

REFLECTION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS- OCTOBER 31, 2022

SUBMITTED BY	ANNOUNCEMENT-SCHOOL RELATED
Nuccitelli	Attention Grade 10 English students who will be writing the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test at the end of November!!! Ascension is offering an After-School Literacy Test Program to help you prepare. Please see Ms. Nuccitelli in Room 316 to pick up a registration form or for more information!
Rulli	Attn all grade 9 students – Take Our Kids to work day is coming-up soon!!! On Wednesday November 2 nd all grade 9s in Ontario will be participating in this Job Shadowing experience. New for 2022 is a virtual option – students who are not able to secure job-shadowing experiences have the option participating on-line at home. Information about Take Our Kids to Work day has been shared in Homeroom classes, and on the school website and social media feeds. Remember, permission forms are due back to Homeroom teachers before Wednesday Nov. 2 nd . Please see Mr. Rulli if there are any questions or concerns.
Ma. Mag	Varsity Boys Basketball Tryouts– Attention boys in grades 9 & 10. There will be a tryout for grade 9's and 10's on Monday, October 31st at 2:30. Your permission form must be completed and submitted for you to participate in the tryout.
Library	Attention all Model UN participants. Please bring your permission forms to the library today or tomorrow. Our first meeting will be held in the library tomorrow, Nov 1 st , at 2:30
Spitzig	A huge CONGRATULATIONS goes out to the Ascension Cross-Country team who competed at ROPSSAA on Friday. Students set new personal bests and represented Ascension with spirit and pride. All runners should be extremely proud of their efforts. Congratulations to you all on your success!
Albano	Drama Club and “Don't Trust Anyone.” Actors. Practice and training on Wednesday afterschool. Be prepared to stay for more than an hour. Meet at the cafeteria doors.
Malibu Club	Meeting is to come.
Brandt	Ms. Brandt's dance class will be performing today at Lunch

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 Gospel of St. Luke

“Zacchaeus was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way.”

Ms. Albano is about to say something controversial, ready? I am not a huge fan of Halloween. This day, for some reason, gives me the creeps and wigs me out, even though I still wear a costume and partake in the candy. Why? Scary faces, blood, and gore make me anxious. Ever since I was a kid, my older cousins used to enjoy making the younger cousins scared with their Jason masks and Freddy Cougar fingernails. Come sundown, I feel the goosebumps as if something is lurking in the shadows. But I don't let my anxiousness or fear get the best of me on October 31.

Like Zacchaeus I don't let fear dictate my life. Instead, we face it, knowing that one's fear has no power over us. But why was Zacchaeus anxious and fearful to meet Jesus? He feared his sins were so great that Jesus would not even notice him. He climbs a tree to catch a glimpse of him even when others towered and judged him. What occurred? The Lord called him and said, I'm paraphrasing, let's eat. This is a hopeful story for two reasons. 1. Never fear to know God and 2. What you will find is that fear is powerless in the presence of God.

For those trick or treaters and those helping at our alternate Halloween evening, please be safe and careful out tonight. Beware of your surrounding so to have a safe night with family and friends. For those who fear or our anxious on days like this, take comfort that the light of Christ always lights our way out of the darkness. 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.