

REFLECTION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS MAY 4, 2023

SUBMITTED BY	ANNOUNCEMENTS
Brown	<p>Ascension! Our annual Multicultural festival is only 4 weeks away- which is on Thursday, June 1st. As usual, we are looking for creativity! Performers and models, come out and show off your talents. You can also help with the planning and preparations for this big day. Everyone involved will get volunteer hours!</p> <p>Sign-up today if you would like to be in the Fashion show or a performance! Sign up with Ms. Brown in room 115. Don't be left out-Some groups have already started practicing. Spaces are limited so get your acts together!</p>
Kaldchibachi	Ascension eco-team! There will be a short meeting today after school in room 303 to talk about the next adventure! Hope to see you there.
Spitzig/Leadership	Today in the Gym, on your LUNCH, the Leadership Class is offering drop in dodgeball. Come and play! Athletic shoes are required and not food is permitted in the gym.
Albano	Last day to submit a video for Ascension of our Lord Dance Contest. Tag the school Instagram or provide Ms. Albano with a copy. More than likely, she will be in her office or in the hallways.
Albano	Students who wish to join the Filipino team, are asked to see Ms. Albano sometime on your lunch or after school. Yes, more than likely, she will be in her office or in the hallways.

DAILY REFLECTION

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

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 Psalms,

“Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise. Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!” (Psalm 66)

A few weeks ago, I was talking to a Vice Principal at one of our elementary schools on the board. I enjoy our conversations because we work in different parts of the board and I always enjoy hearing what's going on somewhere else. It helps to get a different perspective. Our conversation usually leads to this question: How is your school community dealing with the ups and down of COVID-19? We both smile and understand without words, the struggle both staff and students are going through are the same.

However, what we both noticed is a spirit of meanness or lack of patience that hovers over our respected school communities. In being physically a part for almost two years, would some of you agree that there is a degree of uncivilized behaviour around you? Unfortunately, I have noticed in the hall, a good portion of students showing a lack of respect towards each other and the adults in the building. As well, as a mean spiritedness in our speech when talking with each other or about others. It makes you wonder why? I propose it has nothing to do with being locked down or COVID-19. Instead, I think it stems from a culture of in gratitude. We have lost that sense of being grateful for who and what is in front of us. We think we need more in terms of things and others that we don't appreciate the many blessings around us. Consider, if we could restore that sense of being grateful in our community, would we be more civil to each other?

Let us pray we may restore a high level of respect for being grateful for every opportunity we have in this school community and especially for those in the building in charge of your education and care. May it help to bring a spirit of humility, kindness, and patience for ourselves, each other, and 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.