

CRUSADER CHAPLAIN CHATTER

WEEK OF MAY 4 - 8, 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.





Oak Trees Will Delay Sprouting Leaves to Avoid Hungry Caterpillars That Devoured the Trees in Previous Year: Study

New research reveals oak trees deliberately delay sprouting their leaves by three days to avoid being infested by hungry caterpillars, after it happened the previous year.

The trees' clever tactic to outwit potentially deadly predators was detected by scientists in Germany using data from satellite. They found that many insects, particularly caterpillars, hatch in the Spring just when the trees' nutrient-rich leaves are still young and soft—an ample food source.

But if oak trees are heavily infested by caterpillars in a given year, they react the following Spring by delaying their leaf emergence by three days. That means the caterpillars have nothing to eat after hatching because the oak leaves are still firmly hidden in the buds.

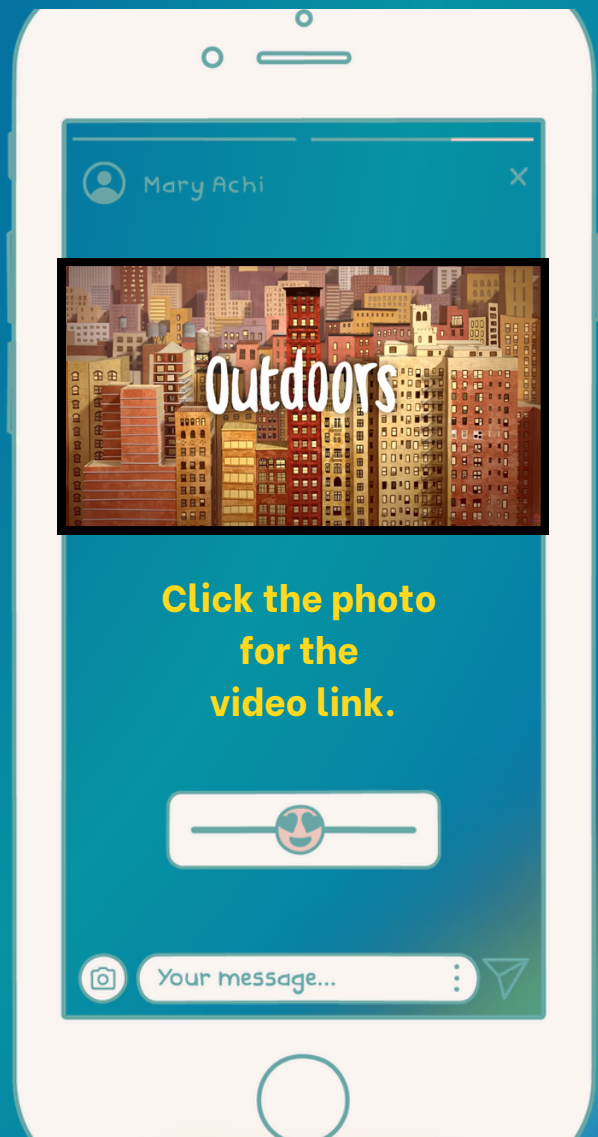
The strategy is “highly effective” because the three-day delay is sufficient to drastically reduce the insects' survival rate—and reduce the damage on the tree by 55 percent, according to [the study published in the journal Nature Ecology and Evolution](#).

“This discovery fundamentally changes our previous understanding of the onset of spring in the forest. “It shows that trees do not merely react passively to the weather in timing their leaves to emerge but also respond flexibly to biological threats.”

For the new study, a 2,400-square-km (925 sq mile) area in Northern Bavaria was monitored continuously using Sentinel-1 satellite data. The radar satellites provide precise data on the condition of tree canopies even in thick cloud cover. The research team analyzed a total of 137,500 individual observations spanning five years, from 2017 to 2021. The researchers explained that trees find themselves in an “evolutionary tug-of-war” with rising temperatures caused by climate change pushing them to sprout leaves ever earlier, and pressure from insect feeding is forcing them to hold back. They say a key advantage of the delaying tactic is that it is temporary and reversible.



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PRAYER

As we begin this week of Catholic Education, we hear the words of Christ spoken after the Resurrection: “Peace be with you.” May these words settle our hearts, calm our minds, and open us to God's presence among us and within us.

Let us take a moment of silence to bring all our intentions in this sacred silence where God hears them.

God of Peace, You sent your Son, Jesus, to bring reconciliation, healing, and hope to a broken world. In moments of fear, conflict, and uncertainty, Jesus offered peace, not as the world gives, but as only You can give. Bless our school community. Help us to be people of peace in our words, our actions, and our relationships. May we learn to listen with compassion, act with justice, and respond with love.

Our Lady of the Assumption, pray for us!

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

From Coach D'Amico and Coach Albert:

Congratulations to the Boy's Lacrosse team on finishing 4th in round robin play! They beat STA 9-7 and fell 12-5 to CTK, finishing with 3 wins and 1 loss. Playoffs will take place on Wednesday. The hungriest dog title went to Will Reynolds after game 1 and Kade Cardy game 2. Playoff action begins Wednesday. Go Blue Go!

Five members of the Assumption School Reach team travelled to Scarborough this weekend for the Provincial championships. With over 350 teams playing across Ontario, Assumption did amazing finishing 14th overall! The coaches would like to say goodbye and God bless to all the senior students who will be graduating this year. It was a lot of fun!

Special shoutout goes to

- Alina "how do you know that" Habza,
 - Nate "The Great" Walsh,
 - Ethan "Golden Retriever" Gangi,
 - Brooke "The Best" Bate, and
 - Benjamin "The Happy" Hall
- for their amazing performances throughout the year!

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.**

Attention all grade 12 graduates. Just a reminder that all the forms from the last Grad meeting are due this FRIDAY - May 8th!! Applications for Grad awards, Valedictorian, Yearbook quotations, Dinner Dance seating plans and any Dietary Requirements for the dinner, Guest forms for the dinner dance if you are bringing a guest, and any requests for extra tickets to the grad ceremony in June are ALL DUE THIS FRIDAY! If you have any questions or concerns, see Mrs. Crowell or Ms. Cabrera-Yero and check the Student Services D2L for any needed forms or links.

Good morning Crusaders!

Are you ready to step up, lead, and make a real impact in our school? Ambassador applications close this Friday! Our Ambassador Program is all about leadership, community, and connection. Ambassadors plan events, welcome new students, mentor others, and help make Assumption the incredible place it is. It's your chance to be the face of our school and be part of something bigger.

- If you're currently in Grade 10 and ready to lead, scan the QR code on the TV outside the main office to apply!
- Just a reminder: you'll need two teacher references, so start thinking about who you'd like to ask.

We can't wait to see the amazing leaders who step forward this year.

Don't miss your chance, apply today!

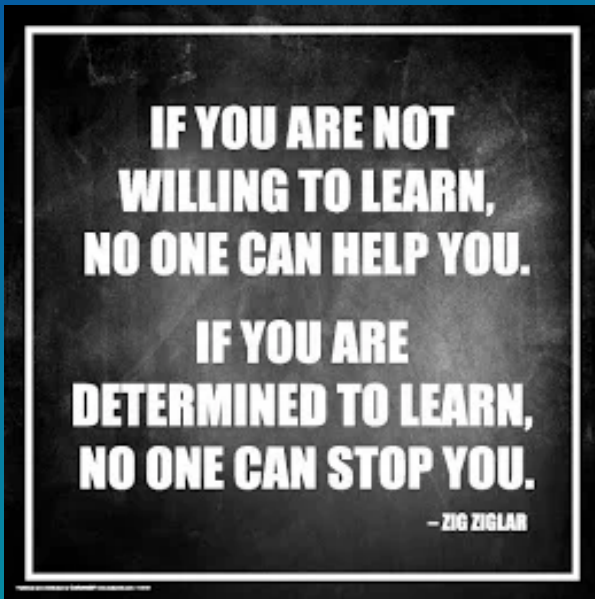
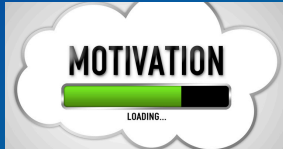
Popcorn will be available on all lunches today. If you have already purchased your popcorn card, stop by the table in the atrium on your lunch to pick up your card and popcorn. Don't have a card yet? Head to school-cash-online to purchase your popcorn card today. \$10 / card!

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

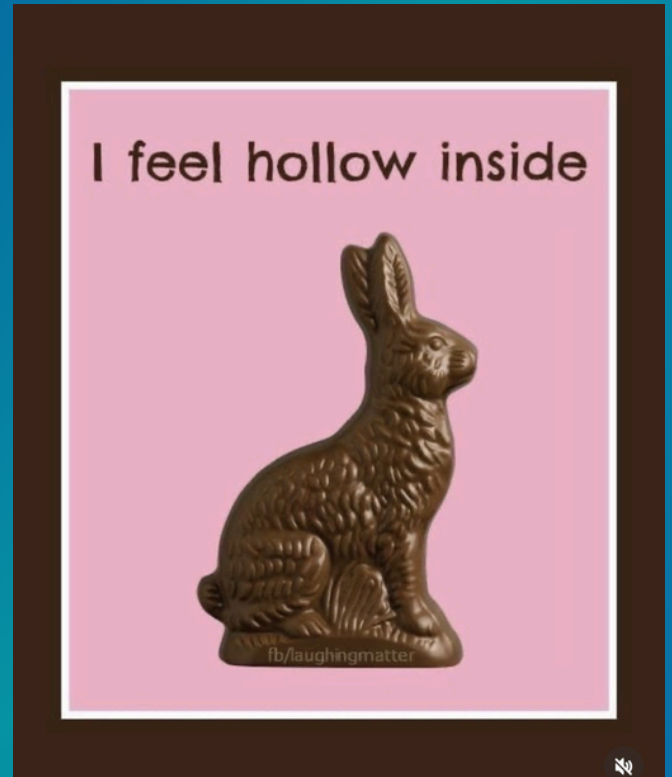
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Quote for the week



Dad Joke of the Week



WEATHER REPORT FOR THE WEEK

Today	☁️	10°	—	18°
Tue	☁️ 90%	8°	—	14°
Wed	☁️ 90%	6°	—	11°
Thu	☁️	4°	—	11°
Fri	☁️ 55%	4°	—	13°
Sat	☁️ 60%	7°	—	14°
Sun	☁️	5°	—	12°

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.

KEEP
CALM
AND
BE ON
TIME

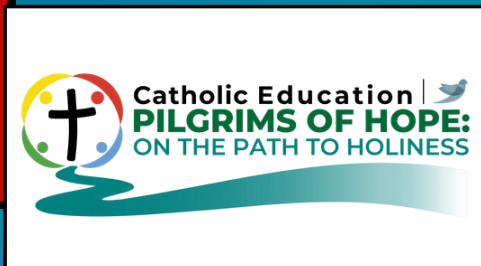
TUESDAY

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

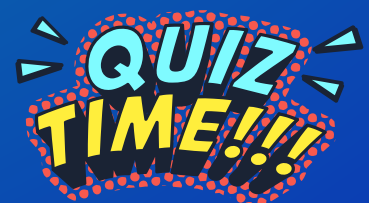


PLUG IN TO YOUR FAITH

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




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



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

What it means to be friends with Jesus by Michael Simone, S.J.

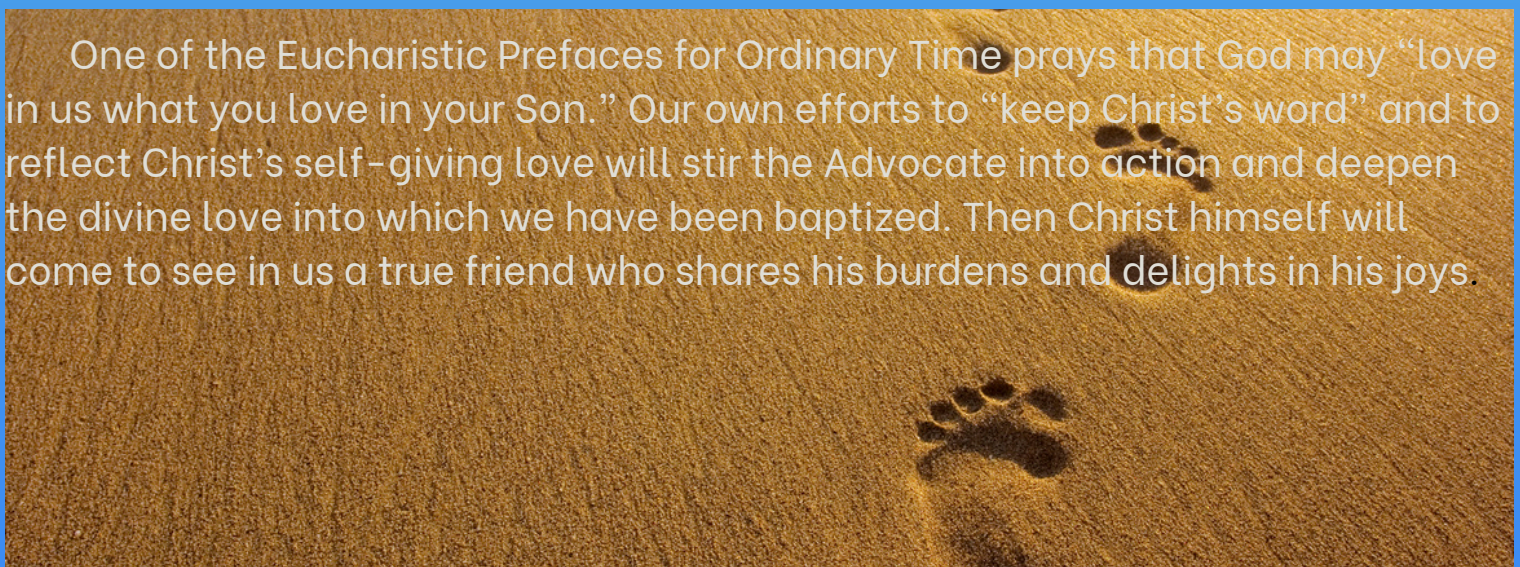
One ancient notion of friendship defined it as two individuals who shared the same values and worked for each other's good. They are two people who discover "another self" in their mutual friendship. The love they show each other is a love offered completely for the good of the other. This definition of friendship gets a thorough explanation in books VIII and IX of Aristotle's Nicomachean Ethics, but other cultures embraced it as well. A similar type of friendship appears in the Hebrew Bible, for example, in the story of David and Jonathan (1 Sm 18:1-5) or in the Book of Proverbs (e.g., Prv 27:17).

In John's Gospel, the evangelist emphasizes that discipleship means becoming a friend of Christ (Jn 14:21). Mature discipleship means that Christ can look at a person and see a reflection of himself. Disciples become Christ's friends by keeping his commandment to love one another and by living out the examples that he gave of his love when he washed his disciples' feet and gave himself up so that they could go free. People who live this way become "another self" to Jesus Christ.

This has a mystical element as well, as today's Gospel passage shows. God is seeking friends for the Son, individuals who reflect the same values and share the burden of the Son's saving mission. When God finds such an individual, the same divine grace that filled Jesus' life becomes that disciple's inheritance as well.

Jesus Christ lived in the experience of being completely known and completely loved. He went to his cross rather than betray this reality that he knew to be true. Those who keep Christ's commandments and live according to his example will come to experience the same love, God dwelling with them and Jesus recognizing them as "another self."

One of the Eucharistic Prefaces for Ordinary Time prays that God may "love in us what you love in your Son." Our own efforts to "keep Christ's word" and to reflect Christ's self-giving love will stir the Advocate into action and deepen the divine love into which we have been baptized. Then Christ himself will come to see in us a true friend who shares his burdens and delights in his joys.



POET'S CORNER

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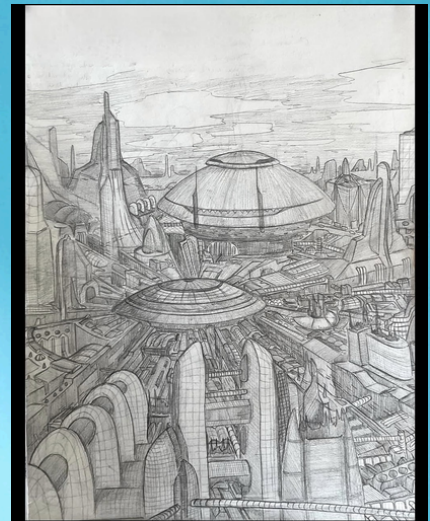
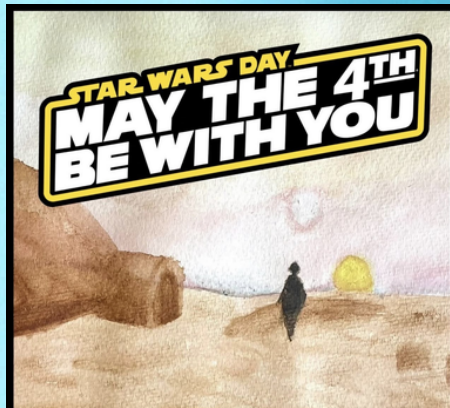
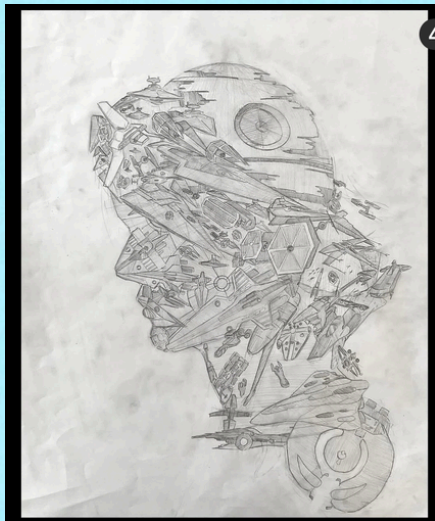
Mighty Aphrodite

In the temple of the human heart
she laid supplications of kindness.

"I'm sorry to hear your grandmother died," her message
to me read,
"Is there anything I can do?"

Then.
It was then
I fell
eternally
in love.

crusader art gallery



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 Neri

