Greetings,

It is hard to believe that we have not been together as a school community since Christmas break! Although this is certainly not ideal and the impact of virtual learning is significant, I am immensely proud of our staff, students AND FAMILIES for the resilience, grit and faith they have demonstrated. Your educators are working tirelessly, around the clock, to plan virtual lessons, develop assessments and find new ways to engage students remotely. Our students are spending countless hours adapting to the new learning environment, practicing new skills and developing the independence needed to demonstrate their learning. And you, our families, you have made an incredible adjustment to your routines – balancing work, home and school life every day. For everyone in our school community, I send my true and sincere thanks. Hopefully we will be able to be back together in school very soon.

February is Black Heritage month and your children will be learning and celebrating more about the contributions of black men and women. Officially established in Canada in 1995, this month provides an opportunity to "...share and learn about the experiences, contributions, and achievements of peoples of African ancestry." - Historica Canada  Your child will engage in activities that explore the significant contributions of black people and inspire connection, hope, understanding and love.

May God continue to bless you abundantly,

Marylin Dawson
Principal

Important Dates for the Month

February

1st – beginning of “B Mindful” as a focus with our Umbrella Project
1st – beginning of Black Heritage month
2nd – Catholic School Advisory Council mtg 7pm. All are welcome – link is on our school Google calendar
15th – Family Day – no school (remote or in person)  Enjoy this day with gratitude
17th – Ash Wednesday - First Day in the season of Lent
18th – Term 1 Report Cards come home

Always check our school calendar on our website for updated dates and information
Home, School and Parish – The Ultimate Triad and Heart of our Community!

Check out the amazing events happening in YOUR community:

There are no community events to list this month. All events have been cancelled or postponed due to Covid

Our church has a Sacramental Prep team, Lisa Hodgkinson and Angela McLean. They will be working alongside our families and candidates as they prepare for the sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation. Grade 2 and Grade 7 families, please ensure you have completed the survey that was sent home via School Messenger. It is very important that the church has the information they need.

If your child is not baptized, perhaps now is a good time to consider that choice. All children who are baptized may seek the sacrament of Holy Communion. Reach out to Father Hope at the church if you have any questions. He is eager to meet our families and continue to build a vibrant parish life.

You will see on our Twitter that we are challenging everyone to share kindness and love this month. Here is the calendar that has been shared.

![Action Calendar: Friendly February 2021](image)

*The best way to cheer yourself up is to cheer somebody else up* – Mark Twain

*The only way to have a friend is to be one* – Ralph Waldo Emerson

Update on our new HOME in Breslau!

Our new school is really coming along. The building is completed on the outside and even the windows have been installed. They continue to be on target for our opening in September.

If you have any picture or memories of our current school, please contact the office to share. We would like to gather a collection for a media presentation.

Take up the challenge and try these activities with your family and friends! Remember to #GatheredtoBecome #StBonifaceCES #kindness