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Pius Penguin News

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School Vision:

*"Everyone succeeds,
Everyone counts!"*

*Value of the Month:
Compassion*

Message from Administration

During the month of February we celebrate the value of COMPASSION. In Luke's Gospel we read "Be compassionate as God is compassionate." We understand compassion not only as the ability to empathize with another but also to act on behalf of that other person. It is evident when we care deeply and want to help others, even if we don't know them. It is being kind and forgiving to someone who has hurt you. We practice compassion when we:

- are helpful to a person or animal in need
- notice when someone is hurt or needs a friend
- imagine how another person might be feeling
- take time to show you care
- forgive others when they make mistakes
- reach out in the broader community to share our resources and skills

Yours in Catholic Education,

Laurie Zahra, Principal



Catholic School Council – All parents and guardians are invited and most welcome to join us at our next meeting on **Tuesday, February 20th at 5:45 p.m.** at the school. Exciting plans are underway for our Community Garden! We hope to see you there!



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Report Cards go home on Tuesday 13th – for students in FDK to Grade 6 and in Care & Development. Parents are asked to read their child’s report with them and sign and complete the applicable pages to be returned to school. Teachers will request a parent interview on an individual basis. Parents are encouraged to contact their child’s teacher with any questions or concerns.

Math Before Bed: Nighttime or Anytime Numeracy Fun

“The benefits of reading stories to our children at nighttime have been shared countless times over, and for good reason. Reading improves literacy skills. Why is it that we don’t do math with our children before bed?

Math Before Bed is a collection of prompts that can inspire mathematical discussions that you and your children can have before bed, at dinner, or anytime.

Each prompt on this site shows you and your child a perplexing problem. Sometimes there is one right answer and sometimes there are many right answers. The purpose of each question is to generate a discussion about HOW you determined an answer. If you find one answer, try to find another. You could complete one prompt a night, or many prompt.” Jon Orr, author of Math Before Bed.

Visit <http://mathbeforebed.com/> for a wide selection of images and conversation starters. The site also includes an excellent guide for parents and a free print resource you can download.



School Cash Online: Have you registered for this parent portal that offers a safe, fast and convenient way to pay for school activity fees? We are asking all parents to please register and use this online system as much as possible. Any parent may call the school to arrange for a brief tutorial of the portal and have direct help in registering and getting started. Or, you may go online to <https://sudburycatholicschools.schoolcashionline.com> and click on “Get Started Today”.

Our banking software is much more efficient when we are not rolling coins and sorting bills, this saves much time and secures school money from loss and/or theft. We really appreciate all parents and guardians taking the time (although it is very easy and fast to set-up) to enrol in this Cashless System. In addition, you will receive regular emails reminding you that an item is available for purchase at your child’s school making it easier for you to track the events each month. Thank you, thank you!