# HOLY NAME CES

## Principal's Message

Dear Parent(s) & Guardian(s),

Welcome to the month of February! We have a busy month ahead. We celebrate Black Heritage Month; it is a time for Canadians to celebrate the many achievements and contributions of Black Canadians who, throughout history, have done so much to make Canada the culturally diverse, compassionate, and prosperous nation it is today. Students will be engaged in lessons, discussion, and reflection throughout the month. We welcome back Duane Gibson to Holy Name, last year Duane presented virtually to our students and we are excited to have him back live on the 17th!

On February 22nd, Term 1 Report Cards will be available (after 4 pm) via our Parent Portal. If you require further information or technical support please visit our support website:

https://sites.google.com/ycdsb.ca/ycdsbparentportal I would like to recognize the hard work and efforts put forth by our students in Term 1. Let's carry this momentum into Term 2!

There are several significant dates this month; we celebrate Family Day on Monday, February 20th. We are grateful for the day and the ability to enjoy the love, care, and precious time with our loved ones. French Carnaval at school is from February 6th to 10th. Our Carnaval Committee has been busy organizing a week of fun-filled activities for all of our students and staff. Please see the spirit week calendar attached for the week of February 6th to 10th. We extend a sincere thank you to all of our French teachers for their dedication and enthusiasm in organizing and leading the Carnaval activities. Together with our wonderful Catholic School Council we also welcome back our traditional Shrove Tuesday celebration. All students will receive pancakes on the morning of February 21st. More details will follow. On Ash Wednesday, this year on February 22nd, we begin the season of Lent, a time of simplifying oneself and preparing for Easter. It is a time of prayer and reaching out to others and reflecting on what is truly important in our lives. Father John will be celebrating mass and distributing ashes on Wednesday at 9:30 am.

Wishing you all a great month ahead.

Irish prayer for wisdom;

Always remember to forget
The things that made you sad.
But never forget to remember
The things that made you glad.
Always remember to forget
The troubles that passed away.
But never forget to remember
The blessings that come each day.
Amen.

#### KEY DATES IN FEBRUARY

#### February: Black Heritage Month

February 3rd - PA Day

February 8th- Catholic School Council Meeting @ 7pm

February 6th -10th- French Carnaval

February 14th - Director Scuglia Visits Holy Name!

February 17th - Duane Gibson Presentation (K-8)

February 20th - Family Day (no school)

February 21st - Shrove Tuesday

February 22nd - Ash Wednesday Mass with Father John @ 9:30

February 22nd - Pink Shirt Day

February 22nd- Report Cards (via Parent Portal)

February 24th - Civvies Day

Sincerely,

Mr. Zovzi



<u>Winter Weather:</u> Please exercise caution around the school during snowy and icy conditions. While the Board and the school work to minimize slippery ice patches or other hazardous conditions, we caution everyone to use great care when walking in and around the school. Although we plow, shovel, salt, sand and mop, winter weather in Canada comes with its challenges. Thank you for your cooperation in minimizing falls!







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