

## ST. CARTHAGH CATHOLIC SCHOOL – All Are Welcome In This Place where Together is Better!

**APRIL UPDATE** 

## Monthly School Focus: Love Catholic Graduate Expectation: A Caring Family Member

**Kindergarten Registration -** Registration is occurring for September 2021. If you have a child that will be attending Junior Kindergarten, please pre-register as soon as possible by going to our website (www.alcdsb.on.ca/school/cart). To be eligible for Junior Kindergarten students must turn 4 years of age by December 31, 2021. Please provide your child's birth certificate, baptismal certificate, immunization record and proof of residency. Also, if you know of a student in K-8 looking to attend St. Carthagh's in September please have them register as soon as possible. Please call the school if you have questions.



**Beacon of Hope -** In an effort to celebrate the extraordinary accomplishments of students, the Algonquin & Lakeshore CDSB recognizes "Beacons of Hope" within each school. Students are selected based on their significant contributions to the life of the school and their lived experiences. These "unsung heroes" are recognized for coming to school each day, giving it their best and adding to the positive climate of their schools. Through their actions they give witness to the virtues. St. Carthagh's recipient of the "Beacon of Hope" award this year is **Brooklyn Hector**. Congratulations Brooklyn, we are proud of you!!

Mrs. Healey's speech for Brooklyn - It is an absolute honour to recognize Brooklyn Hector as the recipient of this year's Beacon of Hope at St. Carthagh Catholic School. Brooklyn models Jesus as she is a true servant leader. She quietly yet purposefully uses the gifts that she has been given to bring glory to Him and joy to those around her. She is part of the reason that this year's pastoral theme of "All are Welcome in this Place" is alive and well in our school! Brooklyn is a hard

worker as is evident in her success in the classroom and in extra-curricular activities from previous years. Over the years, she has been a leader in our Folk Group where was able to sing and play guitar for Mass, assemblies, and other special school events. In pre-Covid times, she decided to share her passion for music by organizing and teaching a guitar club for interested students. She has also been a valued team member of our volleyball team, collaboratively winning four board wide tournaments over the past few years. All these accomplishments combined do not even hold a candle to the light and love that are the true reason for Brooklyn's recognition as the Beacon of Hope. She is kind, gentle, honest, and courageous. She is a good friend to all. She is respected because of her ability to empathize and truly connect with others without diminishing the amazing person that God made her to be. I am so excited to see how Brooklyn uses her talents, her work ethic, and her heart to bless the lives of others. I have no doubt that God has huge plans for her, and we can't wait to see them unfold. Congratulations, Brooklyn! Thank you for being our 2020/2021 Beacon of Hope!

**Extra Clothing** – We ask that you please send extra clothing with your children due to wet Spring conditions. Students (of all ages) often slip/fall during recess or outdoor activities and get muddy or wet and want a change of clothes. A Ziploc bag to be kept in their backpack would be appreciated as we are not able to share or borrow from others due to covid regulations.

First Communion/First Reconciliation & Confirmation – More information will be available soon. We are in conversation with Father Aidan about how to proceed in these challenging times.

**Grade 8 Graduation** – Gr. 8 Graduation is scheduled for Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. More information will follow once we are certain about Covid restrictions according to Public Health guidelines at that time. If we are in school, we will provide an opportunity for students to dress up and celebrate during the school day. We are hoping to include families in a safe way but cannot specify what that will look like at this time. Thank you for your understanding.

## Lenten Project

This Lenten season we chose to focus on mental health by supporting the Ontario Mental Health Association. Through family donations Mrs. Healey was issued four challenges as each financial goal was met. In total we raised \$315, and each challenge was completed (see photo's below)! We end our Lenten Mission knowing we have worked together to make the world a better place!



April 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu 1	Fri 2 Good Friday	Sat 3
<b>4</b> Easter Sunday	5 Easter Monday	6	7	8	9 School Mass Virtual	10
11	12 School Break —	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	<b>28</b> School Council Virtual 6:30	29	30	