



# St. Eugene Catholic Elementary School Parent/Guardian Update

## Week of February 26, 2024

### Important Dates:

**Wellness Wednesday/Sprit Wear**

**Pink Shirt Day:** February 28

**Confirmation Retreat:** February 28

**Dental Screening (JK/SK/Grade 2):** February 29

**PA DAY:** March 1 (no school for students)

**March Break:** March 11 to 15 (no school for students)



### Parish Connections:

[Click here for the Parish Bulletin.](#)

Please pray for our Grade 7 students who will have their Confirmation retreat this coming Wednesday. Ask the

Holy Spirit to bestow upon them their fruits and the gifts as they prepare to receive the final sacrament of initiation.



### School Updates:

**The Big Crunch:** On March 7th, St. Eugene is excited to participate in the Big Crunch event! Thanks to the generous support of Drummond Farms in Waterdown, Ontario, we'll have delicious apples for everyone to crunch into. The Great Big Crunch is more than just a fun activity—it's a nationwide movement promoting healthy eating and supporting nutritious school food. We believe in the importance of providing wholesome snacks to our students, which is why we're asking for your help. By donating just \$2 on Cash Online, you can ensure our nutrition program continues to thrive. Your contribution will make a big difference in the health and well-being of our students. Thank you for supporting our cause! Here is the link to the item in School Cash Online: <https://hwcdsb.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/74924/67/False/True>.

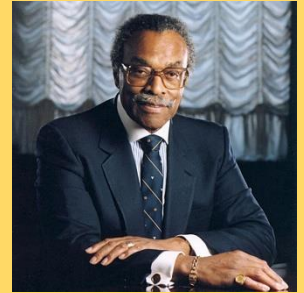


**Food Delivery Services:** A number of students have received deliveries for lunch from food delivery services. Please **refrain** from ordering food from Skip the Dishes or Uber Eats for your child and sending it to school. You are more than welcome to drop off lunch at the office.



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**Black History Month:** We continue to observe and celebrate Black History month throughout February. This week we honour Lincoln M. Alexander. Lincoln MacCauley Alexander, CC, OOnt, QC, lieutenant-governor of Ontario 1985–91, member of Parliament 1968–80, lawyer, public servant (born 21 January 1922 in Toronto, ON; died 19 October 2012 in Hamilton, ON). Alexander was the first Black Canadian member of Parliament (1968), Cabinet minister (1979) and lieutenant-governor (Ontario, 1985). In recognition of his many important accomplishments, 21 January has been celebrated as Lincoln Alexander Day across Canada since 2015.



[To learn more about Lincoln Alexander click here.](#)

**Regular Entry Procedures:** A reminder of our entry procedures. Our bell rings and school begins promptly at **8:20 AM**. Help your children practise responsibility and arrive on time. A number of students are late each day and they are missing valuable instructional time.

For entrance into the school, at 8:05 AM, students will proceed to their entry doors where they will be greeted by an adult who will direct them to their classes. All students should be in their classes by 8:20 AM.

**Only Kindergarten** students in the classes of Miss Marskell/Ms. Pyz/Mrs. Ausher, Mme Marica, Mme Fernandes/Mme Ivancic, and Mme Demers/Mme Beaudry enter through the **middle doors** on the playground.

Kindergarten students in KDF with Mme Guglielmo/Ms. Cardoni will enter their classroom door on the south side of the school (near the Parkdale Medical Centre).

**Grades 1 to 3** classes will enter through the Junior doors (**South doors near the Parkdale Medical Centre**).

**Grades 4 to 8** will enter through the North Intermediate doors (**closest to parking lot and St. Eugene Church**)

**Only bus students enter through the front doors.**

Please review the above information with your children and ensure that they are entering through the correct doors.

**Bus Lane:** Please **do not stop** in the bus lane in front of the school on Parkdale Avenue South. It is a **no stopping zone from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM**. Many parents are stopping in front of the school while the buses are there and are causing dangerous situations for our students, staff, and other vehicles. Our bus supervisors are asking parents to move out of the bus lane. Please be courteous and respectful and follow the traffic by-law. Drivers who ignore the no-stopping zone can be ticketed by the by-law enforcement. Please park in the parking lot or in an alternate location and keep the bus lane free from cars.



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**Lent:** Throughout Lent we are learning about our faith and the life of Jesus. Each day, after lunch, our staff and students are viewing a short video meditation to reflect on the different aspects of Lent and our faith. We are accessing videos from Brother Francis on the platform Formed.

This week, we will explore the videos:

- A Time When Jesus Gave the Devil the Boot
- A Time for Palms
- A Time to Blow Your Horn
- Not a Time for Long Faces
- A Time to Help Others Even When You Can't



**PA Day:** Friday, **March 1** is a PA DAY. There is **no school for students**. We will welcome students back to school on Monday, March 4.



**Pink Shirt Day:** This year, students and staff are asked to wear pink on Wednesday, February 28, 2024, to raise awareness about bullying and to promote the dignity of the human person and inclusivity for all HWCDSB students. This year, the theme of Pink Shirt Day is again **"Lift Each Other Up"** - a simple but powerful message encouraging everyone to work together and treat others with dignity and respect. As Catholic school communities created in God's image, our wearing of pink is a symbol of our communal expression of love, hope, and peace. More information regarding Pink Shirt Day, as well as resources for the classroom can be found at: <https://www.pinkshirtday.ca/>. This observance aligns with our **February Acts of Kindness initiative** and our *St. Eugene Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan*. To read more about our plan and the resources created by our Catholic School Council, [please visit our website by clicking here](#).

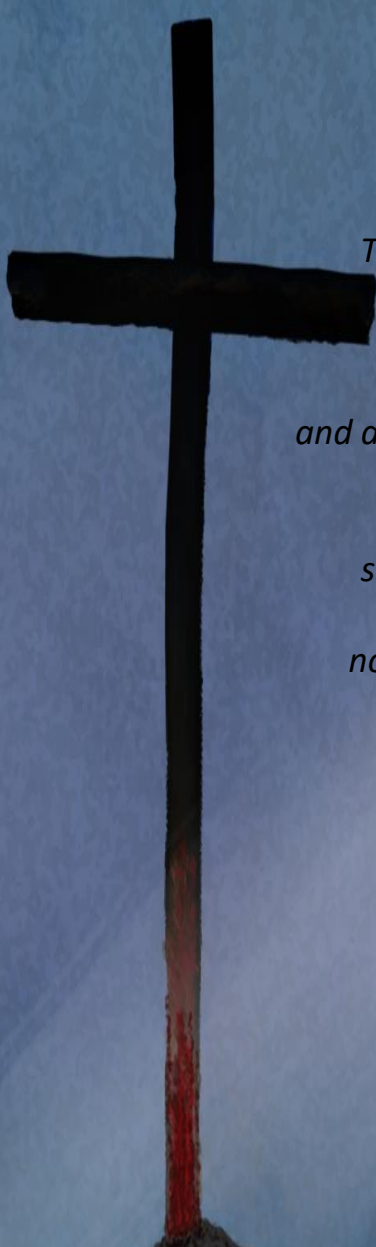
[To access the Anonymous Bullying Reporting Tool, click here.](#)





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***A prayer for the Third Week of Lent***



*Loving Father,  
So many times I turn away from you  
and always you welcome me back.  
Your mercy and love gives me confidence  
Thank you for the invitation to share, fast and pray  
so that you can form a new heart within me.  
Your powerful compassion for my weaknesses  
leads me to ask for mercy  
and await with great hope the Easter joy you share with us.  
God, you love me as your own child.  
May I bend my life and will toward you  
so that I might accept your teaching and guidance.  
I am so grateful for your support in my life,  
now and in the eternal life you are preparing for me.  
I beg for your help and Spirit in my life today.*

***- Author Unknown***