



## COUGAR HIGHLIGHTS FEBRUARY 2019



*I said a Valentine prayer for you and asked the Lord above to fill your heart and bless your soul  
With the precious gift of love.*

*I prayed for love from family and from every cherished friend*

*Then I asked the Lord to give you His love that knows no end.*

January blues have quickly passed us by and now we are during the February bliss. The Virtue of this month is love. Love is a human essential. We show our love to God daily, to our family and friends. We aim to follow the two greatest commandments in all we do. This means we endeavor to develop in ourselves the habit of thinking, speaking and acting with an attitude of care and positivity to all people we meet and in all circumstances. We search for ways to be helpful to God, to our families, to our friends in our school, in our social activities and extra -curricular events. We continue to be the Face of Christ to all we meet. We love God, our Father with our whole heart, soul and mind. We love our neighbours and treat them with the same respect and kindness we want given to us.

### **Few important reminders:**

We live in Canada, dress for the weather. Remind your son/daughter of the importance of wearing a coat, hat and mittens. Hats are to be worn and not taken and tossed around. The snow is beautiful and can be used for creating snow people, forts, etc., but it is not to be thrown at any time. This can cause a serious injury and students will have consequences.

Listen to the news and/or check the HWCDSB website to see if the schools are open or closed on inclement days.

Wear boots and have indoor shoes daily. Running Shoes are the best and safest for a school setting.

We will have lockdown drills, fire drills and emergency evacuations-bomb threat drills. It is necessary to practice and be prepared. During a bomb threat, it will be announced: "Bomb threat, we must evacuate." All of these are serious, and we must take them seriously. No cellphones are permitted, even if it was real. This is for student and staff safety.

**ANAPHYLAXIS ALERT** We try to keep all students safe. **Peanuts and tree-nuts are not permitted.** This is for student safety. Some students have allergies. Keep all students safe and remember this very important rule. Send snacks that are safe. Students are not to share snacks. This is very important for Valentine Day.

**Uniforms** are mandated by the HWCDSB. Our supplier is McCarthy. Students must be in proper uniform and clothes that are supported by our policy. Please check the uniform list. Only navy-blue sweaters are permitted. Logos are available at the office.

**Parking** continues to be a concern. We enter one way and leave the opposite way whether, someone is outside directing or not. We do not stop and park cars or trucks in the front of the school or primary yard. This is a huge safety concern. Cars coming around cannot see if someone is crossing. It is also a fire lane and a bus lane. Slow down when leaving the parking lot. Arrive early and pull into a space or walk to and from the school.

**CSC meets monthly.** All parents are welcome to attend. Our next meeting will take place on February 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Our Catholic School Council is working on our next fund raiser, World's Finest Chocolate. All money raised is used for the students and betterment of the school. We will have an assembly on Tuesday February 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in the gym, if you would like to see the prizes.

**Attendance and punctuality** are important life skills. If your son/daughter is absent, call the attendance number 1-833-275-6703 or go to St. Clare Website and click on School Messenger. If you are going on holidays, let the office know in advance. Being punctual is an important skill in life. It is important for student success and growth. Students should be in line by the warning bell at **8:38** and in their classroom at **8:40**. Late attendance disrupts school prayers, announcements, basic routines. They are a disruption to the start of the day and set back to the class.

**Report Cards** will be sent home on **Tuesday, February 12th**. All students from SK – Gr. 8 will receive a report on that day. If you wish to have an interview with your child's teacher before or after that time, please call the school and contact the teacher who will schedule an interview for you at a mutually agreed upon time.

For Gr. 1—8, the stapled, 4-page original is yours to keep for your records. On the single, double sided page, we ask that your child complete the bottom of page 3 and that you complete the bottom of page 4. Please do not cut off the bottom portion. Please return the whole single sheet in the envelope provided to the child's teacher for our records. SK reports have remained in the original 3-page format. Please sign and return page 3.

This is a very important time to reflect on your goals, strengths and weaknesses. Second Term has already begun, and it is very important to strive to give your very best to maintain achievements or to improve in certain areas. Tasks that are sent home are part of the teacher's evaluation. Participation, communication, input in class activities are all very important for the end result. Encourage the completion of daily homework or review of work taught, routines, the use of the agenda and daily reading. All students should read every night. Students should be responsible for their homework. This is part of the learning skills and work habits. We must teach our children to be accountable and to accept consequences if things are not done or are not at school. Students are encouraged to have open dialogue with the classroom teachers. Parents check the agenda to see if work is completed and sign off on the completed items. If you have any concerns, questions or positive feedback, make an appointment to meet with your son/daughter's teacher.

**Science Fair** This year we had a science fair club for students interested in participating in the science fair. The System Science Fair will take place on Saturday March 4th at Bishop Ryan High School.

**Family Day - Monday, February 18th** is Family Day. There will be no school.

**Conserving Cougars** -. Boomerang Lunch every Wednesday for the remainder of the school year. That means that every Wednesday please provide your child with re-useable items in their lunch bag that can be brought back home. Providing your child with a wasteless lunch helps reduce the amount of garbage at St. Clare and creates a better environment for our students.

On **Wednesday, February 6th**, it is **WALK TO SCHOOL DAY AND WEAR YELLOW**, tops only, uniform bottoms. It is important to recognize the problems with emissions. Walking is a healthy choice! It would be **great to have everyone participate!**

**Junior Trip to the Bulldog Game - February 7th**, the students from grade 4 to 6 will be attending Literacy Day with the Hamilton Bulldogs.