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January, 2020

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Superintendent's Report

Board Monthly Calendar

The Board monthly calendar has been posted to your Google Docs and will be updated as events unfold and/or change throughout the year.

Faith Development



Christmas Masses for Assumption School were held at Assumption Parish the morning of January 8 with Father Nong presiding. Grades 8, 9, and 11 attended mass at 9:00 am, and grades 7, 10, and 12 attended mass at 10:30 am. Students attending mass participated in all ministries.

The Advent Mass with Bonnyville schools was held at 9:30 am at École Dr. Bernard Brosseau Middle School on December 20. The Mass was beautiful, and was presided over by Fr. Rene. Board members, Central Office staff and parishioners were in attendance at both masses.

A huge thank you to students and staff for fulfilling the ministries.

Prayer for Blessings in the Year Ahead

Father, Thank You for Your great love and blessing over our lives. Thank You that Your favour has no end, but it lasts for our entire lifetime. Forgive us for sometimes forgetting that You are intimately acquainted with all of our ways, that You know what concerns us, and You cover us as with a shield. We ask that we would walk in Your blessing and goodness today. That Your



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face would shine on us. That You would open the right doors for our lives and for our loved ones, that You would close the wrong doors and protect us from these we need to walk away



from. Establish the work of our hands and bring to fulfillment all that You have given us to do in these days. We pray that You would make our way purposeful and our footsteps firm out of Your goodness and love. Give us a heart of wisdom to hear Your voice, and make us strong by Your huge favour and grace.

In Jesus' name we pray,

Amen

Literacy Update

The Communications Focus for the month of January is Literacy. We celebrate Literacy at Lakeland Catholic School Division because literacy education is about helping students find ways to make sense of the world by acquiring, understanding and communicating information in a variety of ways.

Every staff member is a dedicated literacy teacher in our division. We really get students engaged in their own reading. At LCSD students are the ones reading and making meaning. We have made guided reading a priority for





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grades 1-6, and it has been very successful for all our students. Another strategy we use is Notice and Note - this strategy is well researched and activates students' critical thinking. This is

important because outside of school students are actively engaged in their lives and reading prepares them for these situations thus arming them to make the best decisions in deep and meaningful ways.

Literacy is the foundation for success and learning in life. This year we celebrate excellent results on the Accountability Pillar. The Division provides support to all schools with Instructional Coaches to strengthen school-based literacy goals. Outstanding results occurred across the Division also as a result of intentional content area literacy and literacy intervention strategies.