

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI

JUNE 2019 COUGAR HIGHLIGHTS

‘BE THE FACE OF JESUS, SEE THE FACE OF JESUS’

It is difficult to believe that June is already here. So much has happened and we Thank God for His daily blessings.

Look upon us, O Lord, and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit. Where there is weakness, give us strength; where there is disagreement, give us tolerance; where there is misunderstanding, give us patience; where there is hurt, give us the courage to forgive and the grace to accept forgiveness. Be present in your school here and in all places; bless our work, and everything that is undertaken by our Christian sisters and brothers, for the furtherance of your kingdom of unity and love, peace and justice. We ask this in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Amen.

June is a very busy time of the year. We must remember to keep attitudes and emotions in check. The end of the school year brings excitement and happiness, but also sadness and worry.

There will be changes in the staffing, we will send home another letter addressing the changes.

We would like to bid farewell to Father Francesco Cucchi. We have been blessed with his kind spirit and sense of humour. We wish Father the very best as he moves on as Pastor - St. Anthony of Padua. Congratulations Father Francesco! Father Francesco will be missed very much.

Safety is first. School rules still apply, and all students must respect them and follow the school rules. We continue to pray daily and to follow the two Greatest Commandments.

Jesus said: **You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Mark 12:30-31** *Dear Jesus, help me to be loving. Help me to keep God at the center of my life. Thank you for all I am and all that I have. Amen* We love as Jesus does by being kind, helpful, thoughtful and obedient.

Parking in the front continues to be an issue. Do not stop the car and get out of the car in the bus lane. This is for everyone’s safety.

Allergies are critical and to be taken seriously. No nuts, peanuts or nut products are permitted at the school. Students are reminded to eat their own snacks and lunch.

Report cards will be sent home on **Tuesday, June 25th**. Please sign the last page and return this to school. Thursday, June 27th is the last day of school. It is not an early dismissal day. The last day of school we will have our Canada day Liturgy and students are asked to dress in red and white for Canada. **Friday, June 28th** is a PD day for all staff.

Our Grade 8 students are graduating and moving on to High School. We wish them the very best as they move on in their new experience. This month will be a busy time for the Grade 8’s. Final school Mass at **10:00 am** on **Tuesday, June 18th**, all parents are welcome to attend at the Church. The Grad Dinner is on June 19th at the Power House Restaurant- at **5:00 pm** - students and staff only. The Graduation is on **Thursday, June 20th** at **5:30** at St. Francis Xavier. Following the Liturgy and Awards, students will proceed to the Great Hall for the video and then back to school for the dance. Students only with staff supervision for the dance. Congratulation's to the Grade 8’s and all their families. God speed!

Thank you to the Catholic School Council for taking \$10.00 off the end of the year trips. We appreciate all the support throughout the school year. A big thank you to Mrs. German–Miller for all her dedication and loyalty to the students and the school. Thank you to Mrs. Medic and Mrs. Iannuzzi who have served on Council for at least ten years. This is true dedication. As your children move on to high school, we thank you and wish you the very best. Thank you Mrs. Germana-Miller, Mrs., Medic, Mrs. Iannuzzi, Mrs. Cutri, Mrs. Lazar, Mrs. Koscinski, Mrs. Cipriani, Mrs. Sulug, Mrs. De Bellis, Mrs. Staresina and Mme Noce for serving on Council. Thank you to all our volunteers, your time and energy is greatly appreciated.

Every year, we have drills to be ready for an emergency. We have completed a few lockdown drills. If we are in lockdown, the front door will not open for any parents or visitors to the school. If we are in a hold and secure, the door again will not be open to any outside visitors. During a fire drill, we evacuate the school and any visitors must evacuate with the staff and students. During a bomb threat, it is announced, “There has been a bomb threat, all staff and students must evacuate the school.” It is best practice to check your fire alarms in your house and to practice emergency situations on a regular basis.

St. Vincent De Paul Society is collecting pencil cases, crayons, pencil crayons, etc. for children in need in Trinidad and Tobago. If you have any items, please donate them to the school **by June 19**. See the flyer for more details.

We have a lot of activities on in June. Check the calendar.

Thank you for your continued support!