

St. Clement CES

Home of the Chargers

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From The Principal's Desk:

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This year is a Leap year, making February, which is the shortest month of the year one day longer. It may be a short month, but it will be packed with lots of events for all to enjoy. People born on the 29th of February will have the opportunity this year to celebrate on the day—making it a very special birthday for these individuals. Happy Birthday to all Leap year babies!

On Feb.11 Term 1 Report Cards were sent home, highlighting your child's successes and providing you with insight as to areas where goals can be set for improvement and development in Term 2.

February 14th is St. Valentine's Day. Wishing you and your families a wonderful day!

February 17th is Family Day – a statutory holiday, as such there is no school. We wish you and your family a wonderful day together.

Our French and Italian departments will host Carnaval/Carnevale Feb. 18 to 21- a week of fun-filled activities for all our students and staff. The halls and classrooms are decorated with images of Bonhomme and Arlecchino, in celebration of Carnaval and Carnevale respectively.

Please refer to the enclosed schedule of events for complete details for each of the daily events and activities. Wishing everyone a fun filled and educational week!

A Prayer for St. Valentine's Day

Most Gracious Heavenly Father,

*You gave Saint Valentine the courage to witness to the gospel of Christ,
even to the point of giving his life for it.*

*Help us to endure all suffering for love of you, and to seek you with all our hearts;
for you alone are the source of life and love. Grant that we may have the courage and love to be
strong witnesses of your truth to our friends and family and to the whole world. Amen.*

*On behalf of all of the staff, I would like to wish you and your family a Valentine's Day filled with
love and laughter.*

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mrs. A.C. Provato

Principal

February's Virtue of The Month is...

Wisdom

With God's grace, I
will use my conscience
as my guide.

I will love God and
others as myself.

I will use my gifts and
my creativity for the
good of all.

Mission

Guided by Gospel Values and Catholic Virtues, in partnership with home and Church, we educate and inspire all students to reach their full potential in a safe and caring environment.

Vision

Our students will become creative and critical thinkers who integrate Catholic values into their daily lives, as socially responsible global citizens.

Core Values

Catholicity, Excellence, Equity, Fiscal Responsibility, Inclusion, Integrity, Respect

Strategic Commitments

Integration of Our Catholic Faith, Continuous Improvement of Student Achievement, Effective Use of Our Resources, Engaging Our Communities



Inspire all to reach full potential

February is Black History Month

In February, we celebrate Black History Month. During this time every year, Canadians are invited to take part in events that honour the achievements and contributions of Black Canadians who, throughout history, have helped to make Canada the culturally diverse, compassionate and prosperous nation we know today. At St. Clement we will continue to learn about the experiences of many inspirational people in history by sharing this information in our classrooms, library and over the morning announcements.

Presentations by Loretta Penny

New Date: March 27

Times will be shared with you closer to the date.

Report Cards

Term One report cards were sent home with your child on Feb. 11th. Please review the report with your child and assist them with setting goals for Term Two.

Parent-Teacher Interviews are only upon request this term. If you would like to meet with your child's teacher(s) please contact the teacher and set up an interview time and date. Interviews can be either in person or by telephone.

This is also a good time to review lates and absences with your child. Punctuality and regular attendance are contributing factors for overall achievement. Early leaves at the end of the day are also disruptive to student learning and cut into instructional time and thus should be avoided whenever possible.

Clubs



The Chess Club meets on Mondays during recesses.

W5/Reach For The Top

The W5 Team has begun practicing during recesses in anticipation of competing in tournaments in upcoming months. This team includes grades 6—8 students. Teams play in a round robin format with buzzers answering intermediate questions based on the curriculum and various trivia categories.

Looking Ahead at MARCH...



March

- 3 - First Reconciliation—Gr. 2s
- 4 - Rosary Class Visits
- 9 - Hearing Tests
- 11 - Int. Boys Basketball at home Tourn't
- 12 - Int. Girls Basketball at ST. Andrews
- 12 - Scientist In The School FDK
Ms. Antoniazzi's class
- 13 - Civvies Day - Loonies and Toonies for ShareLife
- 16 - 20 March Break
- 17 - ST. Patrick's Day
- 24 - Grade 8 Grad Photo Day
- 25 - Scientist In The School—Grade 1s
- 25 - Gr. 7 Confirmation Retreat at Parish
- 27 - Loretta Penny Presentation - Black History

Check the calendar on the school Website daily for any additions and changes to dates/times and events.



In partnership with: school + home = church

Partners in Faith



First Reconciliation

March 3rd
9:15am
At the school

Grade 7 Confirmation Retreat

March 25th
10:00am - 2:00pm
ST. Peter's Parish

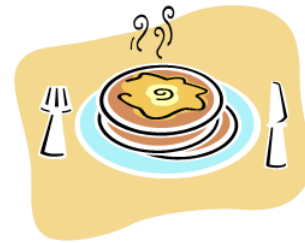
Classes will attend with their teachers for the full day.

Catholic School Council

Our next Catholic School Council meeting is on Wednesday, February 19 @ 7:00 p.m. in the Music Room (Rm # 18).

Mardi Gras/Shrove Tuesday—February 25

Students will be receiving Pancakes on Tuesday, Feb. 25th. The pancakes are peanut/nut-free. As per the letter sent home with your child, children with other dietary restrictions will be accommodated with alternate safe options. Students will enjoy their pancakes in the gymnasium with their classmates. Thank you to our Parent Council for providing the pancakes and volunteering to serve and run the event on Pancake Tuesday!



February 26 is




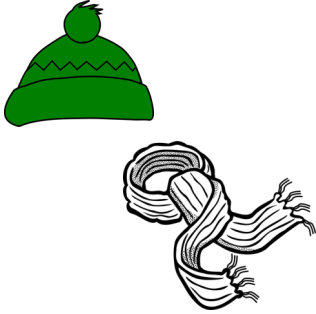
Ash Wednesday

We will be participating in the distribution of Ashes on Wednesday, February 26 at 9:45a.m.

Parents/Guardians and family are welcome to join us. Please sign in at the office.



Carnaval/Carnevale Week Schedule - 2020

Tuesday, Feb.18	Wed., Feb.19	Thursday, Feb.20
<p>International Sport Jersey Day! Wear your favourite sport jersey to support your favourite national team.</p> 	<p>Dress up like Bonhomme Carnaval/ Arlecchino Day! Wear a tuque and sash like Bonhomme or a colourful outfit like Arlecchino.</p>	<p>Wacky Hair/Hat Day! Style your hair today in a wacky way or wear a crazy hat.</p> 
<p>Class Bingo!</p> <p>Bingo words will be called out each day. The first class to call Bingo will receive a pizza snack.</p>	<p>Class Bingo!</p> <p>Enjoy a snowman cookie:~) today courtesy of the Winter Carnival Committee.</p>	<p>Class Bingo!</p> 
<p>Door Decorating Contest - Theme: <u>Winter Carnival/ Carnaval d'Hiver/Carnevale d'Inverno</u>. Judging will take place Monday morning. One winner per division. Prize: pizza snack.</p>		<p>Winter Carnival Dance! (P.M. only) Schedule for dance will be provided to teachers.</p>

Thank you in advance for all your cooperation and participation!

**Mme Bonin, Mme Curtis, Signora Barbieri, Signora Mazza
Winter Carnival Committee**





Safe & Caring Schools



Provide a safe & caring environment

Anaphylaxis—Life Threatening Allergies Valentine's Day

A kindly reminder that any Valentine's Day Bags and Valentine Cards that your child is distributing to friends and classmates **must NOT contain any food and/or candy/chocolate items.** Candy and/or food items brought in by students will not be distributed, the items will be returned to you at the end of the day.

A handmade card goes a long way. Students can personalize cards for their friends. Although it is unnecessary to bring gifts for Valentine's Day, here are just a few ideas for students who wish to bring a gift for their classmates.

Pencils



Playdough

Please Remember:

- * not to send any food treats and/or peanut or nut products;
- * not to send specific products to identified classrooms;
- * to take the time to read **all** labels which may state "May contain traces of..." or "Manufactured in a facility that produces nut/peanut products..."
- * to remind caregivers/babysitters of our allergy policies;
- * to enforce the "no food sharing" policy with your children.

Thank you! -Working together to keep our allergic friends safe."

Driveway Safety

The front driveway is reserved for buses only between 8:30 - 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 - 4:00 p.m.

- ⇒ Please do not enter the driveway during these times.
- ⇒ Never enter the driveway when the bus is there.
- ⇒ Only exit the parking lot when the bus has left the driveway and it is clear of students and adults.
- ⇒ Pedestrians **always** have the right of way.
- ⇒ When parking it is highly recommended that you back into the parking spot so that when exiting you are driving forward—increasing visibility and awareness of others around your vehicle.
- ⇒ Please do not park along the Fire route.

Lost and Found

The Lost and Found box is over-flowing with items. If your child is missing items such as clothing, lunch bags, water bottles, etc. please check the Lost and Found. The box is located opposite the display case and hallway leading to the primary hallway.



Sign in at the office and take a hall pass.

All unclaimed items, by March Break, will be packed up and donated.

National Flag Day



On February 15, Canada celebrates "National Flag Day". National Flag Day occurs during the week of February 14-18 which was designated Heritage Week by former Prime Minister Jean Chretien in 1996. Our Canadian flag is flown proudly both inside our foyer and outside the school atop the flagpole and serves as an important symbol of our country- its values, its diversity and its freedom.

Student Punctuality and Parents In Hallways

Just a reminder that school starts at 8:50 a.m. Please do your best to have your child at school on time. If students are late, they are reminded that they must sign in, get a late slip and then make their way to class.

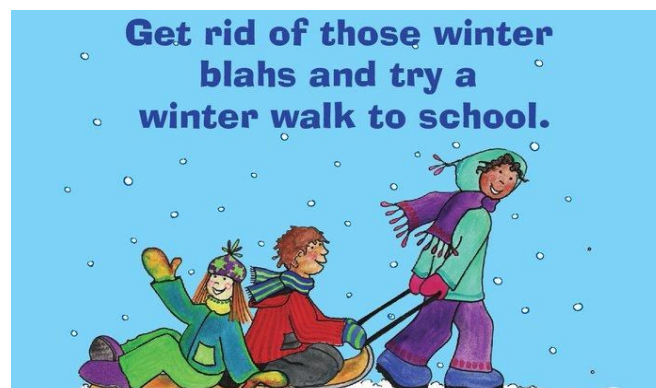
We welcome parents, and visitors to the school, however for the safety of all students, parents are reminded to **not** go beyond the foyer/office unless they have checked in at the office. We appreciate your support of these safety parameters.

February 2020 - ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL NEWSLETTER

In most households, finding time to be active together can be a challenge. Work schedules, technological gadgets and other commitments often get in the way of important time that can be shared amongst family members. Active School Travel is a great way to incorporate this active family time and only requires small alterations to your routine. Active school travel allows families to talk to each other more, be imaginative, create strong bonds, express feelings, and overall boosts self-confidence and positivity.

Walking or cycling to school or the bus stop is also a great way to meet other families and school community members which can lead to building relationships and even group walking. This helps to create safer neighbourhoods and build a greater sense of community.

WINTER WALK MONTH



February 5th was **Winter Walk Day** and was the start of Winter Walk Month. Make a commitment this February to journey outside and celebrate winter by walking to and from school or the bus stop. By dressing for the weather, keeping active and staying hydrated, you can stay warm and enjoy the winter weather.

For those who can't walk or cycle to school every day, choosing active travel two or three days a week can still provide benefits. You can also consider parking a block away from school and walking the rest of the way.

Remember, it only takes 21 days to create a habit. Consider making small changes to your routine to get these benefits that could have major lasting impacts on your child(ren) lives. Include active travel as part of your day-to-day life.

Sincerely,

YCDSB Active School Travel Team