

REFLECTION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS- SEPTEMBER 28, 2022

SUBMITTED BY	ANNOUNCEMENT-SCHOOL RELATED
Lowe	Good morning Ascension! My name is _____ and I am from Ms. Lowe's leadership class. We are doing a clothing drive and 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.
Kassim-Joseph	BACSA Join us on TUESDAYS after school from 2:30p-3:30p. GSA Join us on WEDNESDAYS after school from 2:30p-3:30pm. SIGN UP in the to BACSA and or the GSA in the library.
Kassim-Joseph	Come join the YES4MH (Yes for Mental Health). Sign up in the library. Join us after school on THURSDAYS from 2:30-3:30p starting the first week of October.
Riaz	Are you a Grade 9 student who identify as male? Play sports in the gym like Basketball, Dodgeball etc. Take part in varying discussions. Students will gather once a week on Wednesdays at 11am in the gym. It starts on Wednesday Oct 5 th . Sign-up sheets are in the library! For more information see Mr M.
Gervasi/Osti	Good Morning ASCEN! Today is election day!! Please check your emails and vote! voting ends tomorrow at NOON. Again, voting ends tomorrow at Noon. Student Council will have a brief meeting Thursday after school in room 314! Good luck to all!
Parahoo/Kitson	Ascension , you've had a 2-year break from wrestling. But now, it's time to get back in shape. Come get a form Mr. Kitson in the 2 nd floor workroom during 3A lunch or in room 208 during 3C lunch. Bring your signed permission forms to our first practice: Tuesday, October 11 th . Let's get ready to rumble!!!!
Albano	Drama Club Theatre Festival. First meeting is today afterschool. Please meet outside the doors of the Cafeteria.
Mr. Cook	Flag football is back. Today, our team will compete against Bramalea secondary school.
Carolan	Terry Fox. Keep brining in your monies. The grade 12's have thrown the gauntlet as they, so far, are leading in all grade for monies collected.
Main Office	True and Reconciliation-This Friday students are invited to wear Orange shirt. It is also a dress down day for those students who have paid their registration free.

DAILY REFLECTION

September 28, 2022

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 Job

“Then Job answered: ‘Indeed I know that this is so; but how can a mortal be just before God? If one wished to contend with him, one could not answer him once in a thousand. He is wise in heart, and mighty in strength who has resisted him, and succeeded?—’

As Job loses his fortune, property, power, and family, his friends tell him it's because he deserves it and God must be punishing him for being a sinful man. Job's friends are telling him, using today's language, that he deserves what is happening to him because he has done something wrong. Some would liken it to having bad Karma. But, Job responds with humility, that he is a good and righteous man. He knows before God he is imperfect, and knows that his suffering is greater than of his deeds. He has never harmed or cheated another person, but Job knows God is more than a one who takes score, so embraces what befalls him. Why? In faith, he has faith that God is with him at all times.

To our modern ears, this sounds foreign and odd. Why? We don't like to suffer. We don't like to acknowledge getting older or asking for help. For some, we believe our suffering is our own and that we must have done something to deserve it. But God's mercy does not work that way. He doesn't rule with the ideas which stem from Karma. Instead, his grace shows, every moment of our life is an opportunity to grow. For some it is more painful, but never intending to punish, but to show us our potential for greatness and the freedom to choose to do better.

I pray for those who are doing the work of Truth and Reconciliation see this moment as a time to grow in faith. To acknowledge the unjust ways, we have treated others so to find a better way to embrace the past and to make amends in the present for a better future. Let us remember the words of Pope Francis, when he visited the First Nations people when he said, “We want to walk together, to pray together and to work together so that the sufferings of the past can lead to a future of justice, healing and reconciliation.” May those involved in this work keep faithful to God and each other so this will not happen again on the soil of this land. For peace in Ukraine. I pray you remember the words of Jesus at Ascension, “remember I am with you always till the end of days. Amen. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

