

# HOLY NAMES

## Principal's Message

Dear Families,

With the arrival of March, we welcome a month filled with renewed energy, growth, and opportunity. As daylight increases and signs of spring begin to appear, there is a natural sense of optimism in the air. That same spirit of renewal is evident in our classrooms, where students continue to build on their learning and embrace new challenges with enthusiasm.

On Wednesday, February 18, 2026, we began the sacred season of Lent with Ash Wednesday and although our mass was canceled due to the inclement weather, we are grateful that we were able to reschedule and celebrate mass with Father John last week. Lent offers us a special time for reflection, prayer, and acts of kindness and service. Throughout the coming weeks, our students will participate in activities and discussions that support their spiritual growth and encourage them to live out our faith in thoughtful and tangible ways.

Our Catholic virtue for March is Perseverance. This virtue reminds us to remain hopeful and determined, even when faced with challenges. Whether students are working through complex math problems, developing their reading skills, practicing for a performance, or navigating friendships, perseverance helps them grow in confidence and resilience. Through prayer, literature, classroom discussions, and daily examples, we will continue to nurture this important character trait in our school community.

March is also shaping up to be an exciting and active month for our extracurricular programs. Our Junior and Intermediate Dance Teams kicked off the month and competed at St. Elizabeth, where both teams delivered two outstanding performances. We are extremely proud of their dedication and commitment, way to go Huskies! In addition, our Intermediate girls' and boys' basketball teams will take part in their respective tournaments, and our first-ever Junior Hockey Team is set to compete in the Winter Classic at the end of March. In addition, Rock, Paper, Scissors Club, Intermediate Intramurals, and Rosary Club, to name a few will continue to engage students throughout the month.

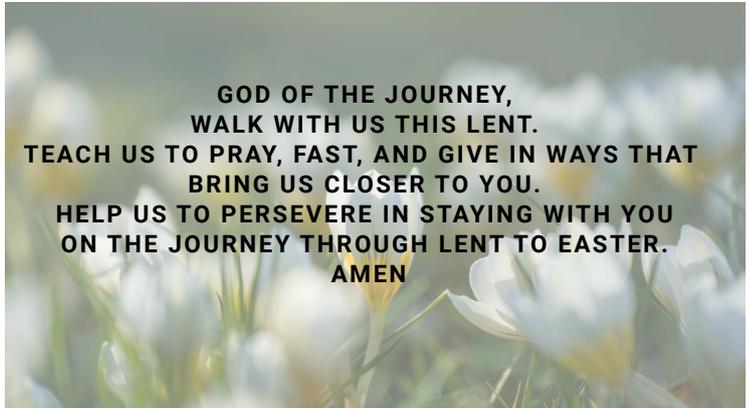
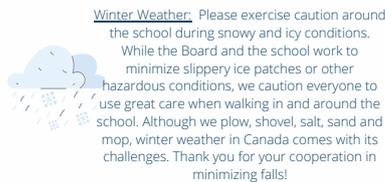
Academically, Term 2 is well underway. Our staff remains deeply committed to providing engaging and meaningful learning experiences while supporting the social and emotional well-being of every child. As we move into the latter half of the school year, we encourage students to set personal goals and continue striving for their very best.

We also look forward to March Break from March 16–20, 2026. This pause in our busy schedules provides a valuable opportunity for rest, family time, and renewal. We hope everyone enjoys a safe and refreshing break and returns ready to embrace the final months of the school year with energy and enthusiasm.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. Together, we make our school a vibrant place of faith, learning, and community.

Sincerely,

Mr. Zorzi



## KEY DATES IN MARCH

- March 2<sup>nd</sup>: Junior & Intermediate Dance Competition
- March 5<sup>th</sup>: Intermediate Boys Basketball Tournament @ St. Mary
- March 5<sup>th</sup>: Intermediate Girls Invitational Basketball Tournament @ St. Katharine Drexel
- March 8<sup>th</sup>: Daylight Saving Time
- March 9<sup>th</sup>: Intermediate Girls Basketball Tournament @ St. Elizabeth Seton
- March 12<sup>th</sup>: Board Lenten Celebration of the Eucharist with Bishop Boissonneau
- March 13<sup>th</sup>: STREAM Trip – Gr. 2/3 Ms. Cristello
- March 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> – March Break
- March 21<sup>st</sup>: World Down Syndrome Day
- March 23<sup>rd</sup> – Down Syndrome Awareness - Wear Mismatched Socks Day
- March 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> – Sharelife Week
- March 23<sup>rd</sup> to April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Hot Lunch Phase 3 Open to Order
- March 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> – Lenten Confessions with Father John and Parish Priests
- March 24<sup>th</sup> – Trip FDK/Gr.1 - Maple Syrup Festival @ Kortright
- March 24<sup>th</sup> – Ice-Dawg Orders Due
- March 25<sup>th</sup> – Grade 8 Grad Photo Retake
- March 26<sup>th</sup> – Epilepsy Awareness - Purple Shirt Day
- March 27<sup>th</sup>: Civvies Day
- March 27<sup>th</sup>: Mass with Father John
- March 27<sup>th</sup>: Maple Syrup Fundraiser Kick Off!
- March 30<sup>th</sup>: Junior Hockey Tournament
- March 30<sup>th</sup> to April 3<sup>rd</sup>: Holy Week

**Mission**

With Jesus Christ as our model, we provide all students with a Catholic education rooted in equity, well-being and learning.

**Vision**

A recognized leader in Catholic education committed to inclusion, excellence and innovation that develops socially responsible global citizens.

**Values**

Catholicity

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Fiscal Responsibility

Integrity

Excellence

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Equity, Diversity & Inclusion

Respect

**Strategic Commitments**

Catholic Faith  
Equity and Inclusion  
Student Achievement  
Well-Being



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