

Greetings St. Nicholas Community,  
We hope you are enjoying your extra long weekend.



### **Black Heritage Month**

February is Black Heritage Month. Throughout this month we celebrate the many achievements and contributions of Black Canadians both past and present. We recognize the courage of those forced to fight for freedom and equality. And we give thanks for the faith, witness, leadership and sacrifice of key religious figures of African heritage both now and in the past.

St. Nicholas will be engaging in school and classroom activities that address topics of diversity and inclusivity along with celebrating being the Body of Christ. We give thanks for our shared story as the entire people of God and honour each person as a beloved member of our human family.

Students will also be learning about influential Black inventors who have made a significant contribution to our society. In particular some of our students will be participating in a STREAM activity where they will be making a working traffic light out of paper circuits to commemorate Garrett Morgan, the inventor of the 3-way traffic light.

Thank you Mrs. Totten, our teacher librarian, for organizing this activity and sharing resources with our staff.

Our grade 8 students under the leadership of Mrs. O'Brien and Ms. Plati will also be leading us in a BHM prayer service later this month.

***“The time is always right to do what is right.” - Martin Luther King Jr.***



### **Medical Information**

We would like to remind parents about our commitment to **Supporting Students with Prevalent Medical Conditions in our school**. Please note that if your child has an allergy, asthma, diabetes, epilepsy or any other prevalent medical condition, it is the parent/guardian's responsibility to inform the school of any new medical changes and/or updates.

Please refer to Policy 206 for more information - [Supporting Students with Prevalent Medical Conditions](#)



### **Carnaval Week**

This week was certainly a fun-filled week as students engaged in the Carnival festivities! They enjoyed the theme days, daily bingo, Carnival Queen and King of the day, an FDK mask parade and of

course Bonhomme's daily visits. Thank you Madame Aloisi, Madame Fera, our CSC chair and the many staff members and students who worked diligently behind the scenes! Thanks to you, Carnaval 2024 was a huge success.



*Shrove Tuesday*

### **Shrove Tuesday**

The Catholic School Council will be providing students with pancakes on Tuesday, February 13, 2024. If you prefer for your child not to receive pancakes on that day kindly send an alternative snack. More information will follow next week. More information will follow.

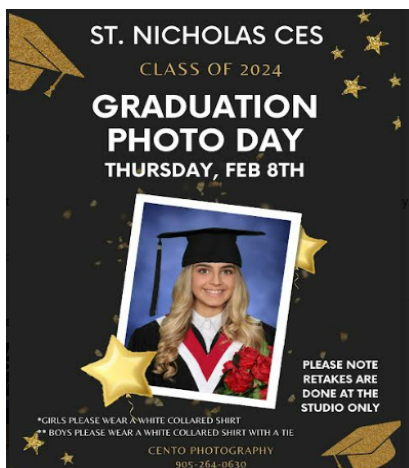


### **Ash Wednesday Service**

This year the Season of Lent begins on February 14th (Ash Wednesday). It is the time of year when our Catholic Church observes our forty-day journey toward Easter. *This day will remain a solemn one, and any classroom Valentine's Day celebrations will take place on February, 13th (shrove Tuesday).* Please join us on Wednesday, February 14, 2024 @ p.m. 12:30 p.m. for Ash Wednesday as we commence our Lenten journey. Doors will open at 12:20pm.

### **Term 1 Report Cards**

St. Nicholas will be delivering the Term 1 report cards electronically on **Tuesday, February 13th** (4:00 PM) via the Parent Portal. Parents are encouraged to sign-on to the Parent Portal in advance to ensure your username and password will allow access. Please note that the Multimedia area of the Parent Portal is not visible until report cards are available electronically. To access this portal, please visit our school's website, and click on the parents link in the top banner. From the Parents page, you will find a link to "Connect Parent Portal ConnectEd" on the right hand side. For detailed instructions on registering, using the portal, and to seek support, please visit: <https://sites.google.com/ycdsb.ca/ycdsbparentportal>



### **Say Cheese!**

Grade 8 students are asked to bring their best smile on Thursday, February 8th for their grad picture. Students are encouraged to wear a white shirt.



### **Popcorn Sales**

Popcorn Sales continue! Each bag is \$2.00.

**Mondays** - K-3

**Wednesdays** - Grades 4 - 6

**Fridays** - Grades 7 - 8



### **Winter Walk Day!**

Winter Walk Day (WWD) is an annual celebration of winter walking on the first Wednesday of February.

This year, Winter Walk Day is on **Wednesday, February 7, 2024**, and the start of Winter Walk Month. Students and families are encouraged to stay active even as the weather gets colder.

### **Looking Ahead:**

- Feb. 5 - CSC Meeting @ 7pm; Gr. 4-6 trip to Snow Valley
- Feb. 7 - Winter Walk Day
- Feb. 8 - Graduation Photo Day
- Feb. 13 - Shrove Tuesday
- Feb. 14 - Ash Wednesday Service @ 12:30 pm - All our welcome!
- Feb. 16 - Heart and Stroke kick off assembly
- Feb. 19 - Happy Family Day
- Feb. 23 - Senior's Gr. 5 students to STREAM Centre
- Feb. 26 - Mar. 1 - McArthur's Gr. 5/6 class at STREAM Centre
- Feb. 27 - Confessions @ 8:30 am; Intermediate Girls Basketball Tournament @ CMS
- Feb. 28 - Pink Shirt Day

Please visit the our school [website](#) and calendar for more information or follow us on X @SNS\_ycdsb

Wishing you a great week ahead.

M. Sanders