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March Newsletter

A message from our Principal, Mr. Michael Schultz

While March is a short one in terms of days at school, it is a very important time for all Catholics. We continue our Lenten journey as a school and parish community, making the journey with Jesus along the road to the cross, but ultimately to his Resurrection. What that means from a school perspective is that many class activities and discussions will be focused on Lent and our commitments to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

It also means that there will be a special focus when the students return from Spring Break on Holy Week, which we are blessed to spend together as a school. I look forward to having our grade sevens lead us in our school-wide Lenten retreat, focussing on the Stations of the Cross. We will then say the Rosary as a school on Holy Thursday.

Throughout this season, we ask for your continued prayers and you can rest assured that the school is praying for all of your families as well.

Upcoming School Closures

Please keep these dates in mind as some of the dates the school will be closed will not coincide with the public school calendar.

March	April	May
Early Dismissal Friday, March 8 Thursday, March 28	Easter Monday Monday, April 1	Non Instructional Day Friday, May 17
Spring Break Monday, March 11 to Friday, March 22	Non Instructional Day Monday, April 15	Victoria Day Holiday Monday, May 20
Good Friday Friday, March 29	Student Led conferences Thursday, April 18	

Spring Break

The school will be closed from Monday, March 11th to Friday, March 22nd for Spring Break. School will be dismissed at 12:00pm on Friday, March 8th and will re-open with regular hours on Monday, March 25th. Please note that there will be Afterschool Club on Friday, March 8th. We hope you have a wonderful break with your families!

Green Colour Day

On Thursday, March 7th, we will celebrate St. Patrick's Day early! On that day, with a minimum donation of \$2.00, the students may wear green clothing instead of their uniforms. The money will be donated to Holy Childhood. Thank you for your generosity!

Sacraments

The Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion will take place on Saturday, March 4th at 5:00pm Parish Mass.

Confirmation will take place on Thursday, May 23rd at 7:00pm at our Parish.

Specific information will be distributed to the parents involved shortly. We are looking forward to a beautiful celebration.

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Reconciliation

The students in grades three through seven had the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for Easter on Tuesday, February 27th.

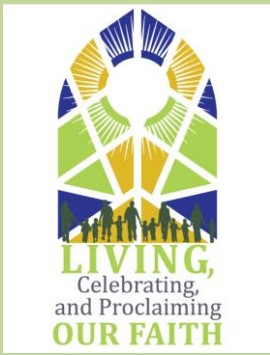
****Imperative Parent Meeting****

Cyberbullying and Harassment

Thursday, March 7th at 630pm
in the school gym.

Parents of grades 3 to 7 are highly encouraged to come to this meeting to discuss concerns, how the school is addressing such issues and to learn about resources to support your children at home.

Thank you for taking an important step in keeping the children in our community safe.



Rights & Responsibilities

Basketball



Thank you very much to our coaches who worked with the students this year in basketball. We had a great season of developing skills and playing games.

Great work to all the students who took part in basketball this year! Thank you to Mr. Evans and Mr. Shultz for being our coaches this year!



Track & Field 2023-2024

Permission slips for track and field will be distributed after spring break and practices will begin that point. Track is open to students from grades one through seven. Joining track is a full commitment and we expect students who join to attend all practices through the season with the exception of medical absences.

Bake Sale



Thank you so much for your support! We made a total of \$445.00.



Speech Arts

Congratulations to all the students who took part in St. Joseph's Speech Arts!

The students all worked so hard to prepare their individual poems and readings. Thank you to the family members who were able to come to celebrate and cheer our students on.

Special thanks to our Teachers and Education Assistants who worked so hard to prepare the students and help them to reach the heights to perform their very best.

Congratulations to the following students, who prepared individual selections.

Grade 1

Henry Pollard

Grade 2

Adeline Tran, Catiena Nguyen, Leo Martinez Sedo, Carina Woo, Mary-Heart Rodriguez, Aidan Lee

Grade 3

Aurora Assuncao, Milena Nielsen, Clare-Francis Nguyen, Hayden Nguyen, Aaryan Wali, Khang Tran, Kenji Dizon, Jasper Nguyen

Grade 4

Andrea Nguyen, Maria Boieriu, Mary-Love Rodriguez, Andrea Nguyen, Maria Nguyen

Grade 5

Mia Laxamana, Gemma Nguyen, Danica Hoang, Raynell Ahluwalia, Daniel Luchkow

Grade 6

Jayden Wang, Isaac Vu, Felicity Bello, Adam Nguyen

Grade 7

Vanessa Le, Teresa Nguyen, Kathy Le, Lily Williamson

The following students will represent our school at the Archbishop Carney Speech Arts Festival next week on Tuesday, March 5th.

Poetry Recitation

Catiena Nguyen (2), Clare-Francis Nguyen (3), Mia Laxamana (5), Gemma Nguyen (5)

Persuasive Speech

Kathy Le (7), Lily Williamson (7)

Prose

Carina Woo (2), Tanya Esmilla (3)

Bible Reading

Mary-Love Rodriguez (4), Jayden Wang (6), Mary-Heart Rodriguez (2), Duy Tran (2)

Well done all of you & good luck to our students who will compete on Tuesday, March 5th!

St. Joseph's Feast Day

As you know, our Parish celebrates the Solemnity of St. Joseph on March 19th. We will be on Spring Break at that time, and so we will celebrate with a St. Joseph retreat on the morning of Friday, March 8th.

After Mass, the students will work with their buddy classes to complete activities to learn more about and honour our patron Saint.

In addition, St. Joseph's Parish will celebrate our Saint on Saturday, March 16th at 10:30am with a bilingual Mass and a small reception to follow. Hope to see you there!