



ST. ELIZABETH SETON

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Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love... (Joel 2:13)

This scripture comes from the reading for Ash Wednesday, which falls on February 14th this year. The message is a beautiful reminder for us that God loves us, and that when we turn away from Him through our choices and actions, He is always waiting for us with forgiveness and mercy. It also presents us with a picture of how to share God's love with others: abundantly, patiently, mercifully, and graciously.

During the month of February, we celebrate God's word through friendship, love, and acts of kindness. Random Acts of Kindness Week will be celebrated by schools, communities, and agencies across the country from February 11-17 and we will also acknowledge Pink Shirt Day on February 28th. We will join in celebrating here at the school and encourage our entire community to do the same. February is also about intentions. In Dr. Wayne Dyer's book, "The Power of Intention", he shares that research has shown a simple act of kindness directed towards another improves the functioning of the immune system and stimulates the production of serotonin in both the recipient of the kindness and the person extending the kindness. Even more amazing is that persons observing the act of kindness have similar beneficial results.

It's hard to believe but we are now officially past the half-way point of this school year. You can see that the days are slowly getting longer and that maybe spring is just around the corner. **Family Day, which is on Monday, February 19th** and in the words of Saint Teresa of Calcutta, we are to, "Go home and love your family". We are blessed to be given time to do so. **Parents are reminded that this is a statutory holiday and as such, no school.**

Our grade 9 students have had visits from our feeder high schools, and you should be getting information soon on how to register your child for grade 10. What a wonderful milestone for our students who will be moving on to a new journey in their lives. We have also been out visiting grade 6 students at our feeder schools promoting all the wonderful things we offer at St. Elizabeth Seton School. There is so much excitement from grade 6's as they to reach an important milestone in their



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lives. Our grade 6 orientation and Open House will take place today. As we look ahead to the fall, all families have received an email on the process you need to undertake for your child to register for the next academic school year. If your child is currently registered at our school, they will simply roll-over if the intention is for them to remain here. You will just have to indicate this in School Engage through your Power School account. Please refer to the email that was previously sent called PRE-ENROLMENT.

In our attached February calendars please note that we have added some important June dates including grade 6 and 9 PAT exam dates and our grade 9 farewell date. When planning your holidays please ensure that your child is not missing these important government exams.

I want to thank all our families for your continued support of our school and staff. Having a strong community behind us is such a blessing. May God bless you all as we move into the second part of the year.

Sincerely,

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