

# **ASSUMPTION**



CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

## ACSS WEEKLY UPDATE

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#### **ACHIEVING**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 24<sup>th</sup>** Victoria Day

June 2<sup>nd</sup>
School Council
Meeting



June 28<sup>th</sup>
Last Day of School

Virtual Graduation

June 29<sup>th</sup> P.A. Day

#### BELIEVING

### STUDENT SPOTLIGHT WE ALL BELONG IN OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOL

"What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8.

At Assumption C.S.S., we believe that we are all created in the image and likeness of God, and we honour the dignity in each person by treating one another with care, compassion and respect.

We are committed to nurturing a safe, welcoming and inclusive learning environment for all of our students – regardless of their race, gender identity, gender expression, disability, sex, sexual orientation, creed, or age. As a school we will continue doing all we can to ensure the 2SLGBTQ+ members in our community experience a positive sense of belonging and well-being. To learn more about our commitment to Equity and Inclusive Education, please take a few minutes to read Responding with Faith, Hope & Love.



#### **BELONGING**

### DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT MATHEMATICS

Since September students have been provided daily with the opportunity to attend Virtual Academic Support (VAS). Here, math teachers extend classroom learning by helping students solve problems and by answering questions. VAS has virtually replaced Math Madness which is not just for extra help but can also offer enhancement with supplementary math problems aimed towards students wanting to be challenged.

For students requiring additional math support Peer Tutoring may be arranged through Mrs. Bedford and Mrs. Timperio if a more personal approach is needed. Students who are interested in being Peer Tutors are encouraged to reach out as well. Applications and information for both can be found <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a> or on the Student Services D2L site. As an added resource, students in grade 9 and 10 math classes are eligible for free online math tutoring with qualified math teachers through TVO Ontario at: <a href="https://www.tvomathify.com">www.tvomathify.com</a>. Thank you to those students who self-registered and wrote the University of Waterloo Math Contests from home this year. Congratulations on your effort and dedication to broadening your world of math.

Due to the timing of school closures, students are exempted from completing the online grade 9 math assessment, EQAO.

This year summer school is running upgrade courses for students who would like to refresh and improve upon their foundational math skills in a course that they have passed. Please contact the guidance department for further information and to sign up before June 24th.

Next year, the new grade 9 students will be introduced to a de-streamed math curriculum that will expand upon their knowledge and interests from elementary school. We look forward to continuing our support for the newest members of the Assumption community.

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#### DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT ENGLISH AND MODERNS

Grade 8 Virtual French Day! On Wednesday, May 12, 2021, Assumption hosted its first ever virtual grade 8 French Day! We hosted three schools: St. Anne, Scared Heart, and St. Gabriel. A huge thank you to our senior French students who created and facilitated the activities! Those students are Marie Arraf, Paige Cranstone, Annika Fotr, Josian Hanna, Kate Hubbard, Anne Liu, Taylor Popovacki, Bailey Sisk, and Simone Tabile. They presented cultural presentations to emphasize that French is a world-



wide language and gave students some "fun facts" from French speaking African and Asian countries.

They played a very fun and interactive "Guess Who" game en français as well as a "scategories" game to keep all students engaged and learning! The grade 8 students enjoyed some of the activities and games that are played in our French classes at Assumption. They also had the opportunity to be introduced to some of our senior students, making them feel more comfortable and welcome in our school community. Our Assumption students also discussed the three pathways that are available to them in the French program. Overall, it was a very successful day! A huge thank you to the teachers and studentteachers who helped supervise: Mrs. Crowell, Mme. Bernar, Mlle. Jenny, Mlle. Molinaro and Mrs. Thomas.

An equally huge thank you goes to Mme. Cordeiro, Mme. Frazer, Mme. Buergler, M. Caunce, and M. Cazes for organizing the participation of their elementary students in our Virtual day! Please follow us on Twitter at @AssumptionFren1 and on Instagram @assumptionfrench! Merci beaucoup tout le monde!

- Madame Cabrera Yero

#### **UPDATE: OSSLT** HCDSB ANNOUNCEMENT

During this ongoing time of pandemic, our secondary schools in the Halton Catholic District School Board (HCDSB) remain committed to overall student success, achievement and wellbeing. The purpose of this communication is to offer an important update regarding the 2021 Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT). The Ministry of Education had previously announced that students graduating in the 2020 - 2021 school year are exempted from the literacy graduation requirement. This has recently been extended to include students graduating in 2021 – 2022. There are plans for it to be reinstated in the 2022 - 2023 school year. In light of the current school closure, and with no clear indication whether schools will re-open for in-person learning this school year, it is not possible for us to administer the voluntary OSSLT field test. EQAO will provide a Fall 2021 administration of the OSSLT in addition to a Spring 2022 administration.

Our staff at Assumption will continue to plan for our students to have the opportunity to write the OSSLT in the 2021-2022 school year. We remain committed to supporting all students on their chosen pathways to graduation and beyond. If you have any questions, please contact the office at: (905) 634-1835.





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