



**Canadian Martyrs Catholic School
March Newsletter**

March Virtue - Forgiveness - Work Hard; Be Kind

A Spring Prayer

*Dear God:
Spring is a metaphor for change. Some changes we eagerly await, and some we abhor. Some changes we plan and others arrive uninvited. To all these changes we ask the gift of Your perspective beckoning us to expectation, hope, and rebirth.*

May the sunlight and the rain be reminders that You are at work renewing the earth. As a God of renewal, You are ever at work in our lives, too.

Open our eyes and lives to the needed changes in our lives this Spring. Awaken us to new life and perspective, for we pray in Jesus' name.

Amen.

<https://www.chausa.org/prayers/prayer-library/general-prayers-and-prayer-services/seasonal-and-holidays/spring-prayer>

Celebrating the Virtue of Love



Father Silvio celebrated the beginning of Lent with us on Ash Wednesday



A big thanks for the generous donation from the Town of Penetang to our Snack program. These donations allow us to provide healthy snacks and lunches for students throughout the school day.



Volunteers Needed

We are in search of a few people to assist with our snack program. Every morning bins are prepared with nutritious snacks and brought to classrooms to supplement children who may need a little extra. If there are any parents or grandparents who might be able to volunteer for an hour or so in the morning (it would not have to be everyday), please contact Mrs. Weishar in the front office. A current Criminal Background Check with Vulnerable Sector Screening is necessary.

Grade 7 Students and Cyber Seniors



Mr. Schaap's grade 7 students sharing their cyber skills with interested seniors at the Georgian Village.

Your Parent Council Needs You!

The Parent Council is a very important part of every school. It serves to work with the staff in ensuring great opportunities for our students. The commitment can be as small (one meeting per month) or large (assist at Bingos) as what works for you. Only three parents attended the last meeting and two of those parents will be graduating this year. We are looking in particular for someone who might have some accounting experience to potentially serve as the Treasurer of Council. Please consider giving a bit of time to support your Parent Council.



Next Meeting: Monday, April 24 6:00 PM - in the library, all are welcome!

Sports Corner

The senior girls volleyball and senior boys basketball seasons wrapped up just before March Break. Both teams had a great showing, learning lots of new skills and demonstrating great sportsmanship.



The Curling season also wrapped up with the final Bonspiel before March Break. Our junior curling teams had a very successful season with all players demonstrating improved skills in sweeping, throwing and game strategy making. The all-day bonspiel saw one team rise to the occasion and make it to the championship where they, after a rocky 2-0 first end deficit, roared back with 5 unanswered points over the next three ends to win yet another championship banner. Congratulations to skip Kemper B., vice Ryenne T., Addy R. and Ethan F. Cheers! Mr. B.



Student Illness

Just a reminder to please contact the office to let us know if your child will not be at school. As well just a reminder to please keep your child home until symptoms such as vomiting or fever are gone for at least 24 hours. We have medically fragile students in our school and germs are quickly spread. Please help us to keep them healthy!

April Virtue - Responsibility

Mrs. Douglas's Grade 1 & 2 class led our assembly today introducing the April Virtue of responsibility. We are encouraging students to take responsibility for our school environment - turning off lights, picking up garbage, and taking care of their belongings. New recess equipment is also being ordered and we are asking students to help take care of it as well. Over the last year we have gone through approximately 40 ball hockey sticks and 10 basketballs. Some have been broken due to use, but others have been broken because of misuse and neglect. The Parent Council generously supports the purchase of outdoor equipment, but this is the last time it will be replaced if students are not able to help us look after it.