

Principal's Report – November 8th, 2021

Achieving: Curriculum

1. Throughout the Months of September- January, many of our teachers are hosting Teaching Candidates from the various Faculties of Education in Ontario.
2. On Tuesday, October 5th our Gr. 1 & 2 Teachers attended a Virtual In-Service on the “Science of Reading”.
3. On Wednesday, October 13th, Mrs. Cronin-Nowitsky met with our divisional leaders to plan & discuss our school focus for the month of October.
4. During the Week of October 20th, teaching staff held their divisional meetings.
5. On Tuesday, October 20th Mrs. Shaw participated in a morning In-Service on the New Math Curriculum on behalf of our Primary Division. Mr. Rath participated in the Junior In-Service in the afternoon. Both Teachers will be sharing information with their divisions.
6. On Thursday, October 21st our students reviewed Bus Safety.
7. On Monday, October 25th, Mrs. Ciarloni attended an In-Service on “Equity & Inclusion”. She will be sharing this information with the Intermediate Division.
8. On Monday, October 25th, Mrs. Cronin-Nowitsky attended a School Administration Meeting with our Senior Admin Team to discuss Operational Procedures & Policies and Upcoming Board areas of Focus. Please look for information regarding our upcoming Student Census.
9. On Monday, October 25th Mrs. Ciarloni attended the New Math In-Service on behalf of the Intermediate Division.
10. On Tuesday, October 26th Teaching Staff participated in an after school In-Service on our new Student Information System- Power School. Teachers will be using this system to complete their Progress Reports.
11. On Wednesday, October 27th, Mrs. Cronin-Nowitsky attended a School Administrators Meeting with Halton Region Public Health. Information regarding Updates on COVID & School Vaccination Programs.
12. Grade 8 students, with the support of their parents, teachers and the ND guidance department, completed their option sheets for gr. 9.
13. Gr. 8 Parent Night for Notre Dame was held virtually on Wednesday, November 3rd.
14. The Gr. 8 AP Parent Night at Assumption will be held virtually on Wednesday, November 10th.
15. Parents will be able to schedule an appointment for Student Led Conferences/Parent Teacher Interviews, using our online booking system, beginning Wednesday, November 10th to Wed. November 24th @ 7am.
16. Progress Reports will go home on Wednesday, November 24th.
17. Student Led Conferences/ Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Thursday, November 25th from 3:50-8pm & on Friday, November 26th from 8:30 am – 2pm.
18. Gr. 4 Gifted Screening Testing will occur between November 15th- December 1st. Letters will go home to notify parents of the exact dates and times.

Believing: Catholicity

1. On Thursday, October 7th we held our first virtual liturgy of the School Year. A special thank you to Mrs. Ciaroni's Students for organizing our Thanksgiving Liturgy.
2. Following our 1st Liturgy we recognized the following students for being "Discerning Believers"; Alphonsa F in KDG, Emma M in the Primary Division, Christopher B in the Junior Division and Jack D in the Intermediate Division.
3. On Friday, October 8th we staff participated in Faith Day, with a focus on "Rebuilding, Restoring & Renewing Together" led virtually by David Wells.
4. Throughout the month of October, our Gr. 8 students received the Sacrament of Confirmation.
5. Father Gregory, from the St. Paul the Apostle Parish visited our school on Thursday, October 21st. He will be returning to visit our students in Gr. 2 & Gr. 7 on December 1st to begin to help prepare them for their upcoming Sacraments.

Belonging: Community / School Culture

1. Our staff have organized various extra-curricular activities that our students from gr. 1-8 can be involved in. Presently, we have both a Junior Choir (Gr. 3 & 4) and Senior Choir (Gr. 5-8), Volleyball for Gr. 6-8, Boys Club for Gr. 5, Girls Club for Gr. 5, Boys Club for Gr. 6, and a Colouring Club for Gr. 1 & 2.
2. Ms. Dobson's Gr. 8 Class organized an outstanding promotional campaign for our Halloween Spirit Day/ Dance-a-thon, using social media and morning announcements.
3. On Friday, October 29th we held our Halloween Spirit Day / Dance-a-thon. It was a GREAT Success! A very special thank you to our Catholic School Council for organizing the AMAZING outdoor decorations!
4. Mr. Murray's class did a wonderful job of running our Community Halloween/Spirit Day Bingo Game! Our students LOVED it!
5. We raised \$8,650 during our Halloween Dance-a-thon/ Spirit Day ~ well over our goal of \$6,000! The following classes have been awarded a Pizza Party, as their class raised the greatest amount of funds in their division: Ms. Mascarenhas, Ms. Shaw, Mrs. Pellegrini & Ms. Makariak.
6. On Tuesday, November 2nd we launched our Halton Food for Thought snack bin. All students have access to a healthy snack during the school day. Special Thanks to Mrs. Ferreira, Ms. Mauro, Mrs. Thompson & Mrs. Hardy for organizing this program for our students.
7. Staff have organized Pizza Days for our students beginning on Thursday, November 18th. Cash online will be open to order from November 1st to November 8th. Term One Pizza Days will begin on Thursday, November 18th to Thursday, February 24th.
8. On Monday, November 8th both our school board and the Halton District School Board will be involved in a new campaign headed by the Halton Regional Police- "No Hate in Halton" to promote Equity & Inclusion.
9. During the week of November 15th to November 19th our School CYC will be organizing Anti-Bullying Week. The week will conclude with Blue Day on Friday November 19th where we will focus on Kindness, Inclusion and Healthy Relationships in our school community.

10. Mrs. Pellegrini's Gr. 5/6 Students will be organizing our Christmas Food Drive for the Good Shepherd Hostile.
11. Ms. Makariak's Gr. 7 students will be helping Mrs. Ferreira & Ms. Mauro with our Giving Tree. We are in the process of determining which organization we will be supporting.
12. School Communication: We are encouraging all of our families to access the school web site as a main source of information and communication. Weekly Updates will be posted on the Website. Families will receive a school email on Sunday evenings by 7pm informing them of upcoming school events and information. We encourage all of our families to follow us on Twitter : **@CMartyrsHCDSB.**