

Tuesday Note

January 7, 2020

**"Brightest and best of the stars of the morning, dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
Star of the East, the horizon adorning, guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.
Cold on His cradle the dew drops are shining; low lies His head with the beasts of the stall;
Angels adore Him in slumber reclining, Maker and Monarch and Saviour of all."**

A NEW CREATION

Welcome to a whole new year and welcome back to FLCA! We hope your holiday and celebrations were a blessing to you, and that you are ready for the new year!

It was wonderful to greet all of our students and families again on Monday, following our Christmas break. We thank God that all had an opportunity to rest or travel or spend time with family during the Christmas season, and that He has brought us back together again to continue our school year in a new calendar year!

As many people do at the turn of a new year, we think about the year that's passed and the potential of the one ahead. New years hold such promise. We are reminded of the passage in Corinthians, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." We thank God for the promise of newness in Him. He creates spiritual life and light in our being, and actually changes the human heart so that it can receive Him and become new. This gift of the Holy Spirit makes each of us a new creation, the same way that a newborn baby is a new person. The old self has gone away, and a new self has arrived. God restores the connection broken by sin, making it possible for His Spirit to dwell in us and flow through us as it was meant to. At times, we may find our old selves creeping back in. But, thankfully, God has delivered us, through Christ, by overcoming what we call "the old Adam". And we can trust His promise to continually work on us, and through Christ, truly re-create us.



This new year also marks a special anniversary year both for our church (100th), and for our school (25th). This verse from the gospel of John has been chosen as our theme verse for the year: "From the fullness of His grace, we have all received one blessing after another." We thank God for His goodness and blessings over the past 25 years and eagerly await His blessings in the future.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, January 7

- Chess Club
- 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 8

- Chapel 8:30
- Boys' Basketball Practice
3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Monday, January 13

- Girls' Basketball Practice
3:30 – 5:00 p.m.



ADVENT APPEAL

Praise God...Response to our Advent Appeal has been wonderful: to date we have received \$46,425 in donations! These are much needed funds and we are grateful for your generosity.



BASKETBALL PRACTICES



Girls' Team

Mondays 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Boys' Team

Wednesdays 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

The WECSA Basketball Tournament will be held this year at Academie Ste. Cecile, on Friday, February 21st.

CHESS CLUB

The Chess Club will meet today, and each Tuesday, after school, from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Students from Grade 2 to Grade 8 are welcome.



INCLEMENT WEATHER



As winter has arrived, we thought it might be useful to review our inclement weather policy as outlined in the school handbook.

Because of the distance away some of our families live and the different and individual tolerance of our children, we expect each family to simply use discretion about sending students on "bad weather days". If you determine that it's too cold, or too windy, or that roads are too dangerous, please just call and tell us you've decided to keep the children home for the day. In an emergency situation (a loss of heat during the night or with weather so inclement that it would be dangerous to both staff and students) ... we will call you using a "telephone tree" or "fan out" method. One of our staff will call to say, "School is closed today." Unless a similar call comes the next day, school should be assumed to be open. As well, the school voicemail message will be changed to reflect the "closed" situation, and notice of the school closure will be broadcast on AM800 CKLW and CBC Radio One (97.5 FM).



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

January 15	Class Photos, Grad Photos Individual Photo Retakes
January 24	P.A. Day (No School for Students)
January 28	In-school Chess Tournament
February 11	FLCA Open House
February 13	Effective Speaking Contest
February 18	Family Day
February 21	Basketball Tournament at ASC
February 25	Shrove Tuesday
February 26	Ash Wednesday
March 3	2 nd Term Report Card Day
March 3	Canadian Chess Challenge
March 5	Parent Teacher Interviews
March 6	Parent Teacher Interviews
March 6	P.A. Day (No School for Students)
March 8	Daylight Saving Time Begins
March 9 to March 20	March Break

IT'S A GIRL!

We rejoice with the Farren family (our Grade 8 teacher, Mrs. Kaytee Farren and her husband, Will) to welcome their bundle of joy.

Rosalie Grace Farren was born on Thursday, December 19, 2019, just in time for Christmas. Congratulations and prayers!

