

Catholic School Council Administrator's Report: May 13, 2021

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

Easter Egg Hunt and Virtual Easter Liturgy (April 6) – Both were a huge success! Thank you to our parent volunteers for making the Easter Egg Hunt enjoyable for our students! They were excited to participate in the hunt and they appreciated the treat bag! Thank you to Mr. Saturno and the Grade 7 students for their leadership putting together our beautiful Virtual Easter Liturgy!

Kindergarten Orientation Virtual Presentation – Took place on Wednesday, April 21 at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of this virtual presentation was to inform parents of the Kindergarten program and to provide pertinent information about St. Luke CES for those new to Kindergarten or St. Luke school. The Kindergarten Teacher, Early Childhood Educator, Special Education Resource Teacher and Principal hosted the virtual presentation. To date, we have approximately 7 new students starting Kindergarten at St. Luke in September.

Sacramental Update – Grade 7 Confirmation Parent Meeting: Tuesday, May 4. Grade 2 First Communion Parent Meeting: Tuesday, May 11 on Zoom. Tentative dates for sacraments are still Tuesday, June 1 for Confirmation and Saturday, June 5 for First Communion. The school will be taking direction from Father Con (and the Diocese) to determine whether we will still be able to celebrate these sacraments in June. If not, Father is looking at postponing until late September, early October.

Catholic Education Week: May 3 – May 7 (Nurturing Hope) – Teachers and classes participated in various activities throughout the week. Walk with Jesus took place on Thursday, May 6 at 10:00 a.m. Students were encouraged to walk with their families at a time suitable for them.

Mental Health Awareness Week: May 3 – May 7 – Recognition during this week and week of May 10 of the importance of our mental health. Link to resources provided on parents/guardians weekly update and on teachers' D2L platforms.

Graduation Photos Distribution – Distribution of Graduation Photos at the school Tuesday, May 11 and Wednesday, June 12. Thank you to Mrs. Thorn for assisting with the distribution process at the school!

Social Media and Internet Safety Virtual Presentation Lead by Paul Davis – Three presentations in total on May 13. First presentation is for students in grade 3-6, the second presentation grade 6- 8 to attend. Evening presentation at 6:00 p.m. for parents and guardians.

Dress Loud Day – Friday May 21: Bring awareness to individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing. Teachers will bring awareness to their students through lessons and class discussions on this day.

Asian Heritage Month – May is Asian Heritage Month. It is a time to acknowledge and celebrate the history of Asian Canadians and their contributions to our country. Teachers will bring this awareness to their students through class discussions, lessons and activities.

National Indigenous Awareness Month – June is National Indigenous Awareness Month. A time to celebrate the history, heritage and diversity of Indigenous communities. Teachers will incorporate lessons, activities to help bring awareness to our students throughout the month of June.

Achieving:

Caribou Math Tests – Students participated in this test week of April 6. Mrs. Pomirko shared results with the classroom teachers.

Resilient Students at St. Luke - Students continue to be resilient, despite the challenges with COVID-19 and the many changes that have taken place this school year. On April 19, students and staff went back to virtual learning. Monday was considered a transition day for in-person classes to allow for tech distribution and teachers to plan accordingly. Most of the technology was distributed prior to Spring Break. Overall, it has been a smooth transition back to virtual learning. Staying positive and taking it one day at a time has been the common message!

Change to Learning Environment Survey for September – Another survey will be accessible for parents/guardians to complete in June. This will be the last opportunity for parents/guardians to decide whether their children will learn virtually or in-person in September. Based on results from the March survey, St. Luke has 7 students who will remain virtual in September.

Term 2 Report Cards – Families will receive on Wednesday, June 23.

Other Important Items:

- **Grade 8 Graduation** – Date for Virtual Graduation: Tuesday, June 22, 2021. Students will watch the prerecorded Virtual Graduation Ceremony with their families in the evening; Time to be determined. On Wednesday, June 23, graduates (along with their parents/siblings) will have the opportunity to come

by the front of the school during a scheduled time to receive their diplomas and gifts. Graduation lawn signs have been ordered; dates for pick up will be arranged in June – hopefully at least one week before the graduation.

- **Beautifying our School** – Landscapers have begun the work in our gardens at the front and side of the school. All the bushes have been removed, black mulch and armour stone has been put in the gardens. Various types of decorative grasses will be planted sometime in May.