

PARENT COUNCIL MARCH 2016

1. Opening prayer – led by Cara

2. Welcome

3. Principals Report

- Board website has been re-launched; all elementary schools will also have their school websites re-designed (Carolyn did a tour of the St. Chris school website). If there is feedback for the new website let Carolyn know
- Twitter can be accessed from St. Chris website which is an instant way to keep in touch with parents and school activities
- OneDrive is an important tool for students to use in order to complete work in-between school and home
- Fundraising efforts are seeing chrome books purchased, scientists in the school coming into all classrooms and UPower presentation (stand up to bullying)
- PA day focused on school improvement plan, specifically:
 - math
 - well being/wellness (red, yellow, blue, green, being able to recognize their own feelings)
 - Pathways piece to explore possibilities and relating that to math and the various jobs of people who come to visit
- Math focus for March has been reasoning and representing, thinking through math problems and what tools you can choose to show those answers
- Father Bolo came to hear confessions in the gym
- Rosary Friday's have been a terrific success, CWL Rosary apostolate comes into the classrooms and teach students about the rosary
- Crunch day, everyone got an apple and all crunched at the same time.
- Campfire day for earth hour
- Staffing:
 - Ms. Evangelista is gone and Ms. Kilroy is back
 - Mr. Gallagher retired
- Socks for souls, collected over 700 pairs of socks
- Catholic Graduate Expectation for March is I am a team player
- Swim to survive for grade threes
- Passion liturgy is on Thursday at 1pm

4. Important Upcoming Dates:

- April 7: Grade 4/5 - Sugarbush tour
- April 12: DPIC
- April 14: Rosary
- April 15: PA Day
- April 19: School mass
- April 26: Family night at 5:30
- April 23, 24, 30, May 1: First Communion
- April 20: JK registration orientation at 6:30 PM
- April 20: FDK/1/2/3 - Ms. Hussein is coming as a guest artist
- April 28: Grade 8 write a special assessment called the pan-Canadian assessment in literacy, numeracy and science in the morning
- Endo of April: Cops for cancer, set a goal of \$4000 to raise for cancer research
- May: Confirmation May 5; Soccer and Camp Samac May 18-19; YMCA walk on May 25;
- June: Graduation June 28; Last day of school is June 29

5. Family Night

- Pizza and water at 5:30
- Gym will be open with LEGO stations for spatial reasoning
- 6-6:30 Mike Jacobs will come and speak to the parents

6. Ontario Association of Parents for Catholic Education

- Starting next year it will be a parent council position
- It is communication between Ontario parents, schools, teachers, administration
- Most of the communication is via email

7. For Next Meeting:

- Go home and think of ideas for program next year as the pro grant is due in May

8. Next Meeting: April 18 at 7PM

9. Closing Prayer