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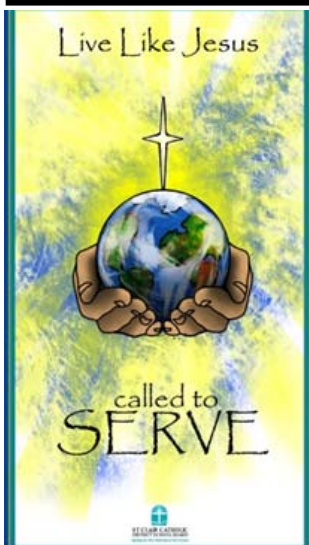
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As I write this month's message the sun is shining and it's the promise of spring outside the window. I say it often, but where did the time go. It's hard to believe we are heading into the last stretch of our school year!

Our parent/teacher interview night was a great success with many families able to attend and discuss their child's progress. It is so very important to have that strong home and school connection that is a strong predictor of student success.

This past month we had the privilege of seeing the plans for Our Lady of Fatima. It will be a wonderful place for learning with bright open spaces, a larger gym and a library that will be reflective of the new learning commons where students can collaborate, communicate and create. Thank you to the parents who were able to join us for the public meeting. Your feedback and questions were welcome and important to the process of consolidating our schools.

I would also like to draw your attention to a website, www.togetherinfaith.ca. This is a great opportunity for parents to learn more about Catholic education and to show your support. As we enter into an election year we remember the importance of our Catholic system and the need to have a voice to protect it for the future.

I wish all of our families a fantastic March Break. Stay safe and enjoy this family time.

Mrs. Faubert

OFFICE HOURS

Please note that our secretary will be away for lunch from 12:15 until 12:45 p.m. During this time we will have student volunteers and they will identify themselves as such on the phone and take a message. They will not open the door until they have located a staff member to do so. If calling, please leave a message on the answering machine and the secretary will get back to you as soon as possible. If you have to pick your child up or visit the school, please take note of these times and plan accordingly.

THANK YOU.

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for Parents!

Keynote speaker Sean Hakim will keep you entertained, while speaking about ways to create a more personal relationship with our kids.

Thursday March 1, 2018 at 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Our Lady of Fatima

545 Baldoon Rd. Chatham ON N7L 5A9

Bring your children! The UCC Robotics Team will be there to teach your child about robotics as well as other STEM activities for them to try while parents are at the presentation.

Don't Miss This!

Please call the school to register – 519-352-1880

Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes School Newsletter

-Congratulations to all Grade Eights who will be confirmed on March 3rd and 4th.

-First Communion Retreats will be held on March 3rd at Blessed Sacrament from 9:15-11:45 a.m. for the Northside Schools and March 4th at St. Ursula's Church from 1:00- 3:30 p.m. for the Southside Schools. This retreat is for both parent and child.

Please contact Ali Chinnick if you are not able to attend to receive important information.

-Stations of the Cross are every Friday during Lent at St. Agnes Church. There will be a special one led by parents and students on March 24th. Please come to support them.

-There will be a Town Hall Meeting on March 8th at the Spirit and Life Centre at 6:30 p.m. to form a consensus regarding new Mass times. Parishioners are all welcome to attend.

FOCUS ON CATHOLICITY

We continue to be blessed with the presence of Mike MacPherson our youth coordinator for the parish with his monthly visits. Feedback has been great from the students and teachers and they are learning so much about our Catholic faith.

Wednesday, February 14 was our Ash Wednesday liturgy at Blessed Sacrament being led by Deacon Steve. We will be partnering up with the St. Vincent community and sharing the readings and music. This is a great chance to share this important time with other students from our St. Clair schools. All families are more than welcome to join us for our church services.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank our parish partners for their presence at our KinderSTART registration this past month. Keeping our Catholic schools as the school of choice for our parents is a partnership by all and we are grateful for them!



Our classroom teachers will be emphasizing the season of Lent in their classrooms during



REMINDER

Please remember that we are an allergy aware school. We have students with many different allergies. Please make sure that when supplying treats for your child's classroom that you have talked to the teacher.

All treats when delivered should be left at the school office so that we can make sure that they are properly looked after and our students are kept safe.

Thank you for your attention to this very important message.



FEBRUARY AWARDS

At our February Good News Assembly, we recognized students in Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8 whose teachers witnessed them demonstrating the virtue of Love. Congratulations to the following students who were the recipients this month:

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| Reece M. | Alaina C. | Brinley O. | Nolan L. | Layla C. | Victoria P. |
| Jordyn D. | Lia H. | Arwen M. | Ally J. | Nathan H. | Julis S. |
| Ella M. | Delaney H. | | | | |

Congratulations to the following students who were the recipients of this month's Music award:

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| Kallie B. | Emmy C. | Ines L. | Tristan G. | Jayda W. | James K. |
| Katey B. | Maddilynn V. | Emily T. | Maddison Z. | Sophie B. | Chelsea W. |
| Kayce F. | Russell L. | Kharington B. | Payton C. | Diya T. | Makenna L. |
| Gariella H. | Max B. | Alyssa N. | Anthony H. | Alex S. | Sienna B. |
| Rebeka D. | Owen G. | Charlotte S. | Courtney A. | | |

Congratulations to the following students who were recognized for their kindness toward others:

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| Johanna P. | Jocelyn M. | Fisher C. | Madeline S. | Lucas D. | Mason N. |
| Dylan A. | Amelia M. | Tabitha L. | Nicolas B. | Aidin W. | Jonathon G. |
| Cole C. | Tabitha L. | Sierra L. | | | |



ORAL COMMUNICATION PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in our school public speaking contest! The following students represented their classes and advanced to the gym for our school and the students highlighted advanced to the

Legion Public Speaking Contest:

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| Primary Division: | Cohen C. | Kharington B. | Sofia M. | Rebecca M. |
| Junior Division: | Emma R. | Aiden F. | Shelby M. | Arwen M. |
| | Eric W. | Trynity D. | Nichola S. | |
| Intermediate Division: | Shyla G. | Rebeka D. | Rosie W. | Milani S. |

Thanks goes to M. Lacharité for organizing our school contest! Congratulations to the students who will move onto the Regional Legion Competition!

Understanding Feelings

When parents show they understand feelings, children/youth learn how to understand feelings, too. Understanding helps us build positive relationships and handle life's challenges.

Share **“understanding”** with your child/youth....

Comfort your child when he/she is upset

“I understand. It really hurt when your friend said something mean.”

“It must have made you mad when he took your toy.”

“Boy that post on Twitter must have really upset you”.

Name feelings

“I am.....” or “you look...” or “you might feel....”

Sad	Proud	Mad/upset
Happy	Embarrassed	Scared
Excited	Worried	Confused

Connect feelings to what you see

“I think Angie might be mad. She is breathing fast and clenching her fists.”

“Look at that smile, you are so happy.”

Comment on how people react to situations or words

“When you say that to him, he looks upset.”

“When Sally called Kathy a mean name, it hurt her feelings because she was crying.”

Ask your child/youth about their feelings...

“What are you feeling right now?”

“When someone posts that on social media, how does it make you feel?”

“She looks sad. I wonder what made her feel sad. What do you think?”

PAUSE AND THINK about others' feelings throughout the day...

When meeting new people or when you greet people on the street

When you see your daughter's/son's mood change

At supper with your family or travelling in the car with your children

For more information on mental health and wellbeing, contact:

Christine Preece, Mental Health and Wellbeing Lead at 519-627-6762 ext. 10291.

Hello Parents/Guardians,

To further enhance school bus safety training across the Province, the Ontario Ministry of Education launched an initiative through the Ontario Collaborative Marketplace (OECM) to create standardized school bus safety videos. The high-quality videos were developed by Intertrain, a well-established expert in this field, and they are now available in both English and French at no charge to anyone wishing to view them.

There are three videos available:

- First Time Rider (JK/SK)
- Primary Students (JK-Grade 3)

Junior Students (Grade 4 -8)

The videos are available at <http://cklass.ca/services/student-transportation/school-bus-safety/> and we encourage you to share the link with your families.

CLASS remains committed to school bus safety and will continue to provide the in-school bus safety programs for the 2018/19 school year. If you have any questions about the video, or in-school program do not hesitate to call our offices.

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General Manager

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Dear Lifetouch School Customer:

Lifetouch Canada is thrilled to announce that we have recently entered into an agreement to be acquired by the Shutterfly, Inc family of brands. By bringing these two companies together we will have the ability to better serve all of you – your school, students and parents – through access to more extensive products and services. What an exciting and innovative time for school photography!

Lifetouch Canada will remain the same to you, having just celebrated 25 years of school photography in Ontario. Your local office and representative will be unchanged but we are all very excited about the new offerings we will be bringing to you in the near future. Did you know that Lifetouch Canada has 14 offices across Ontario and this fall had over 1,050 employees working to capture, preserve and deliver your student's precious moments as memories to cherish for generations? Lifetouch Canada is already the preferred school photography company of choice in Ontario schools, having been the industry leader for years and the only company to offer the full range of photography and yearbook offerings to all K-12 schools.

Lifetouch Canada takes privacy and security of student images and data very seriously and has a state-of-the-art secure data centre in Markham to provide multi-layered security processes to protect Lifetouch's images and data. Lifetouch Canada is compliant with the applicable Canadian Federal and Provincial privacy laws and regulations and does not share images or data with any third-party companies. In addition, we are also PCI compliant, another unique advantage of Lifetouch. Our partnerships with the Canadian Centre for Child Protection continues as will our relationships with Ontario and Canadian educational organizations.

We thank you for the trust you have placed in Lifetouch and your continued support. If you have any questions about our exciting opportunities ahead please reach out to us and we will be glad to answer them.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Nowicki".

Mark Nowicki
Territory Manager

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tina Martin".

Tina Martin
Sales Representative

Focus on Faith

“Pastoral Care of Our Catholic School.” Is a document, commissioned and endorsed by Bishop Fabbro, was written collaboratively by parents, students, representatives from the six Catholic school boards within our diocesan area, and representatives from the diocese and our deaneries. In addition to the new curriculum explained in the January Newsletter, this will be the topic discussed among principals, parents, parish personnel and partners in Catholic Education during our Annual Great Family of our Church gathering when we gather together in prayer and discussion about Catholic Education.

To access the document, please choose one of the links below

English

<http://www.forums.dionet.ca/parishbriefings/Shared%20Documents/2018-01-January/Pastoral%20Care%20of%20Catholic%20Schools%20October%202016.pdf>

French

<http://www.forums.dionet.ca/parishbriefings/Shared%20Documents/2018-01-January/La%20pastorales%20des%20%C3%A9coles%20catholiques%202017.pdf>

Blessings,

Margaret Palmer

System Chaplaincy Leader

p.s. Have you visited our website lately for help raising your children in the faith?

Check out Living Our Faith portion of our website here <http://www.st-clair.net/living-our-faith.aspx>

Check out the section of our website that aims to equip Catholic parents as the primary faith teachers of the children they entrust in our care for their educational needs. <http://www.st-clair.net/parents-and-community-partners.aspx>