



## ACSS WEEKLY UPDATE

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### ACHIEVING

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#### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tue. March 30<sup>th</sup>**  
Civvies Day

**Wed. March 31<sup>st</sup>**  
Public Health Covid Screening @ A.C.S.S. (Door 18 - Small Gym) @ 3:30 pm – 8:00 pm. No pre-registration required

**Fri. April 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
Good Friday

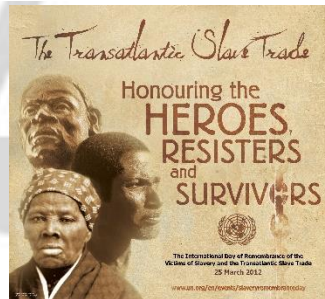
**Mon. April 5<sup>th</sup>**  
Easter Monday

**Tues. April 6<sup>th</sup>**  
School Council Meeting. Click [here](#) for more

**Apr. 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>**  
Spring Break

#### DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT CANADIAN WORLD STUDIES

On March 25, International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade, Mrs. D'Amico's Grade 12 4U World History class was joined by guest speaker Stephen O'Malley, who is Head of Office for South Sudan, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs. Stephen spoke about the effects of colonization and imperialism in Africa and joined the class again March 26 for a Question and Answer period. Two informative sessions where the class learned a lot about the past and its effect on the present."



#### CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Catholic School Council is a key part of the home-school-parish partnership and provides the opportunity for parents, staff and community representatives to come together regularly, share information and collaborate in the best interest of our students. For information on who your representatives are and details of our meetings - dates, agendas and minutes - please visit our webpage found [HERE](#) on the school website. One of our topics of discussion this year has been the ongoing and post-renovation needs of the school, with a shared goal of our students receiving the best educational experience possible. Recognizing the challenges of COVID-19 and the difficulties faced by many in our community, we are pleased to provide COVID-friendly fundraising opportunities that can provide funds to support our students at absolutely no cost to our supporters:

- Online shopping and purchase of gift cards - which can be used for your own personal shopping needs - generate funds to the school - up to **15%** plus a **\$5 bonus** for your first FlipGive purchase.
- Support a local bakery - Cobs on Fairview - and they will donate **10%** of your purchase to the school. If every parent in our school participates, **over \$6,000** would be raised for our students - at *no cost to you*, since you always retain the full value of your purchase. See the attached flyer for more information and links to the online options.



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## DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT SPECIAL EDUCATION

The Special Education Department has been bustling as usual this year. Check out some of our recent highlights below!

Our Life Skills A class has been volunteering for our school's Halton Food for Thought Breakfast Program. They have been working together to sort, organize, package, and deliver healthy snacks to each classroom. This unique volunteer opportunity has enabled our students to continue to develop important employment skills.

The Life Skills B students have begun to prepare for the "April showers" by planting a class garden in their mini greenhouse. They will be



Figure 1: Life Skills B - Mini Greenhouses

learning how to be effective stewards of God's

creation, while developing an understanding of the stages of plant growth.

Our GLE Learning Strategies courses have been running each Quadmester. Our Grade 9 GLE students learned about their strengths and needs, learning profiles, and self-advocacy skills. They also took part in our Learn Styles Training courses to enhance their understanding of how to effectively harness the benefits of assistive technology. This Quadmester, our Grade 10 GLE students have been focusing on learning how to be mindful of their mental health by finding balance through Christian Meditation, developing coping strategies, and learning about community resources. They have also been learning about Assumption's course offerings, setting goals, and planning for their future pathways. Next Quadmester, our Grades 11 and 12 GLE students will be planning for their post-secondary transitions by reviewing college and university applications, applying for scholarships, and connecting with the accessibility services at their prospective post-secondary institutions. They will be analyzing resume writing techniques and job applications with a guest speaker from the Service Canada Centre for Skills Development. Our Grades 11 and 12 GLE student-leaders will also be hosting our Grade 8 Virtual Transition Activities to welcome our in-coming identified students to our Assumption community.

Be sure to check out the link by clicking [HERE](#) for more important updates, community events, and resources from our Special Education Department.