



PROCLAIM JESUS WITH LOVING HEARTS

CCS NEWS

FEBRUARY 2016

Feb. 10 Hot
Lunch has been
moved to Feb.
17

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

You know that saying "Everything I ever really needed to know I learned in Kindergarten?" It's usually said in jest (mostly) but at some point I think most people understand that the majority of the "stuff" they learned in school was pretty useless. Unless you become a chemist, you'll probably never need to know how to balance a chemical equation after Grade 10 Science. Knowing that Wolfe battled Montcalm on the Plains of Abraham won't help you in your job as a mechanic. So why, then, do we learn these things? What's important about content?

I think the answer to that question has been lost over time. As with most things, we start out with a clear

mission and vision, but over time we just continue doing things because that's just the way they've always been done. We pile content on top of content and eventually we reach a point where we forgot where we started. In a way we are like a boat that has broken loose from it's anchor; drifting with the wind and tides.

So what is our anchor? The answer goes back to the classics. I've begun a personal learning journey with a book about Socrates by Peter Kreeft. To read Socrates is such an eye (and mind) opening experience. With each page I have a new thought or idea. I keep wondering to myself at the fact I'd never read it before! With Socrates it is not the

content that matters most, but the internal processes that his words inspire. Now that is what curriculum should do!

The revised BC Curriculum is, in a post-modern/information age kind of way, trying to go back to the basics. The new curriculum is not so much rooted in facts and knowledge, but in developing creativity, critical thinking, and personal and social responsibility. This is a good thing. My skeptical side doubts that the new curriculum and the education system is rooted in enough wisdom and classic thought to pull it off on a provincial level, but on a classroom-by-classroom or even a school-wide level it could succeed.

Want more blogs from Mr. Borkowski? Visit www.catholicprincipal.wordpress.com

CCS GALA

"WHAT? \$50 a Ticket?!" Some of you may have raised an eyebrow about certain changes to our annual auction event this February 20th...

On behalf of the PFG, we want to be completely transparent about why the event is happening offsite and why ticket prices are up.

In previous years, our school has had wonderful individuals who have volunteered to plan, shop, and make the dinner for our auction. The amount of work in a kitchen when feeding a large group requires many helping hands over a course of several days -- it is not just a one-person, one-night task. There's also prep work and clean-up required. →

Upcoming Important Dates to Remember...

Wednesday, February 10

Ash Wednesday
School Mass

Friday, February 12

Red Non-Uniform Day
Food Bank Mass 5

Adoration/Confession 3

Sunday, February 14

Valentine's Day

Monday, February 15

Gr 1+3+5 skating 12:30
(11:45 departure time from CCS)

Gr 6 & 7 ski trip

Wednesday, February 17

Hot Lunch

Lent Assembly

Thursday, February 18

Gr1/2+2+4 skating 10:30
(9:45 departure time from CCS)

Friday, February 19

School Mass 4

Adoration/Confession 2

Wednesday, February 24

Hot Lunch

Parts of the Mass Assembly

Confirmation Parent/
Sponsor Meeting (6:30pm)

Thursday, February 25

Student Led Conferences
(PM)

Friday, February 26

Student Led Conferences
(AM) (No School)

Saturday, February 27

Confirmation Retreat

Cloverdale Catholic School "Educating for Now and For Eternity"

17511 59 Ave, Surrey, BC, V3S 1P3 Phone: (604) 574 5151 Fax: (604) 574 5160 Web: www.ccsunited.ca

ATHELETICS

Why do we do organized sports in school? The goal is to develop not just physical abilities and definitely not accumulate victories, but rather to build character. This basketball season it has been noted that many athletes have been missing practices but still expect to play in games. This is hard for a coach to manage, and it sends kids the wrong message about teamwork and accountability. If your child joins a team, please support the school's goals for them by making sure they come to practices and live up to the "athletic contract" they signed.

LENT

Lent is a good time to step back from the busyness of everyday life and take stock of where we are in our spiritual journey. At school we will be focussing on Lent and growing closer to Jesus through extra prayers, sacrifices, and liturgical assemblies.

What are you doing to celebrate Lent as a family? Please visit www.loyolapress.com/lent-activities.htm to find an assortment of great Lenten ideas.



PARENT EVENING PRESENTATION— IT COULD HAPPEN TO ANYONE

Friday, March 4th 2016, Cloverdale Catholic Parish Center 7:15pm-8:45pm

This workshop, presented by Diane Snowden of the Children of the Street Society, will provide parents with information and resources to help protect their children online. Parents will learn about online luring, extortion, image sharing, and the manner in which the internet is used for the sexual exploitation of children and youth. Admission is by donation. If you are interested in attending please RSVP to the school office by Wednesday, March 2nd. Thanks to the Knights of Columbus for co-sponsoring this event with the school.

**KEEP YOUR KIDS
SAFE Online**



CCS GALA INFORMATION CON'T...

From an organizational perspective... that's a lot of work to co-ordinate, let alone successfully carry out.

Why can't we just hire a caterer and still have it in the parish centre? Well, we looked into that... The cost of catering these days is anywhere from \$25-50 dollars per person, not including the cost of taxes and gratuities. For example, the Dutchman Caterers generously donate their dinner to the worthy ProLife cause every February, but we have yet to find a caterer that will donate food and service for over 150 school parents! Furthermore, there's the effort and cost of decorating and set-up that still needs to be added on. Oh... and the cost of entertainment has yet to be factored in...

Our venue is charging us \$35/pp (taxes and gratuities included) for a full buffet dinner. We managed to pare the room rental down, and that includes the venue doing all the setting up and cleaning up for us! We have allotted monies for the cost of some decorating, creating baskets for the auction and making the experience enjoyable for those planning to attend.

We never intended to offend or surprise anyone with these changes but the reality is that the cost of food is up and the value of time is priceless. That being said, we hope this has shed a lot of LIGHT on this matter. As always, we are doing this for all our children and our beloved school. We hope you consider joining us for what promises to be an exciting and memorable evening, but if you choose not to, we can all respectfully agree that God has truly blessed our growing community and pray that He continues to do so.

Kind Regards,
Viola Baptista

