

## REFLECTION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS-SEPTEMBER 22, 2022

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| K. Spitzig    | Attention Runners! Are you interested in joining this year's Cross-Country Team? Can you run 3km or more? If so, please come to an information meeting today immediately after school in the gym.   |
| Vu            | There will be a practice for the Varsity Senior Boys Volleyball team today after school!  |
| Lowe          | Good morning Ascension! My name is Rebecca and I am from Ms. Lowe's leadership class. I'd like to announce that we are doing a clothing drive. We will be accepting USED clothes, jackets and shoes in good condition. We will be collecting items Thursdays during period 2 starting this week. Thank you for your support.  |
| Phys. Ed      | Are you interested in joining Ascension's Weight Training Club? The Eagle's Nest will be opening October 4 after school. Please stop by the Phys. Ed office to pick up your permission form. There will be a 25.00 fee/per semester to join. All payments must be made through school cash online.  |
| Albano        | Ever wonder what it is like to be an actor? Did you know that students every year, compete in a Theatre Festival all across Ontario? Auditions are coming soon. Interested? Sign up in the Chaplaincy office otherwise known as Ms. Albano's office, otherwise known as the first door on your left when you enter the building.  |
| Riaz          | Are you a Grade 9 student who identify as male? Then consider joining a new and exciting club at Ascension this year. It starts on Wednesday Oct 5th. Play sports in the gym like Basketball, Dodgeball etc. Take part in discussions on Anti Bullying, Peer Pressure, Social Media, etc. Students will gather once a week on Wednesdays at 11am in the gym. Don't miss out on this opportunity! Sign-up sheets are in the library! For more information see Mr M.  |
| Kassim-Joseph | <p>BACSA (Black African Caribbean Student Alliance) - a safe space and group to celebrate and nurture Black excellence, discuss social issues and have fun. Join us on TUESDAYS after school from 2:30p-3:30p in the library.</p> <p>GSA (Gay Straight Alliance) - a safe space and group to support the 2SLGBTQ+ community. Join us on WEDNESDAYS after school from 2:30p-3:30p in the library.</p> <p>BASCA and GSA will start the first week of October and run until May 2023 and run 1x a week</p> <p>SIGN UP in the library if you want to sign up as a member or ally to BACSA and or the GSA.</p> |
| Kassim-Joseph | Come join the YES4MH (Yes for Mental Health) –a group for students who are passionate about wellness and will plan mental health initiatives for our Ascension community. Sign up in the library. Join us after school on THURSDAYS from 2:30-3:30p starting the first week of October The club runs till May once a week.  |
| Terry Fox     | Students please take your Terry Fox forms home and help support our efforts to raise money<br>Volunteers meeting  |

## DAILY REFLECTION

Dear God, we acknowledge that the land on which we gather is part of the Treaty Lands and Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit. We acknowledge and express gratitude to the Mississauga's of the Credit First Nation of the Anishinaabek Peoples who continue to share their ancestral lands with us.

**In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen**

### **A Reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes**

***“Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. What do people gain from all the toil at which they toil under the sun? A generation goes, and a generation comes, but the earth remains for ever.”***

How would it feel to have a party where thousands of people gathered to celebrate your accomplishments? People would stand and give a speech listing the many ways you have inspired them and helped them, as well as being the one everyone wants in their selfies and posted on their social feeds.

Now imagine, you organized the event, and had the honour to speak to this person and ask what it feels like to be adored? But then, this person of fame and privilege said this honour and party does not matter. Would the comment shock and hurt you, as it did the priest who asked Mother Teresa this question before one of the many conferences and banquets organized in her honour in the 80's

Maybe, like the priest, you feel hurt and wounded because the festivities did not impress her. But you would miss the message. See, in time, the priest realized what she meant. Mother Teresa was not criticizing the people who planned the event; she was reminding them that her work was how she praised God. All the time and effort to honour her was unnecessary. For her, the service to help those in need was the reward and privilege for her. Why? In the faces of those she served, she saw the face of God. Mother Teresa's life illustrates how using one's gifts and talents to serve God is worth more than any fortune, honour, and power in this world.

I pray you see that in pursuit of good marks and future success, these are not the end goals of your life. Instead, may you use your gifts, time, and talent in pursuit to see the face of God in those you serve. May you do it with an empathetic heart, to use your resources to help others so to find genuine joy overall and not in pursuit of worldly things. For peace in Ukraine. I pray you remember that of course may the word of Jesus at the Ascension, resound in your heart and lips, “remember I am with you always till the end of days. Amen. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

