

# CRUSADER CHAPLAIN CHATTER

WEEK OF APRIL 13 - 17, 2026

## IMPORTANT DATES

APRIL IS SIKH HERITAGE MONTH & GENOCIDE REMEMBRANCE, CONDEMNATION AND PREVENTION MONTH

MAR. 31-APR. 1: OSSLT  
APR. 2: HOLY THURSDAY (SERVICES)  
APR. 3: GOOD FRIDAY  
APR. 4: EASTER VIGIL  
APR. 5: EASTER SUNDAY  
APR. 6: EASTER MONDAY (HOLIDAY)  
APR. 8: INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PINK  
APR. 8: KRISPY KREME DELIVERIES (PD 5)  
APR. 9: ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF VIMY RIDGE  
APR. 11: TRIVIA NIGHT @ ASSUMPTION  
APR. 13: YOM HASHOAH (HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY)  
APR. 14: RELAY FOR LIFE LAUNCH  
APR. 15: GRAD MEETING (PD 1)  
APR. 17: TERM 2 BEGINS  
APR. 21: BEST BUDDIES SPRING MINGLE  
APR. 24: PD DAY  
APR. 30: CIVVIES DAY



*We pause to honour the land on which we live, work and learn. This land is sacred: it is the land of many First Nations and the Metis; From the lands of the Anishinabe to the Attawandaron, The Haudenosaunee and the Metis, who lived, worked and learned on this land and kept a peaceful balance with the land and its creatures and inhabitants and continue to do so.*

*As we begin our week, Let us honour this land, its rich history, the many First Nations and the Metis and commit to continue learning how to keep a peaceful balance with this land and with all those who call this land home.*

*We are only as healthy as our relationship with this land and with our commitment to truth and reconciliation.*

**HAPPY EASTER**





## Tree They Planted as Teen Sweethearts Suddenly Had Baby Offshoot Growing After She Got Pregnant

It's a simple story of well-rooted love, nurtured year after year, blooming, and producing fruit—but the latest chapter has social media entranced.

High school sweethearts Kelsey Dixon and her now-husband Wes Dixon planted a cherry tree together as teenagers in 2007 and have taken a photo with it every year since.

“It’s a good tradition and 17 million or so people on Instagram seem to think so too,” Dixon said on the platform, where a story she shared has been viewed something like 48 million times. The two would go on to marry, but even after they moved 3,000 miles away, they’d return every year to take a photograph with the tree—including one with Dixon’s baby bump.

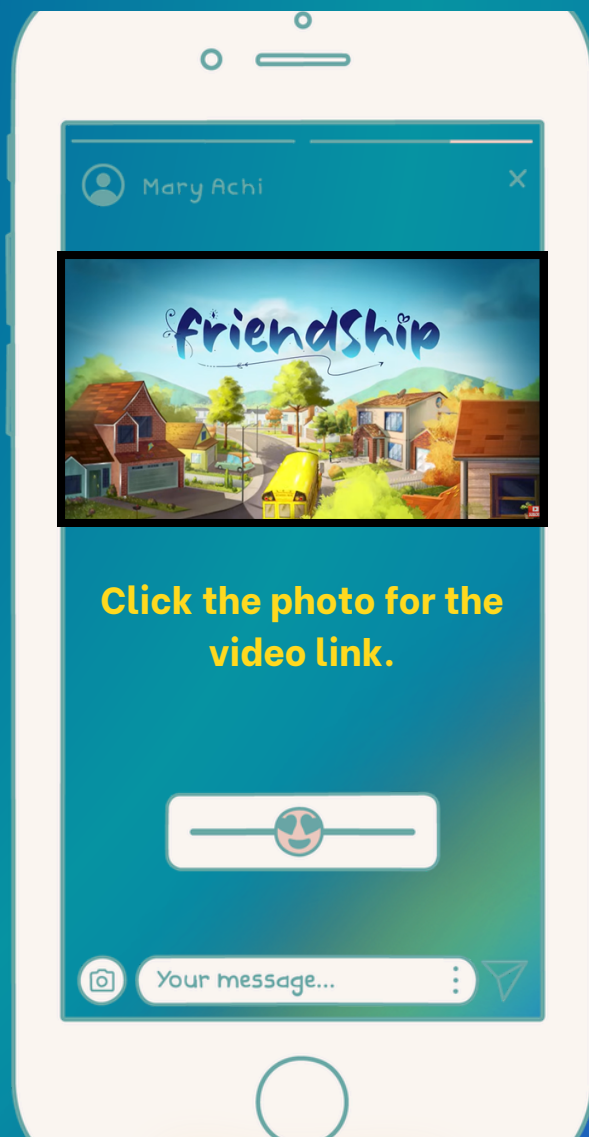
As if the team at GNN needed any more evidence that trees are connected to what’s going on around them, Dixon’s mother-in-law sent her a picture that left the couple stunned.

The cherry tree sprouted a clutch of basal sprouts, or suckers, from one of its roots—in the same year that Kelsey gave birth to two children.

Mrs. Dixon has now published a children’s book—Roots and Wings—about the events and tradition that inspired it. Love is so often about little things that become (or perhaps always were) big things, and the story of the Dixons certainly fits that paradigm. It’s beautiful in its simplicity, much like the cherry blossoms it was born under.



Click the photo for the link to the article.



## PRAYER

*God of hope and peace,  
We thank you for the shining hope  
of this Easter season.  
As we celebrate the victory  
of your Son over darkness,  
we ask that His peace and presence  
take root in our hearts and  
fills the classrooms and hallways of our  
school.  
Lord, make us instruments of hope and peace.  
Help us carry this hope and peace  
into our studies, our friendships,  
and our community.  
Give us courage to serve others with the same  
selfless love that Jesus showed us,  
seeing His face in everyone we meet.  
May the grace of the empty tomb empower us  
to be builders of peace and  
witnesses to your truth.  
Our Lady of the Assumption,  
pray for us!*

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*"Preach the gospel at all times; use words when necessary."*

A job well done to the members of our junior boys hockey team for their quarterfinal finish at the HCAA, junior boys hockey championships. There were a lot of great individual performances, and the boys represented our school well. Job well done boys.

Student Senate applications are now open! This is a great opportunity to contribute your talents and your voice beyond the school and at the board level! Applications close April 28<sup>th</sup>. See the poster with the QR code to apply. If you have any questions, see our Student Trustees, Valini Parasram or Gabi Toki.

**IMPORTANT UPDATE:** if you have already applied to be on student senate, please check your hcdsb students email for updates.

Popcorn will be available on all lunches today. If you have already purchased your popcorn card, stop by the table in the atrium on your lunch to pick up your card and popcorn. Don't have a card yet? Head to school-cash-online to purchase your popcorn card today. \$10 / card!

The girls slow pitch tryouts continue on Wednesday on the field behind the school. See Mr. Gatza in the Co-op office if you have any questions.

Reminder to everyone that today, during period 2, we are launching our Relay for Life and there will be an assembly with lots more information. It's going to be electric!

A reminder to grade 12s that we have a GRAD meeting tomorrow during period 1 in the café. You have received emails about this, and all grade 12s are expected to attend.



## CROCHET CLUB FUNDRAISER

Introducing crochet keychains featuring cute springtime chicks and bunnies, each is uniquely crafted for backpacks, keychains or gifts.



- Price: - \$8 - Chicks & Bunnies each
- Proceeds- support Life Skills classes.

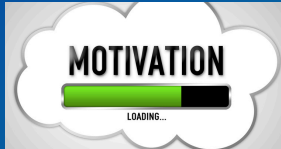
**\*Available\*\*** for pickup on Wednesdays in Room 101.

**See the the TV / bulletin board outside of Phys. Ed. for all updates regarding sports and practices.**

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## Quote for the week



“Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song.” – Pope John Paul II

Apr 5, 2026

Quote of the Day

## Dad Joke of the Week

Before the internet, people would take your order over the phone, write down an address and deliver a pizza to your home in less than 30 minutes by using a paper map like some sort of mystical land pirate.



## WEATHER REPORT FOR THE WEEK

Today		10°	—	20°
Wed		11°	—	20°
Thu		13°	—	19°
Fri		10°	—	16°
Sat		7°	—	16°
Sun		1°	—	11°
Mon		0°	—	6°

from the iPhone weather app

If you need support, please remember we are here for you:

Mr. Brophy (Principal)

Ms. Fraser (VP)

Mr. Ilczyszyn (VP)

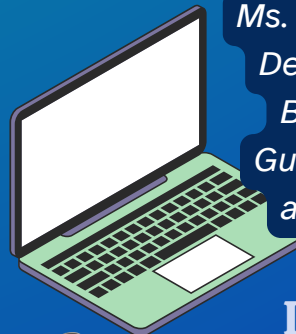
Ms. Rerecich (Chaplain)

Devin Misener (CYC)

Bailey Jones (SW)

Guidance Counselors

and your teachers



### For More Information

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gobluego.ca



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## MONDAY

Student Council  
in rm 214

Chess Club, rm 304

Senior Reach,  
rm 224

**8:10**

Be in class  
by  
8:10 a.m.

  
**KEEP  
CALM  
AND  
BE ON  
TIME**

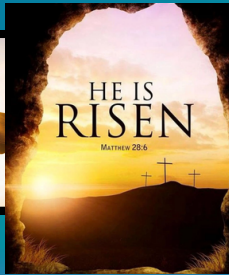
## TUESDAY

Rosary Group in  
the Chapel per. 2

Concert Band in  
the music room

Debate Club,  
rm 202

**RELAY FOR  
LIFE  
LAUNCH  
PER. 2  
ASSEMBLY**



## WEDNESDAY

Wellness Wednesday  
in Piazza over lunches

**GRAD MEETING  
PER. 1, IN CAFE**

DECA, library.  
Intermediate Reach,  
rm 224

Math Madness,  
rm 305

HOSA, rm 217

Latin American Club,  
rm 202

French Club,  
rm 204

Spectrum GSA,  
during lunches--see  
Ms. R. & Ms.  
Ventura  
for locations!

## THURSDAY

Dungeons &  
Dragons,  
rm 209B

BSA, rm 110

Senior Reach,  
rm 224

Dance team,  
stage/small gym

Art Club, rm 108

South Asian Club,  
rm 222



## PLUG IN TO YOUR FAITH

Click the item and it will take you to the site/article.



April 14, 2026

#dailyjolt

To know what you prefer,  
instead of humbly saying Amen  
to what the world tells you  
you ought to prefer, is to  
have kept your soul alive.

ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON, NOVELIST

TODAY'S #MICROCHALLENGE

Take the afternoon off from social  
media today, particularly if you've  
been "influenced" by certain  
people or products lately.

**busted  
halo**

Catholic Social Teaching in 2 Minutes

**Catholic  
Social Teaching**

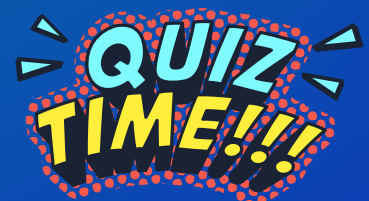
in 2 minutes

Watch on YouTube



First person  
to see  
Ms. R. with  
the correct  
answer will  
receive a  
prize!

Weekly Trivia Challenge



**“Whatever you do to the least of these, you do to me.” Matt. 25.40**

## **How 'Project Hail Mary' Encourages Us To Live Up To Our Calling.** **by Emily Erwin**

Andy Weir's best-selling novel "Project Hail Mary" opens with a computer asking the recently comatose Ryland Grace a simple question: "What's two plus two?" Grace knows the answer, but he can't seem to speak, sit up, or remember where he is. Nor, he quickly realizes, can he remember his own name. His thoughts whir through question after question (What's going on? Why can't I open my eyes? Can I move my hands?) as the computer brings him back to the simple question at hand: "What's two plus two?" Grace, of course, is finally able to remove enough tubes to spit out the word "four," and what follows is a page-turning space adventure, now a film, starring the perfectly cast Ryan Gosling.

Readers familiar with the words, "Hail Mary, full of grace," will, of course, appreciate the nod that the novel's titular spaceship, the "Project Hail Mary," is full of exactly one human: astronaut Grace. But Grace's story offers critical lessons for all of us, not just Hail-Mary-praying Catholics, about answering the call to serve others at the often-unexpected junctures of our lives. Though few of us will ever wake up and find ourselves on an extraplanetary mission to save the planet, we all, ultimately, wrestle with the question of what our particular vocation is on this earth. Let's take a look at some of the lessons Ryland Grace offers us about what to do when we, like Grace, start to discover the callings of our lives, even in terrifying, unexpected, uncertain circumstances.

While trying to keep plot spoilers to a minimum, we start with Grace's amnesic struggles to discern his unique mission. As he slowly moves from the sterile bed he woke up in, to the chamber surrounding it, to the spaceship he discovers beyond his sick bay, he vacillates between being completely overwhelmed by his circumstances to returning his focus to the task at hand. At one such moment, he tells us, "A million questions run through my mind... What am I supposed to do? How do I steer this ship anyway? Why would I, of all people, be part of this mission?" He abandons the trains of thought resulting from these impossible questions and makes the decision to "start small," thus giving us our first lesson on what to do when we find our lives in uncharted territory.

Rather than fruitlessly looking for an instruction manual, or, "instead of waiting for an epiphany," as Grace says, we can ask ourselves the same question he does: "What can I work out right now?"

As Grace continues to tune into the memories that are coming back to him, telling himself, "Breathe...one thing at a time," he starts to piece together that he is very likely Earth's only hope for avoiding extinction. He could easily turn inward with this knowledge, to despair, but instead he turns outward – to task, to service, and to work out the next step for the people depending on him. As he does so, he finds that one completed step grows into awareness of what the next step is.



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Grace's second lesson for us is that, despite our fear, despite the painful knowledge that we are flawed humans unprepared for many of the callings of our lives, it is in the doing that we find that we can lean into our missions anyway. "I'm good at this," Grace realizes with surprise as he continues from lab experiments to ship navigation, from spacewalks to molecular analysis. As he acts in service to his mission, he reminds us that doing so often gives us confidence and ease to greet what's next.

Once we've made the decision to move our scope away from the maddeningly mysterious big picture to the task at hand, once we've started to complete the little steps needed to answer our life's callings, we sometimes find that we get to an absolutely terrifying next step. Grace experiences one of these moments when he experiences zero gravity for the first time.

His reaction, as he begins to unnervingly float off the floor, is the same as many of ours when we find ourselves in frightening new circumstances: "panic." "No amount of mental preparation would have worked," he says, "I scream and flail around. I force myself to curl into a fetal position...I clench every part of me that I know how to clench."

But Grace finds, like many of us, that "after an eternity, the panic begins to ebb away." And, he tells us, "the slight reduction in fear has a feedback effect. I know I will get less afraid now. And knowing that makes the fear subside even faster." Once again, Grace shows us that it is in the doing that we discover we have everything we need to complete the often-terrifying callings of our lives, even when the doing results in a physical feeling of panic.

Whether our calling is to a new vocation, a new friend, a new baby, or a new town, Ryland Grace's story gives us a thrilling example of what happens when we decide to use the critical moments of our lives to serve others. Like "Project Hail Mary," Pope Leo XIV offered perspective on this theme for all of us, Catholics or not, at the Mass when he promoted St. John Henry Newman to Doctor of the Church.

A mission-focused writer himself, Newman's most famous hymn, "Lead, Kind Light," echoes Ryland Grace's focus away from the impossible and towards the task at hand as it prays, "I do not ask to see the distant scene, one step is enough for me." Citing this hymn and Newman's example, Pope Leo tells us that "Life shines brightly ... when we discover within ourselves that truth that we are called by God, have a vocation, have a mission, that our lives serve something greater than ourselves." It is with these words, and Ryland Grace's thrilling example, that we can continue to discern and pursue the unique missions we were created for.



# POET'S CORNER

© anonymous, an 18-year old student



The water lapping gently on the toes of children,  
pulling them in to the bitter joys of the open sea.  
The children, playful and careless, run in madly  
to stop suddenly, at two feet deep.

The water, clear and blue as the summer sky,  
refreshes the innocence of ages past;  
when parents were children, wild and free,  
cherishing each moment to make it last.

Many children grew on this tiny island,  
the neighbours - their extended family.  
The life, naturally calm, with fishing and farming,  
came to be dreams in an everlasting memory.

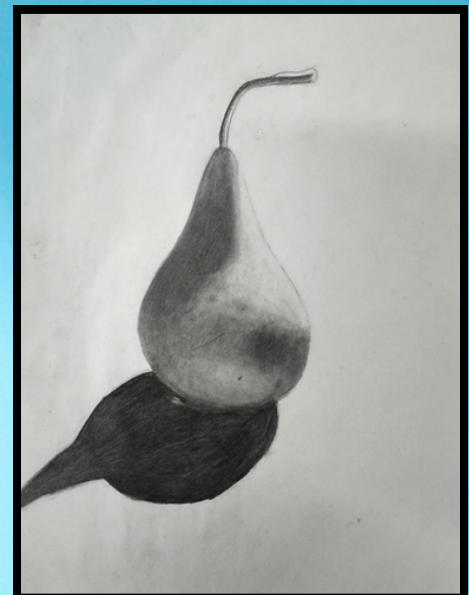
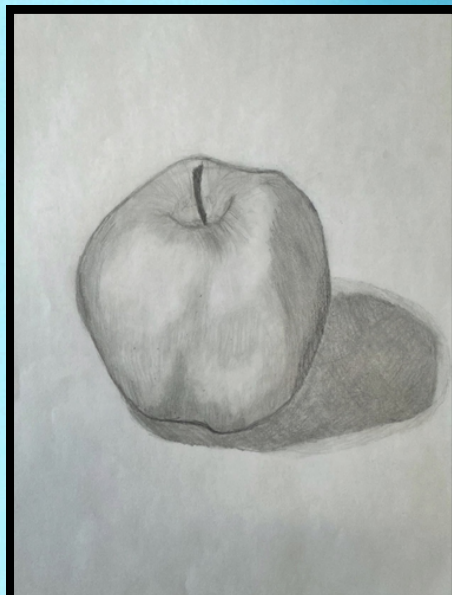
World War two destroyed all that was good.  
Divided the people and dictated the land.  
Crushed within, rebellions commenced,  
people left, unforgiving to understand.

Lost lovers within the angry seas,  
planned escapes throughout the night;  
shattered hopes for anticipated dreams,  
determined strength to win this fight.

In the new land for more than 30 years, now  
a better life and four grown children.  
A payed-off house and two new vehicles,  
still doesn't compare to the life back then.



## crusader art gallery



April 1 - Wednesday of Holy Week

April 2 - Holy Thursday

April 2 - St. Francis of Paola

April 3 - Good Friday

April 4 - Holy Saturday

April 4 - St. Isidore

April 5 - Easter Sunday

April 5 - St. Vincent Ferrer

April 7 - St. John Baptiste de la Salle

April 11 - St. Stanislaus

April 12 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy Sunday

April 13 - St. Martin I

April 17 - St. Kateri Tekakwitha

April 18 - Blessed Marie-Anne Blondin

April 19 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

April 21 - St. Anselm

April 23 - St. George

April 23 - St. Adalbert

April 24 - St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

April 25 - St. Mark the Evangelist

April 26 - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

April 28 - St. Peter Chanel

April 28 - St. Louis Grignion do Montfort

April 29 - St. Catherine of Siena

April 30 - St. Marie of the Incarnation

May 3 - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 10 - 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 17 - Ascension of our Lord

May 24 - Pentecost Sunday (Season of Easter ends)

# Saints for April