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A Reflection ~ A Time to Say Farewell

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Congratulations Chase Robertson, Bradley Thoms, Riley Couturier, Keara Finucane, Hendrix Leveck, Spencer Leveck, Elizabeth Ethier and Kelsea Moore on your First Holy Communion. May God’s love and blessings be with you today and remain with you always.

You’ve prepared your heart in so many ways for your Confirmation Day, through study, prayer and service. By praying you will continue to live a life of faith, inspired and strengthened by the Holy Spirit. God bless you and be with you always: Dustin Ethier, Curtis Thoms, Reuben Jamieson, Spencer Lessard, Jordan Drapeau, Hannah Bejjany, Hunter Robertson, Spencer Leveck, Garrett Robertson and Jonah Bejjany.

We want to take this opportunity to thank Father Kenny and Father Michael for their help and support of our school. The school and parish work together to provide inks in the parish-school-home triad.

We also want to thank all of you, the parents, for your on-going support of our school community. The support that you give to your children and the school staff is so very much appreciated. When we all strive for excellence, we bring out the best in ourselves and in one another. Our Lady of Grace Catholic School is truly a “School to Believe In”. Wishing you all a wonderful and safe summer!!!

Thank You
Staggered Bells Continue For Next School Year

Please make note on your calendars for next school year 2015-2016.

School will begin on Tuesday, September 1, 2015.

Our Lady of Grace Catholic School will begin at 9:25 a.m. and end at 3:40 p.m.

Personal Thanks

On behalf of the staff and myself, we would like to extend to you and your family a very happy and enjoyable holiday. Also, we would like to thank all the children who participated in our fundraising and hot lunches. Remember, all profits go to benefit the children in the school. Parents, please remember that home and school work in a partnership to provide the best possible education for your child. For your continued cooperation, positive support and affirmation, the staff and I are most appreciative.

Mrs. Dubeau

September Information

If you are planning any changes for the upcoming school year (e.g., moving out of zone, out of town, etc.) please call and notify the OLG office or email mdubeau@rccdsb.edu.on.ca

OLG Volunteer and Welcome to Our Lady of Grace End of Year BBQ!!

We will be having our traditional “Volunteer and Welcome to our School BBQ” on Thursday, June 18th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the school. We would like to recognize all who have helped us throughout the year and welcome our new families.

We look forward to a wonderful evening! Check out our flyer!!

End Of Year Reports

Thursday, June 25th is the last day of school for the children. Grade JK-7 reports will be sent home on June 24th, 2015.

Please remember to return the 3rd page of the report card to school by Thursday, June 25th. Thank you

For the last few days in May and the first few days in June, our grade three and six students have been writing the EQAO provincial test. The students have been putting forth their best effort in all aspects of the test and the teachers are pleased with their students’ overall desire to achieve their personal best results. Student results will be shared with our school community in the fall.
Calling All Parents ~ Please Complete!

Just a reminder to please fill out the Parent School Climate Survey before the links are removed from the websites. These links will be active until the beginning of next week. (June 9)

The survey is found on both the Safe schools website and the PIC website. Both links are below...SS website: http://safeschools.rccdsb.edu.on.ca/PIC website: http://parentinvolvementcommittee.rccdsb.edu.on.ca/

Bishop Smith Catholic High School has invited grade 4-6 to attend a dress rehearsal of the musical “Annie”. The class will have lunch then attend this amazing show!!

Shopping For September......2015-2016

Parents will still be responsible for providing some personal consumable supplies for the children in September, 2015. A letter will be sent home with report cards for each child outlining some personal supplies for next school year. Thank you.

Reminder

Please encourage your child(ren) to bring and wear hats and sunscreen on hot, sunny days. Information from the Canadian Dermatology Association tells us that “Regular use of sunscreen in combination with the wearing of wide-brimmed hats and protective clothing will help to prevent premature aging, pre-cancerous and cancerous growths.

"Skin never forgets!"

Take me out to the ball game ....

On Thursday, June 11th, Grades 4 to 6 students from OLG will participate in the annual Westmeath World Series. Thanks to all the families who came out last year and to the families who plan to attend this year to cheer on our teams. A big round of applause goes to Mr. Sicoli, Miss Cindy and to the grade 7 students, parent volunteers who will be assisting that day. Go Teams Go!!

Virtue of the Month

The Month of May ~ Fortitude The Month of June ~ Humility
Growth mindset reflections on faith

A difference in mindset doesn't simply involve our view of ourselves or our children. Even more important is our view of the universe. If there is no God, then our ultimate fate really is 'carved in stone'. Finitude, human fallibility, mortality and the law of entropy will eventually prevail.

But with God, every moment becomes different and open to possibilities for growth and reconciliation.

For Christians with a fixed mindset, spiritual formation is about being like Jesus and for those with the growth mindset it is about becoming like Jesus. Since the first sees talents and abilities as innate, any struggle or setback leads us to stop trying, while for the second each challenge is viewed as an opportunity to grow.

Spiritual transformation is not about a smooth road protected from difficulty. Tragic losses, physical illness, or unspeakable childhoods. These individuals can be formed through time, trials and trust in a merciful God.

I wonder if the fixed mindset with its concern for maintaining superior positioning based on an innate quality can actually practice humility? It seems that the growth mindset with its better recognition of abilities and areas for improvement or reconciliation may have the upper hand in actually living a life of humility.

Do you see yourself as being transformed by God as you journey with God through this life, or as having already arrived? Is your mindset one of growth or is it fixed?