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Superintendent's Update: Students, Parents/Legal Guardians, and Staff

Given the tragic loss of life of a young girl at Christ the King School in Saint Thomas Aquinas Roman (STAR) Catholic School Division, as a faith community, we turn to the words of our Holy Father, Pope Francis, to seek peace, love, faith, and hope for everyone in this time of struggle:

Every moment of our lives is a time for believing, hoping and loving. The call to experience Lent as a journey of conversion, prayer and sharing of our goods, helps us, as communities and as individuals- to revive the FAITH that comes from the living Christ, the HOPE inspired by the Breath of the Holy Spirit and the LOVE flowing from the merciful heart of the Father.

On Wednesday, March 17, we celebrated St. Patrick's Day, commemorating one of the world's most popular saints. Patrick arrived in Slane, Ireland on March 25, 433, where he converted thousands of people and began building churches across the country. He often used shamrocks to explain the concept of the Holy Trinity and entire kingdoms were eventually converted to Christianity after hearing his message. Patrick preached and converted throughout Ireland for nearly 40 years. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God. After years of living in poverty, traveling and enduring much suffering he died at Saul, where he had built the first Irish church, on March 17, 461.

We continue together to see hope in the sunny days of Spring as we work together to sustain effective health measures in Step Two of Premier Kenney's <u>Path Forward</u>. In our division as well as in surrounding divisions, we will continue to monitor possibilities for extracurricular activities after Spring Break. We continue to update our <u>Parent Guidebook for School Re-Entry:</u> <u>2020-2021</u> and our <u>website</u> and official social media channels (<u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, and <u>Instagram</u>) are also reliable sources of Division news and announcements.

We continue to pray the Novena to St. Joseph in the spirit of calling on him to intercede with his gift of prayer as we pray together for all those who may be struggling and seeking strength:

Glorious Patriarch Saint Joseph, whose power makes the impossible possible, come to my aid in these times of anguish and difficulty. Take under your protection the serious and troubling situations that I commend to you, that they may have a happy outcome. My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power. Amen.

May God bless all of you as we continue together to pray for peace, love, faith, and hope for everyone. Blessings for a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,

Dr. Clint Moroziuk Superintendent of Schools