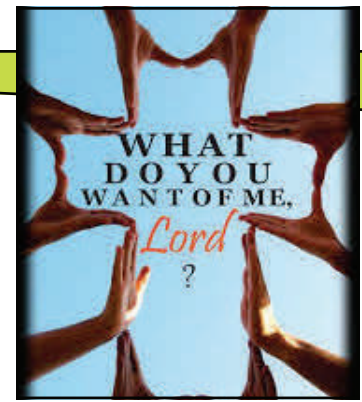


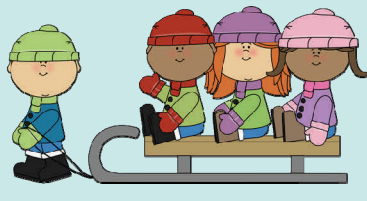
Grade 5W News!



Mark Your Calendars!!

Upcoming events:

- *Monday, January 7th: School Reopens*
- *Wednesday, January 16th: SFX Open House*
- *Monday, January 21st to Friday, February 1st: Dance Workshops*
- *Thursday, January 24th and 31st: Grades 5, 6, and 7 Whistler Ski Trip*
- *Tuesday, February 5th: Happy Chinese New Year—12pm Dismissal*
- *Tuesday, February 12th: Grades 3-5 Confessions*
- *Thursday, February 14th: Happy Valentine's Day*
- *Thursday, February 14th and Friday, February 15th: Pro. D. Days—Catholic Educators Conference*



Dear Parents,

Happy New Year!! Thank you for the many warm wishes and generous gestures for Christmas! I hope you enjoyed a blessed and relaxing holiday and that you're ready for a busy term ahead. Let's continue to live this New Year with gratitude and thanksgiving for our many blessings.

Setting Goals

With the start of a new year, the Grade 5s will spend some time reflecting on their personal strengths and challenges. Then, each student will set some short term goals for this term and briefly brainstorm an action plan for themselves in striving for these. We will periodically revisit our objectives throughout this term to help keep us accountable in reaching our goals. Parents are encouraged to dialogue and support your child in his/her endeavours.



Poets at Work

In Language Arts, we will begin our study in poetry and explore different forms such as haikus, limericks, and concrete poems. Some forms of poems challenges us to focus on creating imagery while others follow a specific formula for rhyme and number of syllables. To write great poems, we have to use our imagination and experiment with strong and interesting vocabulary. You can support your child's learning by discussing the use of different descriptive terms and looking up interesting words together in a thesaurus.

Along with poetry, the Grade 5 class will also begin to prepare for the Speech Arts Festival. This year, we will present a choric drama together with 5D which involves reciting a poem with actions!

Deeper Understanding of the Mass

In Grade 5 Religion, one of the major areas of focus is learning about the liturgical celebration of the Mass. In the following months, we will explore the many aspects of this sacrament starting with the Liturgy of the Word. We will learn that the Holy Spirit strengthens the whole community and forms us as an assembly. In worship and daily living, we show that through the Eucharist Christ lives in us and we live in Christ.