

Admin Report: September 30, 2019

Catholicity and Community of Culture and Caring:

Thank you to the community for such a positive response to Curriculum Night – excellent turn-out by our Parent Community.

Opening Mass – Tuesday, October 1 at 9:00 a.m.

Terry Fox Day (Friday, September 27) – Faith Team initiative – Very successful event! Community raised \$1249.00! Thank you for your support!

Me to We (Faith Club) – Participated in We Day in Toronto Sept. 19. Focus was on social justice. Mrs. Mills and Mrs. Plati attended with selected grade 8 students.

First Eucharistic/Reconciliation/Confirmation Parent Meeting - Fr. Jim facilitated this meeting in our gym. It was well attended - First Reconciliation on October 26 (9:30 a.m.) Confirmation on November 9 (10:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.). All sacraments will take place in our gym again this year.

Code of Conduct Assemblies – Expectations review with students in grades 1-8 on Wednesday, September 11 – they have a clear understanding of school expectations.

Fire Drill practiced Sept 20th. There will be another fire drill with the Fire Dept. Oct. 2.

Lock Down Drill practiced Sept. 25. There will be another drill with Officer McMullan in the future.

Photo Day – took place on Tuesday, September 24. Thank you, Mrs. Santos for assisting the photographers that day. It ran very smoothly!

Monday, September 30 – Orange Shirt Day: Day to recognize the impact of residential schools on Indigenous Children and that we need to be committed to recognizing that “Every Child Matters!”

Wednesday October 2nd International Walk to School Day – We are encouraging students to walk to school this Wednesday and for the entire month of October. participation stickers on Wednesday.

Academic:

Great start to the school year! A special thank you to our entire community for a smooth transition back to school and excellent transition for new students!

EQAO results have been released to the schools. Individual student results will go home after Thanksgiving weekend. Lots to celebrate and areas of improvement. Remembering that EQAO is a snapshot of student success, not capturing the entirety of student growth and learning.

MathUp – Our school continues to be part of the MathUp Program this year to improve Math skills with students Kindergarten to Grade 8

School Improvement Plan – continuation from last year. On September 16th (P.A) we spent time reviewing our SIP. Focus will be on Triangulation of Data and Achievement Chart - all teachers using the Achievement Chart to assess students' learning. Lots of programs happening in our school: RTI Interventions, Empower Program, Lexia, Early Risers Reading Club.

Grade 6 BRAVO classes will no longer occur. Looking at different ways of having our Liaison Officer involved with our school.

Grade 7 and Grade 8 Pathways – Itinerant Teacher (Erin Thomas) will help facilitate students in grades 7 and 8 with MyBlueprint - Cross Panel Plan with Jean Vanier High School: opportunities to invite grade 7 and 8 students in the high school as much as possible. Part of the Pathways plan is to organize a Career Week with our Grade 7 Students. In June 2019.

Extra-Curricular – Learning Beyond the Classroom (helping kids find their niche is the goal)

Cross Country and Volleyball Season started - Cross Country Meet at Kelso on Wednesday, October 9.

Choir – great start to the year – preparing for the Mass

Faith Club - Me to We and Terry Fox Event.

P.A.L.S. (Playground Activity Leaders in Schools)- CYC, Mrs. Plati as facilitator

Halloween Dance: Parental support needed!

Other Items:

Site improvement: Two back Kindergarten Natural Playgrounds were redone this summer. Front Kindergarten play area will be done in the near future.

Playground Painting – will take place soon. Possible addition of two more basketball nets on the Junior/Intermediate side.

All Lunch Services have started – Pizza Lunch on Tuesdays, Mr. Sub Wednesdays, Lunch Pails Thursdays. We are looking for parent volunteers for pizza days.