

## REFLECTION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS- SEPTEMBER 23, 2022

SUBMITTED BY	ANNOUNCEMENT-SCHOOL RELATED
Lowe	Good morning Ascension! My name is _____ 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. Thank you for your support.
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.
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.
Guidance	Semester 1 course selection is closed.
Terry Fox	Students have received their donation forms in their homeroom. Please start collecting for Terry Fox. You can collect monies or directly online. There are QR codes on the form. Have a great weekend.
Main Office	Uniform reminder!!! Students must be in full uniform. Students will be sent down to the office.

## 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

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance...a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate;a time for war, and a time for peace.

If you have ever watched the series Loki, Paper Girls, or the movie Endgame, a message we see played out is how you cannot change the past or time and if you do, the result may not be what you want it to be in the present. As much as we desire to make right the wrongs of our past, to the degree to even erase some of it from our public forums, we do not have the power to change what has happened. The wisdom we hear today, from the Book of Ecclesiastes, reminds us of this truth.

In our lifetime, we will experience the joys and sorrows of life. You cannot escape it. All you can do is decide and discern how to react to it in the present time. We never know how long moments of sorrow and joy will last till it ends or in hindsight. For some, this makes them feel hopeless or live with the belief that life is one endless time of prosperity and fun, but the author reminds us that in every time, who is faithful and constant is God. To read the entire book of Ecclesiastes is to read the wisdom of a people who know what happens when they eliminate God from their lives and why loving and discovering who God is, how we survive and thrive in our lives. They proclaim God walks with you, knowing the imperfections of our human hearts, and giving us the wisdom and choice to follow Him.

I pray you may see your life through the prism of wisdom, knowing that wherever you are in your life, it is for a moment in time. Take every moment as an opportunity to grow in the wisdom of God, and set your life according to the will of God. 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.

