

CRUSADER CHAPLAIN CHATTER

WEEK OF MAY 11 - 15, 2026

IMPORTANT DATES

MAY IS: ARMENIAN HERITAGE MONTH, ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH, CROATIAN HERITAGE MONTH, DUTCH HERITAGE MONTH, CANADIAN JEWISH HERITAGE MONTH, POLISH HERITAGE MONTH, SOUTH ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH.

MAY 3-9: CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

MAY 4: MAY THE 4TH BE WITH YOU!

MAY 5: NATIONAL DAY OF AWARENESS FOR MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN, GIRLS AND TWO-SPIRIT INDIVIDUALS

MAY 5: DUTCH HERITAGE DAY

MAY 5: SOUTH ASIAN ARRIVAL DAY

MAY 7: JOURNEY WITH JESUS

MAY 8: CULTURAL DAY @ ASSUMPTION

MAY 10: MOTHER'S DAY

MAY 12-18: TAMIL GENOCIDE EDUCATION WEEK

MAY 14: INTRAMURALS / ARTS NIGHT

MAY 15: ICE CREAM TRUCK (FUNDRAISER FOR CHARITY)

MAY 15: GR. 8 SPECIAL ED VISIT

MAY 17: INT'L DAY AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA, TRANSPHOBIA, AND BIPHOBIA

MAY 18: VICTORIA DAY HOLIDAY

MAY 19-22: INDIGENOUS AWARENESS WEEK

MAY 20: SPRING TEAMS PHOTO DAY

MAY 21: ONTARIO FLAG DAY

MAY 21: GRADE 7 DAY

MAY 22: RELAY FOR LIFE

MAY 28: CIVVIES DAY / INTRAMURALS / STUDENT COUNCIL BBQ / GR. 8 BBQ

MAY 29: SMOOTHIE TRUCK (FUNDRAISER FOR CHARITY)

MAY 29: GRAD DINNER / DANCE

MAY 31 - JUNE 6: NATIONAL ACCESSIBILITY WEEK



*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.*





The Dog Who Dug for Danger

Sometimes, strange behavior isn't just strange - it's a warning.

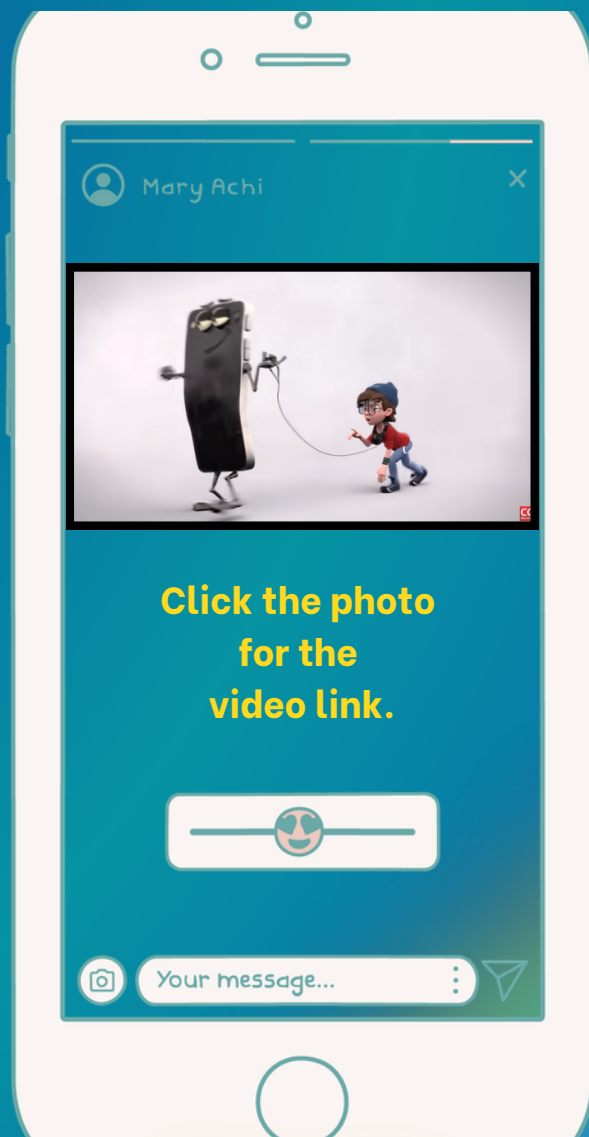
When Kobe the husky suddenly became obsessed with digging in one spot of his Philadelphia yard, his owner Chanel took notice. This wasn't normal for him at all. Day after day, Kobe would beg to go outside just to return to his special digging spot near the sidewalk, making the hole bigger and bigger. Instead of scolding him for tearing up the yard, Chanel trusted her gut feeling that something was wrong. Having dealt with a gas leak before, she had a detection device handy and decided to check the mysterious hole.

The reading was shocking. A major gas leak lurked beneath, threatening the entire neighborhood block. Repair crews worked for three days straight, eventually finding and fixing four dangerous leaks from aging pipes. The gas company workers didn't mince words: without Kobe's persistence, those leaks could have caused serious illness or even a devastating explosion triggered by something as simple as flipping a light switch.

One dog's unusual behavior and one owner's willingness to listen likely saved countless lives.



Click the photo for the link to the article.



PRAYER

May is the month where Catholics honour Mary. Perhaps because May is the month we have Mother's Day, and Mary is our Mother, because she was Jesus' mother. As we begin a new week, let us look to Mary, the Mother of God, not just as a figure of history, but as our greatest model of what it means to follow Jesus. Mary was the very first disciple. Long before the Apostles were called by the shore, Mary said her "Yes" to God's plan. She shows us that being a disciple isn't about having all the answers; it's about having the courage to listen, the humility to serve, and the strength to stand by others in their time of need.

Loving God, you call each of us to use our gifts to build your kingdom. We thank you for the gift of this day and for this community. Following the example of Mary, the first disciple, help us to say "Yes" to the opportunities that come our way today. Give us the courage to stand up for what is right. Give us the patience to support our friends and teachers. Give us the faith to see your presence in our classrooms, our hallways, and our hearts. May we, like Mary, carry the light of Christ into everything we do today.

Our Lady of the Assumption,
pray for us!

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

Mrs. Crowell, Mme. Cabrera Yero, Bailey and Ms. R. want to thank the Asian Heritage Club, the Latin American Club and the Black Student Association for a wonderful day on Friday! All three groups with all their members and their displays and dancing made our cultural day an epic one! Kudos to all of you for making our cultures come alive so vibrantly and with dancing! We look forward to next year's!

Good morning, Crusaders. Looking for an easy way to make a difference? For a limited amount of time until May 25, sticker bundles are available on School Cash Online. There are three options to choose from:

- a General Assumption bundle for grades 9-11,
- a Graduation bundle for this year's grads,
- and a combined bundle with all six stickers.

The general assumption and graduation bundle includes three stickers for \$3, and the combined bundle has six for a discounted price of \$5, perfect for decorating your water bottles, laptops, binders, and phone cases. Best of all, all proceeds go directly to HCCF, supporting students and families in our community. Plus, every purchase enters you into a draw to win a \$10 gift card to places like McDonald's, Starbucks, Chipotle, Tim Hortons, or New York Fries. Peel, stick, and support a great cause.

Good morning Crusaders!

Anyone interested in joining Student Council next year must attend our mandatory information meeting on Monday after school in Room 214. At the meeting, you'll learn all about the campaigning and election process, meet current council members, hear about what Student Council is really like, and have the chance to ask any questions you may have. For all additional details and updates, check out the Student Council Instagram page @assumptioncrusader. See you Monday, Crusaders!

Assumption presents Arts Night: Concert, Crawl and Curtain Call - happening this Thursday, May 14th, from 6-9pm. Doors open at 5:30pm. Come celebrate Assumption's creative spirit, featuring: Music, Visual Arts, Crafts, Photography, Media Arts, and Drama. Tickets can be purchased on school cash online. Scan the QR code on the Arts Night posters around the school or find the link on our school website. Thank you for supporting the ARTS at Assumption!

Attention Grade 12s - this is your LAST week to buy Grad Dinner Dance tickets!! If you haven't bought them yet, get your dancing shoes on and go to School Cash Online to purchase them. Come and join the fun with your graduating classmates! Table Seating plans can still be handed in to Mrs. Crowell for those students buying tickets this week. See you at the party!

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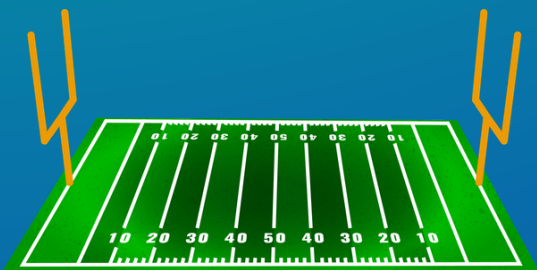
Popcorn is available on all lunches today. If you have already purchased your popcorn card, stop by the table in the atrium on your lunch to pick up your card and popcorn. Don't have a card yet? Head to school-cash-online to purchase your popcorn card today. \$10 / card!

There is a volunteer opportunity with the Lighthouse for Grieving Children and Families with their Run 4 Lighthouse on May 30th at Spencer Smith Park. If you would like to volunteer for this and you need the hours, please see Ms. R.

Any black graduating students interested in purchasing a Kente stole for graduation for \$5 are to email Ms. Fraser or see Ms. Fraser, Bailey or Ms. R. as soon as possible, by Wed. May 13th.

The leadership class is hosting another intramural this Thursday during 3rd and 4th lunches. This time it's flag football! We will be in the café at lunches Monday and Tuesday for anyone who wants to sign up. Teams must be 6-8 with at least 1 of a different gender. Permission forms are mandatory and will be due Wednesday. When you sign up, you will also have to register using a QR code. There will be prizes for best dressed team and for the winning team. Looking forward to a great tournament on Thursday!

Assumption will be hosting an ice cream truck THIS Friday, May 15th, on all lunches outside the front of the school. They will accept cash, credit and debit cards. The proceeds will support Halton Catholic Children's Foundation. You are welcome to come on your lunch to purchase a cold treat. Please keep in mind, that the ice cream truck will close at 11:30 a.m. during 3rd lunch and at 12:50 p.m. during the 4th lunch so everyone can get back to class on time! Please check out the information on the Assumption Instagram page.



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



Daily Mindfulness ✓

substack

Apr 12

The older I get, the more I realize, I don't want a busy life. I want a deep life. Slow mornings. Focused work. Calm people. Meaningful progress. Good books. A quiet mind at night. Nothing flashy. Nothing trendy. Just a life that feels good to live. Depth over noise. That'll do.



Dad Joke of the Week



WEATHER REPORT FOR THE WEEK

Today		5°	—	12°
Tue	 60%	2°	—	11°
Wed	 100%	7°	—	15°
Thu	 65%	7°	—	14°
Fri		8°	—	18°
Sat	 35%	9°	—	22°
Sun		12°	—	20°

from the iPhone weather app

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

Mr. Brophy (Principal)

Ms. Fraser (VP)

Mr. Ilcyszyn (VP)

Ms. Rerecich (Chaplain)

Devin Misener (CYC)

Bailey Jones (SW)

Guidance Counselors
and your teachers



For More Information

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MONDAY

Student Council
in rm 214

Chess Club, rm 304

8:10

Be in
class by
8:10 a.m.

TUESDAY

Rosary Group in
the Chapel per. 2



Concert Band in
the music room

Debate Club,
rm 202

WEDNESDAY

Wellness Wednesday
in Piazza over lunches

DECA, library.

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

Dance team,
stage/small gym

Art Club, rm 108

South Asian Club,
rm 222



Rock Band in
the music
room / piazza



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Preach: The Catholic Homilies Podcast

Preaching the Risen Christ: A Scripture Scholar ...

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You never change things by
fighting the existing reality.
To change something, build
a new model that makes the
existing model obsolete.

BUCKMINSTER FULLER, ARCHITECT

TODAY'S #MICROCHALLENGE

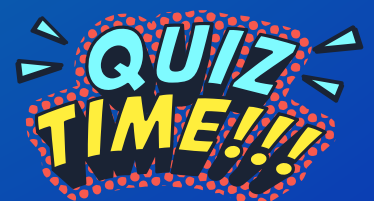
Today, redesign one small system
in your life, how you study, eat, or work,
so it actually works better for you.

busted
halo



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

Weekly Trivia Challenge



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

**God has our backs, even when we don't realize it.
(reflection by Cory Brost, CSV, tweaked by Ms. R.)**

There are so many different realities out there, that we forget that not everyone is living our reality. The kind of family I grew up is not the same as what your family is living, and by saying this, we have to remember not to make assumptions about other peoples' lives.

It's easy in education to assume that every student goes home to do homework, that mom and dad are there, helping them, and even preparing lunches for the next day. This is not the case.

There are people living in family situations that are far from ideal: there is dysfunction, there is yelling, there is grief, there is brokenness. Growing up in a home like this can make us feel very alone, like no one understands, and perhaps we might even feel like orphans, in a way.

Sunday's gospel reassures us that God doesn't leave us as orphans. Jesus' Spirit lives with us as an advocate, a defender who stands by and for us. That was important news for the early Christians who heard stories about Jesus but never knew him. John's gospel passage from Sunday reassured them that Jesus' power would still help them face their challenges.

Reread John's advice (John 14.15-21). Observe Jesus' commandments, and you'll realize Jesus also will defend you. If you ever feel lost, or like an orphan, you'll find Jesus with you when you do what he did: pray, read the Scriptures, worship with others, and reach out to other faith-filled people (adults and peers) for help. You'll also find Jesus close by and reassuring you when you serve and sacrifice for other people, as he did. The more you live and love like Jesus, the more you'll build up your self-confidence and grow in faith, which will help you deal with the challenges in your home and at school.

If you don't face the problems at home, remember that we, Christ's body today, can satnd with others who feel orphaned by problems at home. It's still the Easter season, a season in which we celebrate how God brings hope and peace from suffering. The more we live Jesus' commandments, the more we make the resurrection tangible and real in each other's lives.

How can you reach out to others who might be struggling today? How might your kindness, gentleness and mercy be a life-line for others?



POET'S CORNER

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<https://www.familyfriendpoems.com/poem/my-victory-song>

My Victory Song ←



Click this for the link for the
"familyfriendpoem" site..

God's love sets me free.
This is my victory song.
His grace is sufficient for me.
It is what keeps me strong.

For I'm no perfect man,
And on my own cannot prevail.
Sometimes doing the best I can,
Even will seem to no avail.

Had my share of heartaches,
Sometimes wondering to what end.
Made my share of mistakes.
Over this, I can't pretend.

The struggles may increase,
But it's no cause for alarm.
God's thoughts to me are of peace,
To nurture and not to harm.

I forge on quite resolved.
God's at work in me for the best.
I am flawed but fiercely loved,
And He is not finished yet.

God's perfect plan for me,
I may not fully understand.
But trusting, obeying, I'm grateful to be,
Handled in His loving hand.

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Saints for May

May 3 – 5th Sunday of Easter

May 3 – 9: Catholic Education Week

May 6: St. François De Laval

May 10 – 6th Sunday of Easter

May 10: Mother's Day

May 14: St. Matthias

May 17 – Ascension of our Lord

May 24 – Pentecost Sunday

(Season of Easter ends)

May 25: Blessed Virgin Mary,

Mother of the Church

May 26: St. Philip Nerí

