursday! Do you want to volunteer for the committee. Teachers you will find your envelope in your mailboxes. You can give also through CASH ONLINE. Don't forget the walk of hope for Terry fox is next Wednesday Terry Fox Committee, please come to a brief after school meeting in room 312.
Brown	Night of Nines.Listen up grade nines! We are inviting you to an exclusive freshman event called the Night of the Nines! Your special night will be held on Wednesday, October 18, 2023, immediately after school on-school grounds. There will be games, fun activities, food, good music, and so much more! Save the date, October 18, 2023. All permission forms are due by Wednesday October 4th. x2 Be there or hear about it. See you there!

DAILY REFLECTION

September 28, 2022

Dear God, we acknowledge that the land on which we gather is part of the Treaty Lands and Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit. We acknowledge and express gratitude to the Mississauga's of the Credit First Nation of the Anishinaabek Peoples who continue to share their ancestral lands with us.

In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen

A Reading from the Book of Job

“Then Job answered: ‘Indeed I know that this is so; but how can a mortal be just before God? If one wished to contend with him, one could not answer him once in a thousand. He is wise in heart, and mighty in strength who has resisted him, and succeeded?—’

As Job loses his fortune, property, power, and family, his friends tell him it's because he deserves it and God must be punishing him for being a sinful man. Job's friends are telling him, using today's language, that he deserves what is happening to him because he has done something wrong. Some would liken it to having bad Karma. But, Job responds with humility, that he is a good and righteous man. He knows before God he is imperfect, and knows that his suffering is greater than of his deeds. He has never harmed or cheated another person, but Job knows God is more than a one who takes score, so embraces what befalls him. Why? In faith, he has faith that God is with him at all times.

To our modern ears, this sounds foreign and odd. Why? We don't like to suffer. We don't like to acknowledge getting older or asking for help. For some, we believe our suffering is our own and that we must have done something to deserve it. But God's mercy does not work that way. He doesn't rule with the ideas which stem from Karma. Instead, his grace shows, every moment of our life is an opportunity to grow. For some it is more painful, but never intending to punish, but to show us our potential for greatness and the freedom to choose to do better.

I pray for those who are doing the work of Truth and Reconciliation see this moment as a time to grow in faith. To acknowledge the unjust ways, we have treated others so to find a better way to embrace the past and to make amends in the present for a better future. Let us remember the words of Pope Francis, when he visited the First Nations people when he said, “We want to walk together, to pray together and to work together so that the sufferings of the past can lead to a future of justice, healing and reconciliation.” May those involved in this work keep faithful to God and each other so this will not happen again on the soil of this land. For peace in Ukraine. I pray you remember the words of Jesus at Ascension, “remember I am with you always till the end of days. Amen. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

