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⚡ SMM FRIDAY FLASH- February 3-7, 2025 ⚡

Dear Families,

Even though February is the shortest month of the year, it is marked by a number of religious and secular feasts. Perhaps this is a sign of human resilience in the face of a lingering winter! This month we celebrate the virtue of wisdom, one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. In fact the spirit of wisdom is perhaps the virtue most closely associated with the Third Person of the Trinity. *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* states: "Wisdom is a breath of the power of God, and a pure emanation of the glory of the Almighty; therefore nothing defiled gains entrance into her." February is Black Heritage Month which is a time to celebrate the many achievements and contributions of people of African Ancestry to the development and culture of the Church and of Canada. Black Heritage Month is about celebrating Black Excellence. It is about celebrating resilience, innovation, and determination to work towards a more inclusive and diverse Canada. This year, The Lunar New Year began on January 29th, marking the beginning of the Year of the Snake, and continues until February 12. We are looking forward to an engaging month here at SMM!

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mrs. Snyder

Prayer 🙏

February Prayer of the Month: The Serenity Prayer

God, grant me the serenity to
accept the things I cannot change,
the courage to change the things I can,
And the wisdom to know the difference.



Week at a Glance-February 3-7, 2025

Monday	February 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Junior Division Winter Art Activity• BricQ Stem Motion Building (parent paid lunch program)• Pizza Lunch 🍕
Tuesday	February 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Junior Division Winter Art Activity

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pasta Tuesday 🍝 • Yearbook Committee Meeting 📅
Wednesday	February 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior Division Winter Art Activity • Harvey's Wednesday 🍔
Thursday	February 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NEW X-Press Chicken for Term 2 orders 🍗 • Lunchtime Art Class 🎨
Friday	February 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 8s- Course Selection for High School Due

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: WISDOM

Wisdom as a virtue means making good decisions and living life well. In the Catholic Church, wisdom is the grace of being able to see everything with the eyes of God, and is one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. In the month of February, students will be encouraged to reflect on the following "I will" statements:

- I will use this gift of the Holy Spirit to help me make good choices.
- I will use my knowledge and skills in a way that uplifts others
- I will act after listening to my heart.

REPORT CARDS

Our school will be delivering report cards electronically on Tuesday, February 11 (after 4:00 PM) via the Parent Portal. Parents are encouraged to sign-on to the Parent Portal in advance of February 11 to ensure your username and password will allow access. Please note that the Multimedia area of the Parent Portal is not visible until report cards are available electronically. To access this portal, please visit our school's website, and click on the parents link in the top banner. From the Parents page, you will find a link to "Connect Parent Portal ConnectEd" on the right hand side. For detailed instructions on registering, using the portal, and to seek support, please visit:

<https://sites.google.com/ycdsb.ca/ycdsbparentportal>

UPDATES FROM CSC

We have lots of great updates to share from CSC, including the upcoming launch of our annual fundraiser, and fun community building events:

SAVE THE DATE!

Skate Night: Saturday, March 29 (6:45 - 8:45 pm)

End of Year BBQ: Friday, June 6

More details & official flyers for each event to follow

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER: 🍫

We are excited to kick off our annual fundraiser in February, which will be through World's Finest Chocolates again this year. A formal flyer with full details will be sent home soon!

Prize Donations Wanted:

With several upcoming fundraising initiatives and events, we are always looking for donations to enhance our fundraising and event experiences. There is absolutely no obligation, however, if you are interested in donating funds or products to supplement these initiatives, please reach out to Mrs. Snyder for more details.

Specifically, we are looking for big ticket items to offer as prizes for our annual chocolate fundraiser including a VR headset, Nintendo Switch, gift cards and more.

ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER:

WINTER WALK DAY

The snow has fallen and the winter season is now in full swing! Celebrate the colder months of the year by staying active alongside your peers and school community with **Winter Walk Day on February 5.**

Enjoy the beauty of the snowflakes and snow-covered trees on your journey walking to and from school. Walking is healthy for our body and minds – and prepares our brains for learning.

Beyond all the health benefits, walking to school in winter is just plain fun. Try stopping to make snowballs or snow angels and you'll see what an enjoyable adventure it is to be active when getting to school as well as when returning home again. Make sure to dress for the cold weather by adding layers of clothing!

Walking together with friends and family fosters social connections and we encourage parents, teachers and the entire school community to participate alongside our students. Let's continue to celebrate walking as a fun form of exercise and an opportunity to connect with our community. Together, we can make **Winter Walk Day** an unforgettable experience for everyone!



For those who can't walk or cycle to school every day, choosing active travel once, twice, or a few days a week can still provide benefits. You can also consider parking a block away from the school and walking the rest of the way.

Remember it only takes 21 days to create a habit. Consider making small changes to your routine to get these benefits that could have major lasting impacts on your child(ren) lives. Include active travel as part of your day-to-day life.

Sincerely,

YCDSB Active School Travel Team

UPCOMING: (all important dates can be found on [the SMM website](#)):

- February 11- Report Cards available via Parent Portal (4pm)
- February 12- Wampum Presentation- Ms. Febraro's Class
- February 17-Family Day- NO SCHOOL
- February 21- Beading Buds Sacramental Workshop- Grade 2 and Grade 7
- February 26- Grade 8 Promotion Photos
- February 28- CIVVIES Day
- February 28-Primary Division Trip to Kortright Centre

