



ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC
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Lighting the Way - Nurturing in Our Journey

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The Gator Gazette

Acting Principal's Message

The month of February has flown by. During the month of February we had a great deal to celebrate at St. Agnes Catholic School.

During the week of Valentine's Day we enjoyed time together in our school families watching a Valentine's Day movie, making masks and learning more about the Mardi Gras traditions. We also enjoyed our Shrove Tuesday pancake luncheon on the same day. Thank you to Mr. Lewis, who cooked more than 300 pancakes for our students.

On Ash Wednesday, we had one of our first opportunities to partner with students and staff from Our Lady Of Fatima Catholic School at St. Agnes Catholic Church. Thank you to Mr. Amato's Grade 7/8 students, who accepted the invitation to lead us in our solemn service that day.

We also had an opportunity on January 31 for a number of our Grade 6, 7 and 8 students to participate in the annual St. Clair Catholic District School Board annual Accessibility Forum. The students were invited to explore the issue of accessibility in our schools and provide input for the Board Report and recommendations. I am very proud of our delegation of students who accepted this challenge.

We were very excited to see the plans for our New North Chatham Catholic Elementary School. The facility is going to be top notch and allow for many opportunities for our students. The Board Leadership invited two of our Grade 6 student leaders to act as liaisons for their peers in gathering and sharing information regarding student voice for outfitting the new schools with furniture and items that will support the modern learner. Phoenix Lezama and Thomas Pearson are our representative and both did an excellent job of documenting and sharing information at the initial meeting with the Superintendent of Education and the Facilities Manager for the entire board. I am very pleased that the student voice is being heard and look forward to the students seeing their recommendations being implemented.

We ended the month with term 1 Provincial Report Cards and a celebration of learning evening. I wish everyone an amazing and safe March Break and thank you for your continued support of Catholic Education.

Sincerely, *Mark Bernard*

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IMPORTANT DATES to Remember

- March 1**
Good News Assembly
- March 4**
Confirmation
- March 6**
Board Advisory Council Meeting—Catholic Education Centre Wallaceburg 7:00PM
- March 11—18**
March Break
- March 13**
BINGO at Riverview Bingo 8:00PM
- March 23**
Grade 7/8 Dance 7:00PM
- March 29**
Jump Rope For Heart Kick-off Assembly 11:00AM
- March 30**
Good Friday - no school
- March 31**
BINGO at Riverview Bingo 4:00PM
- April 1**
Happy Easter!
- April 2**
Easter Monday - no school



Fruits of the Holy Spirit



The Fruit of The Spirit

In February, our students worked on LOVE: "Willing the best for others and working towards it."

"Just as I have loved you, you should also love one another."

John 13:34B (NSRV)

"Congratulations To Our Award Winners

FDK -Kerslyn P.
- Ryatt M.

Gr. 1/2 - Kohen W.
- Bella M.

Gr. 3/4 -Autumn M.
-Peyton P.

Gr. 5/6 -Nicholas P.
-Alexis B.

Gr. 7/8 -Carolyn W.
- Sommer S.

The Month of March GENEROSITY

"Willing to share time, talent and resources with others."



You glorify God... by the generosity of your sharing." 2 Corinthians 2:13b (NRSV)



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.
- Please check the church bulletin for Easter Mass times at all four parishes



An award given to students who demonstrate an act of kindness that promotes well-being in the school and contributes to an overall sense of inclusiveness for all students.

CONGRATULATIONS
CJ Baker
Max Gagner
Weston Marek
Carl Ripley

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%20C3%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>