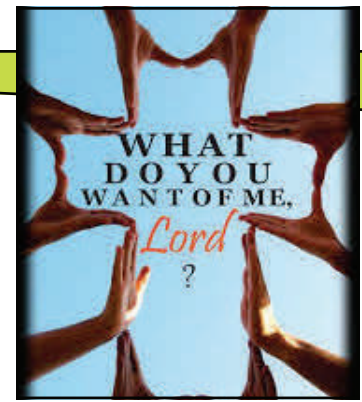


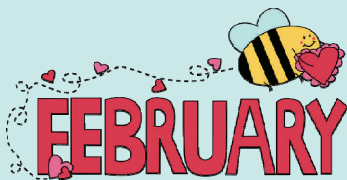
Grade 5W News!



Mark Your Calendars!!

Upcoming events:

- *Friday, February 1st: 1D School Mass*
- *Tuesday, February 5th: School Mass*
- *Tuesday, February 5th: Chinese New Year begins—12pm Dismissal*
- *Tuesday, February 12th: SFX Speech Arts*
- *Thursday, February 14th—Friday, February 15th: Catholic Educators Conference—No School*
- *Monday, February 18th: Family Day—No School*
- *Friday, February 22nd: 1W School Mass*
- *Thursday, February 28th: Science Made Fun "All Systems Go" workshop*



January was a very busy month as students prepared for the upcoming Chinese New Year celebrations with a week of calligraphy class in the JP11 room during Mandarin. Students have also been learning various songs and traditions that are part of this important cultural celebration. We hope parents and families will be able to join us on Tuesday, February 5th for Mass and the school Chinese New Year event!

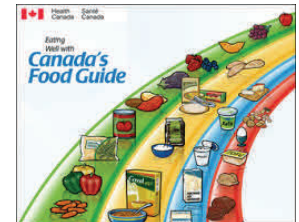
In addition, classes recently participated in two weeks of dance workshops with DANCEPL3Y. Students discover the physical, social and mental benefits of dance by experimenting with sequences and styles. The room vibrated with energy and enthusiasm during session!

Digestion

In science, the Grade 5 classes have been indulging in the fascinating world of the human body and our many systems. Come visit our classroom bulletin boards and go on an adventure through the human digestion system from the perspective of the food we eat. However, please be warned that no details have been left out!

In conjunction to our digestive system, we are reminded of the four main food groups that make a healthy meal. Parents are encouraged to talk to their child about the importance of healthy food choices and lifestyles. Health Canada has a great website with lots of information on this topic.

Next, we will take a look at the respiratory system and the mechanics of breathing.



Drama

Have you heard about dispute between the girls and boys in Grade 5?! Just ask any Grade 5 student and they can tell you all about it in our choric drama piece entitled "The Argument" by Francis J. Nesta.

The class has been working hard over the last few weeks in learning their lines, creating matching actions, and working together as a team. We are very proud of our efforts and look forward to presenting at our school's Speech Arts Festival on Tuesday, February 12th. Parents, family members, and friends are welcome to come watch and support our class!!