

Principal's Report to Council – Monday, September 26, 2016

Faith Development:

- **Catholic Education Theme:** Walking Forward Together/Aller De L'Avant Ensemble
- **Monthly Theme:** A COLLABORATIVE CONTRIBUTOR/BUILDING COMMUNITY
- The Gr. 4 students received the Holy Bible on Sept. 21st following our school mass
- We will be organizing visits from the Rosary Apostolate for all grades
- We continue to foster the relationship between school and parish, working collaboratively with Father Lazlo and Father Marijan. Father Marijan will continue his visits to our school on a regular basis throughout the year
- Rebecca Morgan, Holy Family Youth Minister, will continue to join us for school Masses and visit our students; Youth Newsletter can be found on our school website under 'Our School' and then click on 'Our Parish'
- The Board's Religion Consultant and Faith Animator also play an active part in our school life ensuring that we have the religious resources needed for our Catholic Curriculum and providing faith development opportunities for staff members
- M. Smith and Mme DelRosso and 8 students will attend WE DAY on Oct. 19. Mme DelRosso and M. Smith will continue to work with our Social Justice Team.

Student Safety

- **Safe and Caring Schools Week** – Staff and students took part in a number of drills and attended a Safe Schools Assembly
- Lock Down and Bomb Threat procedures have changed – See parent information posted on school website under 'News'.
- Staff have been trained in new Lock Down and Bomb Threat procedures; Safe Schools assembly takes place on Fri. Sept. 30 to go over new procedures.

Staff/SIP:

- Staff were involved in a variety of PD activities: Ministry of Education Goals, DCDSB Improvement Plan, St. Mark SIP, numeracy, literacy, Mental Health, on the P.A. Day in August
- Our school improvement plan will focus on Teaching and Learning in Numeracy once again this year; Mental Health and Well-Being; and Pathways Thinking and Integration

Sports:

- Our Cross Country Team runs tomorrow, GOOD LUCK!
- Tryouts for the Flag Football Team are underway
- Preliminary meetings for our volleyball teams have begun, stay tuned.
- Our Terry Fox Run will take place on Sept. 29 starting at 12:45 pm. Parents are always welcome to participate!
- A special thank you to our dedicated staff who give so much of their time to coach our teams.

Fundraising:

- Staff wish list: More iPads to fill cart with 35 spaces, projector/cart/screen for portable, sports equipment, Primary basketball net, more wishes forthcoming.

Parent Volunteers NEEDED: Please contact the school if you wish to volunteer in our school.
Volunteer letters coming home soon!!