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Dear Students, Families, and Staff,

As we embrace the month of May—a month dedicated to our Blessed Mother Mary—we are reminded of her grace, strength, and unwavering faith. May is a beautiful time in our Catholic calendar to reflect on Mary's example and deepen our own spiritual journey through acts of compassion, prayer, and community.

This first week of May, we joyfully celebrate Catholic Education Week, a time to give thanks for the gift of faith-based learning and to highlight the many ways our school community lives out the gospel values each day. Alongside this, we are also recognizing Mental Health and Wellness Week, as we affirm our commitment to nurturing the mind, body, and spirit of each member of our school.

We have a number of exciting events planned during this week, including a Teacher vs. Student Volleyball Game Buy-In, and a vibrant Wellness Wednesday on May 7th, featuring outdoor games, mandala colouring, dancing, and other activities to promote joy, balance, and connection.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs. Lisa Tyson, our new Chaplaincy Leader, who will be walking with us in faith and supporting our spiritual growth. We are also beginning preparations for our Graduation Celebrations, an important milestone in the lives of our Grade 12 students.

This month is rich with activity:

- * Spirit Day on May 14
- ·* Our celebrated Arts Menagerie Nights on May 14 and 15, with a dress rehearsal on May 13 attended by our Grade 7 feeder school students
- * A Professional Development Day on May 16
- * Student Council Elections for Grades 9-11 on May 29
- * Culminating Grade 12 Retreat on May 28, a day of reflection, gratitude, and blessing.

As always, we thank you for your continued support and partnership in Catholic education. May this month be filled with peace, joy, and the loving presence of Mary in your homes. Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable Victoria Day long weekend.

Blessings,

Ms. Allegretto







Catholic Education Week Prayer

Hope is our calling, O Lord, and the destination of our pilgrim journeys. As we mark this Jubilee Year of hope, keep our eyes focussed on Jesus, and on the hope he reveals to us.

May our hope lead us to love genuinely and to live generously.

In the dignity of every human being, may we honour your presence. In our stewardship of creation, may we care for your creatures, large and small.

As we strive to respond to the poverties of our world, may we be bearers of your compassion.

As we live as people of solidarity, may we help to heal the divisions of our world.

In our lives as peacemakers, may we share the "Shalom" which is your gift to all people.

Hope is the flame that has been entrusted to us; may we keep it burning brightly, to enlighten the path of our pilgrim journey.

All our hope is in you, O God, in the name of Jesus our Lord and companion.

Amen.



"We must fan the flame of hope that has been given to us."

Pope Francis





UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 5TH - MAY 9TH
Catholic Education Week
Mental Health Week

WEDNESDAY MAY 7TH
Wellness Day

FRIDAY MAY 9TH
Period 4 Volleyball Buy-out

MAY 12TH & MAY 14TH
Arts Menagerie Arts Show 6:00 PM

THURSDAY MAY 15[™]
Grade 10 Religion Retreat

FRIDAY MAY 16TH
PD DAY (no School)

MONDAY MAY 19TH
Victoria Day (No School)

WEDNESDAY MAY 21ST
Spirit Wear Day

WEDNESDAY MAY 28[™]
Grade 12 Retreat

THURSDAY MAY 29TH
Student Council Elections



VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

