

CRUSADER CHAPLAIN CHATTER

WEEK OF MAY 19 - 22, 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 19: CLUBS / COMMITTEES PHOTO DAY

MAY 20: SPRING TEAMS PHOTO DAY

MAY 21: ONTARIO FLAG DAY

MAY 21: GRADE 7 DAY

MAY 22: RELAY FOR LIFE

MAY 26: CHAPEL MASS @ 11 A.M.

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.*





Students Work to Fundraise to Save Habitat Where They Watch Bald Eagle Chicks on Livestream

4th grade science teacher Sara Stinson must have known she was doing a great job when her intrepid students began giving themselves extra homework.

It didn't involve studying for an exam, but raising money to help a local wildlife trust buy a parcel of imperiled land in California's Big Bear Valley where Jackie and Shadow make their nest.

Jackie and Shadow are a mating pair of bald eagles that Stinson introduced to her class last year. They and their two chicks are monitored by a 24/7 live webcam set up by the [Friends of Big Bear Valley](#) (FOBBV) nonprofit.

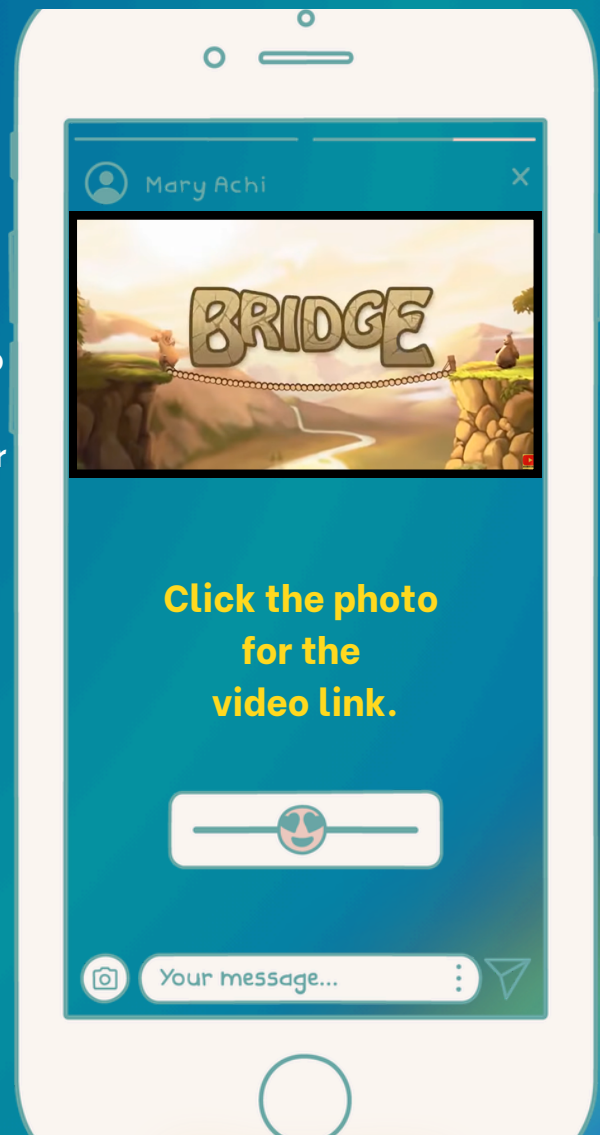
"We get to see the eagles set up their nest, then we get to see them lay eggs, and then we get to see the eggs hatch and the chicks grow," Stinson [told ABC 7 news](#), adding that it is the perfect accompaniment to the cycle of life course.

Then a few months ago, Stinson noticed while pulling up the live cam that the area where the eagles hunt—the last undeveloped shoreline of the beautiful Big Bear Lake, was going to be turned into a luxury housing development unless local environmental activists come up with \$10 million to purchase it. So far, SBMLT and FOBBV have raised around a quarter of the total, and both admitted that they will eventually attempt to secure a loan to make the purchase if it comes down to it. Until then, the kids are hard at work with their lemonade stands and their bake sales—determined to give back to the eagles that first enriched their science class all those months ago.



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PRAYER

Loving God, we come before You in the brightness of this day. Your Word reminds us in Psalm 46:10:

"Be still, and know that I am God."

Lord, teach us the art of stillness.

In the silence of our hearts,

help us to hear Your voice whispering our names.

When we are overwhelmed, remind us that You are the source of our peace.

When we are distracted, draw us back to Your presence.

We ask today for the grace of an open heart.

Mary gave her "Yes" to You with total trust.

Today, help us to follow her example.

Give us the courage to say "Yes" to the small, quiet opportunities that will cross our paths today:

"Yes" to being kind when it's easier to be indifferent.

"Yes" to being generous with our time, our listening, and our attentive spirit.

"Yes" to showing compassion to those who feel lonely or unseen in our hallways.

May we realize that every act of love is a way of knowing You better. Transform our school into a place where Your light shines through our actions.

We offer this day—our studies, our friendships, and our challenges—to You. Stay with us, Lord, and guide our feet in the way of peace.

Our Lady of the Assumption, pray for us!

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

Congratulations to our Assumption Concert Band on winning a Silver Medal this past Saturday at the Canadian Nationals MusicFest in Niagara Falls. Your outstanding festival performance, dedicated clinic work, and exemplary conduct truly represented our school community with pride and excellence. A special congratulations goes out to our band percussionist Antonie Schik, on winning Honour Award for his dedication, leadership, and musicianship.

To those who applied for Student Senate: Thank you for your application and dedication to leadership. Emails regarding the status of your application were sent this past weekend. The emails were sent to your STUDENT.HCDSB.ORG email accounts. If you have not received an email, please see Gabriela Toki ASAP after the long weekend.

Attention Assumption students! Your grade 11 business class designed stickers are officially available for purchase on school cash online. Choose from the General Assumption bundle or Graduation Keepsake bundle for \$3 each or get all 6 stickers for just \$5--this graduation bundle is for grade 12's only. Every purchase enters you into a draw to win one of five \$10 gift cards to places like Starbucks, Tim Hortons, and more. All proceeds go to the Halton Catholic Children's Foundation. Buy now on School Cash Online before May 25th!

Attention all graduating seniors! This week during Period 4 lunches, we'll be calling down Grade 12 students to record short clips for our Senior Sign-Off Video. We encourage all seniors to participate if you can! Stay tuned for more announcements as there will be more details on when you will be called down. Go Blue Go!

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!

Student Council campaigning has begun!

To the candidates—a reminder that your posters need to be approved and initialed by one of the staff advisors for Student Council and they are: Mr. Caruso, Mr. Confente, Mr. Giannotti and Ms. R. Or by an administrator. Let's have a fun, vibrant, exciting, respectful, dignified campaign season here at Assumption.

Crusaders--pretty soon you will get to meet our candidates through their videos on our social media...stay tuned!

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

Stop using your
energy to worry.
Use your energy to
believe, create, love,
grow, glow, manifest,
and heal.

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Daily Mindfulness
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Dad Joke of the Week



WEATHER REPORT FOR THE WEEK

Today		20°	—	28°
Wed		9°	—	20°
Thu		7°	—	13°
Fri		7°	—	14°
Sat		9°	—	13°
Sun		10°	—	17°

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



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MONDAY

Student Council

**Victoria
Day Holiday**

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

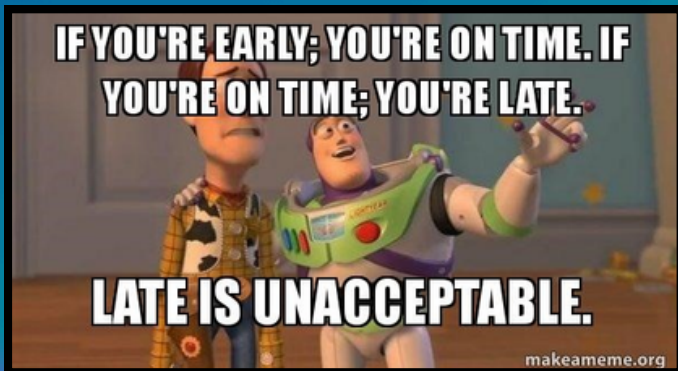
Dungeons &
Dragons,
rm 209B

BSA, rm 110

Dance team,
stage/small gym

Art Club, rm 108

South Asian Club,
rm 222



FRIDAY

**RELAY
FOR
LIFE**

 **PLUG IN TO YOUR FAITH**
Click the item and it will take you to the site/article.

PENTECOST
in 2 minutes



Walking in faith, hope and love.



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

Weekly Trivia Challenge



**QUIZ
TIME!!!**

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

The Feast of the Ascension, May 17
The Feast of Pentecost, May 24
Reflection by Ms. R.

Growing up, and going to church with my family every weekend, I got very used to hearing the gospels each week and knowing Jesus would always be there. Jesus was living with us, traveling to the different parts of the his world, teaching, healing, and doing miracles. Then there was Lent, and Holy Week, leading us to the season of Easter. You'd think I would get sad here, at Good Friday. I was, but not like the sad I would get at the feast days that close the Easter season.

Last weekend was the feast of the Ascension. This coming Sunday is the feast of Pentecost. Odd that these two feasts would make me sad, in such a way that it affected the rest of my day and hover over me for a few weeks.

You see, I have a hard time with good-byes. I struggle when someone I love is leaving, either because their visit with me and my family is over, or because my visit is over with them, or because they have died. I know I am not alone in this.

The feast of the Ascension is another good-bye. Jesus' time on earth has come to an end and he now must return to the Father. It's up to the disciples to carry on Jesus' mission. And us. I just want to cling to Jesus, keep him here. Things are easier when I know he's here and in charge. It's scary to go it alone. These are the things running through my mind and my heart.

Then we have Pentecost. And Pentecost changes the experience of the good-bye. It's not really a good-bye any more, but an experiential introduction to the Holy Spirit. We aren't actually alone. We never were. We weren't meant to cling to Jesus, but to be connected to him and to God in a much more grander way. Being with Jesus was a course in living the faith, walking the talk. Now, we have been gifted with the Holy Spirit so we can do this work together.

It's a special time with these feasts. We are forced to reckon with ourselves and what we really believe. Were the disciples just hanging out with Jesus because they didn't have any other friends? Were they with Jesus because the trades they were in weren't as exciting for them? Were they with Jesus because they wanted a distraction from their ordinary lives?

Pentecost proved they were in it for so much more. Being with Jesus, learning from him, changed their hearts and they were "locked in" so to speak for the mission.

The question we have to ask ourselves is, *are we?*



POET'S CORNER

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The Covenant (Haiku)

The Convent (Haiku)

In quiet and dark,
Before the sun has risen,
The bell beckons us.

A new day begins
In a silent symphony
Reaching to Heaven.

No sound but footsteps
And wooden rosary beads
Are heard in the house,

Until the first words
Break the silence of the night.
The pledge is renewed:

"My God and my all",
"My God and my all",
"My God and my all".

On reverent knees
The first prayers are finished.
A new day begins.

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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

