## ST. ANGELA MERICI

## Message from the Office

Lent is the season of preparation for Easter, the Christian Holy Days that celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Ash Wednesday is the official beginning of Lent.

Jesus fasted to bring himself closer to God. Christians do the same, believing that when a person gives up something dear to them, it makes it easier for them to think of God. Fasting does not mean you stop eating everything. For Lent, some people give up different foods, sweets, or other meats.

## LENTEN PRAYER

Almighty and Everlasting God, You have given the human race Jesus Christ our Saviour as a model of humility.
He fulfilled Your Will by becoming Man
And giving His life on the Cross.
Help us to bear witness to You
By following His example of suffering
And make us worthy to share in His Resurrection.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son.
Amen.


We would like to take this opportunity to wish our school community a safe and well deserved March Break. We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday, March $20^{\text {th }}, 2017$. May God keep each of you safe during the March Break.

## Catholic School Community Council Meeting

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 3, 2017, at 7:00 pm in the school library. Please use the front doors.

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## Confirmation

Congratulations to our Grade 7 students who received the sacrament of Confirmation on February $16^{\text {th }}, 2017$. We are so proud of each of you.

## SAFE ARRIVAL/ATTENDANCE (289) 231-2085 option 5

If your child is going to be either LATE or ABSENT from school for any reason, please call the school BEFORE 8:30am and leave a message on our 24-hour answering machine: (289) 231-2085 option 5.

## Milk Bags Wanted!

We are still collecting clean milk bags. The bags are intertwined and woven into useful mats. The mats are then donated to Africa and the homeless in Toronto.

## Basketball

Congratulations to our boys and girls basketball teams who did very well in their respective tournaments. Both teams placed second overall. Well done!

## Mabel's Labels Fundraiser

Please visit campaigns.mabelslabels.com and search for our school name to place an order and support our fundraiser!

## Junior Speech Competition

On Monday, February 27th, our junior classes, staff, and parents in attendance were treated to some great talent as students from grades 4 to 6 competed in our second annual speech competition. The talent was remarkable, making the judges' job of selecting the top three speakers a real challenge. It was very interesting and entertaining to learn what teachers really do when they're not teaching, or to hear about a family's camping tradition to Sibbald Point, or even what to consider if you only had 24 hours left to live. These topics, and many more, had the audience enthralled and wanting more.

Congratulations to all of the speakers for their great work writing interesting speeches and preparing for their amazing deliveries. It really was a treat to watch! Thank you to Mrs. Quinn for coordinating and organizing the event and to our junior grade teachers for helping out. Thank you also to our three judges: Ms. Bogardis, Mme. Bowen, and Officer Elisabeth; and our timekeeper, Angelina.

In order of speaking, our contestants were: Giulia M., Nico P., Taylor M., Madison A., Sara G., Victoria M., Jack R., Andreas A., Giancarlo G., Michaela W., Michael J., Quinn R., AJ A., Angelo A., Joey P., Ryan R., Matteo M., and Sohan J. Our top three speakers: 3rd - Sara G., 2nd - Quinn R., 1st Taylor M. Taylor and Quinn represented St. Angela at the Lions Club competition on Wednesday, March 1st at Sir Wm. Osler P.S.

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## Valuables

Please note that the school is not responsible for damage, theft, or loss to personal property. Valuables must not be brought to school. Walkmans, personal CD players, Mp3's, iPods, cell phones, digital or other cameras, etc., are not to be used on school property. If caught, these items will be confiscated and held in the office until a parent/guardian can pick it up. In some cases, certain items may be permitted, e.g., as part of a BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) initiative in some of our intermediate classes, or as part of a student's Individual Education Plan IEP). These instances will be communicated to parents.


27 - Pizza Nova lunch

- The Lunch Lady lunch
- SAM Hockey Tournament - PM
- Chocolate Fundraiser Response from families is due

28 - Bradford Valley Community Care - Wood
29 - Spirit Day!! Pajama Day

- Scientists in the School:
- Carter/Bouchard AM; Foster PM
- Subway lunch

30 - Scientists in School:

- Allan/Marchand AM; Hasler PM

31 - Lenten Mass at 10:00am with Fr. Mani

- Pizza Nova lunch

