

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Wednesday, April 20th, 2022

Welcome:

Local Trustee: Mrs. Brea Corbet sends regrets

Principal: Ms. Cathrine Duke

Vice-Principal: Ms. Cristina Roda

Secretary: Mrs. Joy Lusk sends regrets

Teacher Rep: Mrs. Kelly Silva

Catholic Faith Life

- Rosary of Apostles continues to meet with all grades monthly
- Father Joyson came to visit our students who will be receiving the sacrament on March 10th - Gr 2's & March 22nd – Gr 7's
- On Thursday, April 7th at 2:30pm Father Joyson came to the school to host our first school mass in two years. FDK- Gr 5 watched the mass virtually, while Gr 6-8 watched in the gym. All students received the host. This was to avoid a very large crowd and be mindful of distancing
- Lent: students participated in additional Lenten prayer each day during morning announcements, organized by Mrs. Mills
- Whole School Lenten Faith Day: took place during Holy Thursday. Mr. Quintanna's grade 7 class and Mrs. Xerri's grade 8 class put together a beautiful multi-media presentation of The Stations of the Cross. The students participated in various activities that focused on Good Works, Almsgiving and Prayer. Students also received a fresh pretzel from Dimpflmeier bakery and heard the story of the Lenten pretzel. Parents were invited from the two classes to observe The Stations of the Cross
- Whole school Easter Food Drive also took place and each class once again collected specific items. St. Vincent De Paul was very pleased by the donations (March 21st – April 1st)
- Sacramental Ice-Cream Liturgy: with Father Joyson will be held on Wednesday, May 11th from 2:00pm-3:00pm followed by ice-cream sundaes made by CSC volunteers
- **HEAL Program:** This five-week group will run weekly during the lunch hour and is available to Grade 7/8 class starting Thursday April 28, 2022 for 13 students. This Leadership Group is a strengths-based program for students to express themselves, build self-esteem and foster healthy friendships and coping strategies. Participation in this group is completely voluntary.

Each weekly session will be co-facilitated by one of our school's Support Services staff along with HEAL staff. This Leadership Group will run over the lunch hour and pizza lunch will be provided at no cost on the days that the group is scheduled.

The topics that will be covered in the Leadership Group are:

Session 1: Introduction to Group and Gender Stereotypes
Session 2: Feelings and Communication (communication styles and conflict resolution skills)
Session 3: Relationships (healthy vs. unhealthy relationships and setting boundaries)
Session 4: Body Image & Self-Esteem
Session 5: Coping, Self-Care, and End of Group Celebration

- Stewards of the Earth: Mrs. Siracusa-Toh's class have been making announcements about environmental awareness.
The Big Crunch: March 10th all students received a fresh apple and we crunched all together
The Big Gulp: March 22nd and we all took a sip together
Earth week is this week: Trash less Tuesday, Walk-or Roll to School Wednesday, Think Before you Toss Thursday and Fun Earth Colours Day followed by a liturgy
- Catholic Education Week: May 2nd to May 6th

Assessment For, As and Of Learning

- Thanks to all those students who borrowed devices have now returned them
- Ministry Initiative: FDK-Gr 3 in-school tutoring begins this week until June 17th where teachers will work with a small group of students to review math and literacy
- **After school Tutoring**: takes place every Tuesday and Thursday starting this week until the week of June 17th. Teachers from grades 3-7 would have made recommendations for candidates to attend. We were given 5 after school positions to afford support
- **Parent Community Math Night**: Wednesday, May 4th from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. Information will be shared with the community this week. All participants will receive a ballot to win a basket of math games. Parents will receive information about our school math initiative and will be given

a take home flyer with ideas to keep the math learning going.



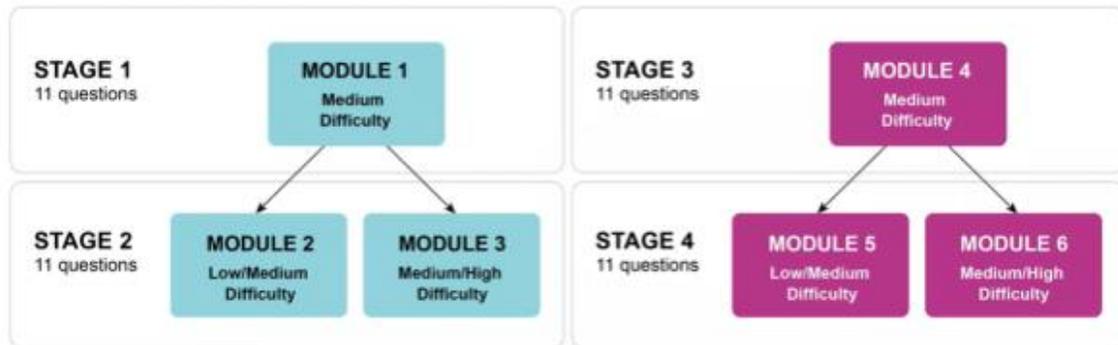
- Math Initiative continues: Math Problem of the Week posted each week for students to solve using various strategies. Students submit their answers, and they are then shared every Friday through virtual announcements
- **EQAO** is back! Dates: **Grade 3's June 7th, 8th & 9th / Grade 6's June 15th, 16th & 17th**. It is a different platform this year. Students will participate in shorter assessment models and will be using a computer to input their responses. Extending the dates closer to the end of the school year allows for more time to complete the curriculum.

Format of the Primary and Junior Assessments



Mathematics

Multi-stage Computer Adaptive Testing (msCAT)



- Scientists in the School: Accessed by Primary classes and grade 6
- Earth Rangers provided presentations to all grades

General Updates

- Bus Cancellation Zones: St. Therese is in ZONE 1 – should busses be cancelled due to inclement weather schools will remain opened. Students will not access the class remotely
- Pizza orders have begun, and we have had an excellent response. Thanks to those Council members who have volunteered to help. We have many grade 7 & 8 students who also help out with distribution
- Boys Intermediate Basketball team has been selected and is now in play
- Other sports teams to come: Soccer, Track and Field
- Extended French: all applicants have been accepted. Classes have not yet been created. We are in the works of planning an Extended French presentation for those students who have been accepted to help with the transition. More information to come
- CCCSC Spring Parent Engagement Event being held virtually on May 12th (information will be forthcoming to the community)
- Public Budget Consultation Webcast webinar for parents to access. The survey will be accessible until May 12th. Information will be sent to parents this week
- **Summer Literacy Programs:** 2 programs will be made available at NO cost for students. Elementary Literacy & Numeracy Summer Program Gr 6 – 8 (July 4th to July 22nd) & Summer Literacy Camp – for students who benefit from remedial support and comes as a recommendation by the classroom teacher/SERT (July 4th to July 22nd)

- **Swim to Survive:** Meadowvale Pool program for grade 3 students will take place this year. We are hoping to secure the following dates: May 27th, June 3 & 10
- **Graduation:** will be hosted at The Mississauga Convention Centre on Tuesday, June 21st. Graduates will attend a luncheon and dance from 12:30pm to 3:30pm. Lunch: 1:00pm-2:00pm & dance 2:00pm-3:00pm. DJ has been booked. Cost will be approximately \$60 per student and water station is also included in the cost
- Parents and graduates will return in the evening for the ceremony from 6:00-8:00pm. Graduates will be permitted to invite 3 people to the ceremony. The maximum capacity will be 375 people in the hall. We will also live stream the ceremony for others to watch from an alternative site
- **Graduation Trip:** morning movie at Cineplex followed by a luncheon in the gym. Movie will include a drink and popcorn. Price is approximately \$20, but details to be worked out
- **Volunteers:** we need updated CRC's (email sent to community)
- Newsletter continues to be supported through SMORE

Protocols

- Community Information Bulletin: a strong recommendation is being asked to continue to wear a well-fitted mask or medical mask in schools. This is NOT mandatory but recommended
- Covid Protocols: Screening, classroom set-ups have been changed in some classes, additional cleaning continues, recesses has returned to normal times and mixing of cohorts
- Daily Screening Form: students are expected to continue to do a daily screening using the app, but no verification is required. If students report any list of symptoms while in school-students are sent home and letters are sent to the class and to the community

Council Funds

- Graduation bussing & décor
- Graduation luncheon following the movie (pizza, snacks, dessert)



"Each one called by name." Isaiah 43:1