

Catholic School Council Administrator's Report: February 25 ,2021

Catholicity and Community of Culture and Caring (Believing and Belonging):

Holocaust Memorial Day: Wednesday, January 27 – Classes participated in a prayer service/liturgy. Grade 8 class participated in age appropriate discussions/lesson.

Bell Let's Talk Day: Thursday, January 28 – Mrs. Paul, our school CYC created virtual presentations to share with staff/students on topics related to mental health and coping strategies. She participated in lessons with the Grade 7 and Grade 8 classes/teachers. Follow-up lessons still taking place with other grades (for example, Mrs. Chong's class).

Mental Health/Building Resiliency Virtual Presentations: Thursday, February 4 - Sara Westbrook presented to Grade JK-3 and then to Grade 4-8.

Monday, February 8: Welcome Back to School – After 5 weeks of virtual learning, teachers reviewed health and safety measures related to COVID-19 and back to school expectations with all students, period 1. School wide power point used. Mrs. Sofia Starr followed up with all classes that day to ensure all students were well informed!

Valentine's Day Cards: Students brought in cards for their classmates by Wednesday, February 10. Students brought home cards on Friday, February 12.

Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Tuesday): Tuesday, February 16 – Due to COVID-19, no pancakes distribution at school. Religion lesson focus for the day.

Ash Wednesday (Beginning of Lent): Wednesday, February 17 – Virtual Ash Wednesday Liturgy at 10:50 a.m. All classes to watch at the same time. Parents will receive the link.

Pink Shirt Day (Anti-Bullying Day): Wednesday, February 24 – Students encouraged to wear pink to show we are working together and treating others with kindness, dignity and respect.

Black History Month – February is Black History Month. Students have been engaged in various classroom activities/discussions/projects throughout the month. Grade 4/5, 7 and 8 students have been creating announcements to include over the PA system in the mornings to bring awareness about Black History Month. Presentations: Inspiration Republic presented virtually to students in grades 3-8 on Thursday, February 11. Dr. Marc Davis presentation to take place virtually for our grades 6-8 classes on Friday, February 19.

Thursday, February 25 - Community Information Night: School Uniform Vote

Friday, February 26: Day of Solidarity – Students and staff are encouraged to wear school colours to show unity. School Motto: "Strive to treat everyone with kindness, dignity and respect!"

Sacrament Update – Due to COVID restrictions in place at this time, Sacrament of Confirmation (for students in Grade 7) and First Communion (for students in Grade 2) are postponed until further notice from Father Con.

Achieving:

Resilient Students at St. Luke - Students continue to be resilient, despite the challenges with COVID-19. Overall, students have adjusted very well to being back at school!

New Kindergarten Registrations – Step One: Online component for early registration in January. Step Two: Documents needed for registration are confirmed with school secretary in person, starting February 22.

Caribou Math Contests Continue – Grade 4, 5, 6 and 8 students participated in Math test either on Wednesday, February 10 or Thursday, February 11.

Term 1 Report Cards – Go home on Wednesday, February 24, 2021.

Term 2 Official Start Date – Monday, February 8, 2021.

Return to School Plan:

Routines/expectations that will continue once students are back to school:

- Students go directly to their class lines in the morning when they arrive to school.
- Staggered entry into the building in the morning and after recess times/lunch time. Students consistently use same door.
- For the remainder of the winter months, students will continue to use lockers to store boots, winter coats, snow pants, hats and mittens/gloves. All other items will still be stored in the classrooms to avoid students lingering in the hallways. Students use hand sanitizer before they enter the classroom.
- **Masks worn at all times when students are in the school other than when eating or drinking or when teachers are giving mask breaks in the classroom when weather is not favourable for outside. New change effective Feb. 8: Masks must be worn outside before school, at recess/lunch times and at dismissal time. Parents need to wear masks when on school property.**
- Parents are encouraged to have their children arrive at school on time. If children arrive late, they go directly to class to avoid congregating in the office area.
- Use of hand sanitizer or washing of hands at the sink with soap and water has been implemented by the teachers numerous times throughout the day.
- Recess Time/Lunch Time: 2 separate recess times and lunch times to ensure students play in their designated zones.
- Washroom Use – only one student at a time in the washroom.
- Students remain in their own classrooms all day. Only exception, Mrs. Leahy's grade 3's will go to Mrs. Holowatsky's class for Science.

- Disinfectant sprays and wipes are used often by teachers in classrooms.
- Essential visitors only and meetings are to take place virtually as much as possible.
- No lunch services to date.

Other Important Items to Bring to Your Attention:

- **Grade 8 Graduation** – Due to COVID-19, **Virtual** Graduation will take place June 2021. There will be a Staff Graduation Committee to assist with Graduation Preparation/Celebration
- **Beautifying our School** – Thank you to Mrs. Thorn and Mr. Morris for putting together and maintaining the gorgeous Winter urns at the front of our school! Mrs. Thorn will continue to change our urns with the seasons. We look forward to Spring!
- **Lenten School Initiative** – Food Drive for the Good Shepherd (Feb. 19 – March 22)
- **Stations of the Cross** – Grade 8 students to lead (Virtual Presentation for all)
- **Easter Liturgy** – Grade 7 students to lead (Virtual Celebration for all)
- **School Uniform Vote Timeline** – Monday, March 8 to Friday, March 15; Results to be shared with St. Luke Community Wednesday, March 17