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Summer, Sunshine & Smiles!

BY SISTER MARY CATHERINE PERDUE, SOLI, PRINCIPAL

Dear Friends in Christ!

The hot weather is upon us, and signs of God's love and artistry abound! The beginning of 2020 kept us busy with speeches, lunch clubs, sports and finally, the unique challenge of distance learning. With a group morning rosary each school day, and Friday evening spiritual group talks, we continue to engage our school community. Our bi-annual pilgrimage to Italy was cancelled, but we are happy to be safe, healthy, and ever under Our Lady's protective mantle. We continue to keep our school community, friends, supporters and those affected by the current situation in our prayers. Please enjoy the school updates in the following pages.

God bless you!



*Beauty is not in the eye of the beholder. Rather it
is in God, and only when we are directed to God
can we find the ultimate beauty.
True beauty reflects God.*

Written by Grace H.

Grade 10

"Isn't it funny how day by day nothing changes, but when you look back, everything is different?"

DECEMBER

A very busy month at Wayside! Along with Christmas tree and cookie decorating, we had craft workshops, went caroling in the community & had a staff/student movie night. The biggest highlight for many was our wondrous "Lessons & Carols" Event at Sacred Heart Church followed by our school Christmas party & potluck.



Ladies' movie night



Christmas decorating



Cookie decorating



Christmas crafts



Carolling before meeting some of the amazing residents!



Our BEAUTIFUL "Lessons & Carols" event



JANUARY

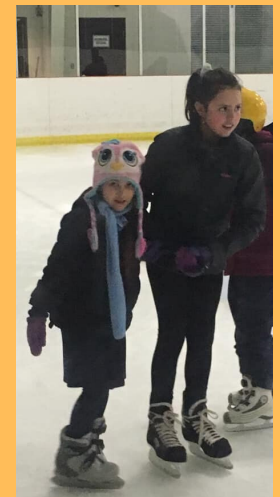
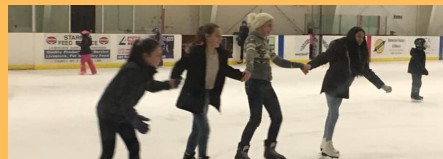
Our "Spaghetti Dinner & Fundraiser" was really AMAZING! The plates of delicious hot food, the incredibly talented entertainment, the many exciting basket raffles, laughter & friendship! Thank you to all who attended, helped or contributed.



Thanks to St. Joseph's intercession, and many generous donors, we reached our fundraising goal! Unfortunately, our pilgrimage to Italy was cancelled because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Safe, healthy and grateful, we hope to visit Italy sometime in the future.

FEBRUARY

After two, full, exciting days of school-wide public speaking, we relaxed and had fun with a skating afternoon at Douro Arena. There were skating chains, skate-by "dabbing" and even a super-charged hockey game happening at one end of the rink! A great way to spend a February afternoon.



Family, Friends & Skating!

Lunch Clubs & Activities

We're not surprised our lunch clubs and activities are SO popular! Horseback riding, Chess Club, Ukulele, Sewing, Baking, Badminton, Debate Club, Swing Dance and more! Fr. Gerardus even joined us one day! A huge THANK YOU to our generous instructors/facilitators who donated their knowledge, expertise, time and supplies to make these clubs happen!

(Clockwise from top: Horseback Riding at Suncrest Equestrian Centre, Chess, Yarn Dolls, Ukulele Club)



Good
people
bring out
the good
in people.



CONGRATULATIONS

Our incredibly talented students wrote and presented interesting, well-researched speeches during our school-wide public speaking contests. Congratulations to the following students who also placed at the Lakefield Legion Public Speaking Contest:

4-6 Division

3rd - Evangeline D.,
Grade 4

7-9 Division

1st - Sophie W., Grade 7
3rd - Sarah B., Grade 7

10-12 Division

1st - Grace H., Grade 10
2nd - Adina P., Grade 11
3rd - Luke P., Grade 12



Excerpt from Sophie's speech:

~ Crazy Cryptids of North America ~ By Sophie W.

Close your eyes and picture this: you're out in the middle of a beautiful lake, pine forests to your sides, the stars glittering above, and the vast waters below. Suddenly, you hear a moan, and a huge, dark figure like a snake pulls its heavy head out of the water, peers at you, and dives back into the depths, shattering the silence and rocking your boat. Now, I'm sure most or even all of you have heard of the famous yetis, Nessie, and kraken. But do you know of Ogopogo, the Chupacabra, or the Loveland Frog? Let me introduce you to these North American monstrosities.

Let's begin with our Canadian cryptid: Ogopogo. This long, serpentine water dweller supposedly inhabits the comely (700-foot-deep) Okanagan Lake in British Columbia. Sightings of this sizeable snake have been reported from 1873 right up to 2019. But even before the sighting in the 1800's, native tribes in that area were passing down stories of an aquatic serpent they called N'ha-a-itk (meaning 'water demon') and were performing sacrificial traditions to soothe it.

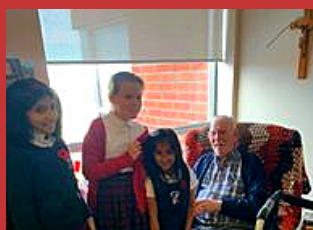
Ogopogo has supposedly been seen many, many times over the years and has done different things each time. Presumably, it has made several bumps and ripples in the water, and has caused some small boats to be damaged.

Excerpt from Grace's speech:

Doctor Elizabeth Blackwell By Grace H.

Honourable Judges, Fellow Competitors, Ladies and Gentlemen: "None of us know what we are capable of until we are tested." These words were spoken by a determined woman born 199 years ago and still ring true today. Born in 1821, her name was Elizabeth Blackwell. By 1849, at the age of 28, she was deservedly known as *Doctor Elizabeth Blackwell* and as history advanced would be recognized as the first female medical doctor across the globe. This was an impressive accomplishment to say the very least, and was only achieved by her viscous work ethic, indomitable spirit and downright stubborn determination. The barriers Elizabeth faced throughout her journey to become a doctor and throughout her career would have been insurmountable for most, but *not* Elizabeth. Time and time again, she adapted to her circumstances, redefined her plans and continually pushed through the obstacles along her path in order to answer her call as a doctor and advocate for change.

Excerpt from the Peterborough Pro-Life Association (PPLA) Feb 20, 2020 Newsletter:



Dear loved Grandparents around the world,

Do you think you are forgotten? Not loved or cared for? Not valued?
Well, that is not true.

We wouldn't be here without you. Why not? You passed on our life, culture, traditions and religion. You've spent time with us and cared for us. You taught us important things that will surely help us in life. You were willing to fight so that we can enjoy freedom. You were ready to give up your lives for us. We can never thank you enough for that. You have constantly worried for us night and day. You have stormed all of Heaven for our well being. I think God has heard your prayers. You give us cookies and treat us to special things.

We are grateful for your love and care. And so yes, you are remembered, you are definitely loved and cared for. And we will always value you. We promise to never forget you ever and your memory will be imprinted deeply in our hearts.

- Grade 6-7 students at Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic School

Life is precious
Life is love

God is watching from above
We must not let our babies die
Or in the womb, they will cry
It's our duty to protect the little ones
All their fingers, toes and thumbs
Each life is special as we know
and we must really let it show.

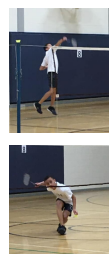
Written by Mary V., grade 4; published in the
PPLA Newsletter (Feb 2020)



Basketball Free-Throw

Ten of our amazing student athletes advanced from the local level to the district level at the Knights of Columbus Basketball Freethrow Championship! A big CONGRATULATIONS to Maryanne P. who won both the district and regional levels in her gender/age category!

"Work hard in silence. Let your success be your noise."



NEW JERSEYS!

Thank you to a couple of generous donors for providing our amazing High School Boys Basketball Team with these impressive, reversible, personalized sports jerseys! Looking so stylish, is it any wonder they placed 2nd at their 1st basketball tournament in 2020?!

HOCKEY!

On March 7th, our brilliant High School Boys Hockey Team participated again in the Father Costello Classic Hockey Tournament held at Warsaw Arena. High school and parish teams faced off against seminarians from St. Augustine's Seminary. The students played beautifully and had an excellent time!

BADMINTON!

At the end of January, our incredibly talented badminton team showed what they were made of! They placed 2nd, 3rd and 4th in the Girls U15 Doubles, and 4th in Girls U15 Singles. Congratulations to the entire team for a great display of skill, teamwork and sportsmanship!

VOLLEYBALL!

On March 6th, our awesome High School Girls Volleyball Team participated in the St-Laurent Volleyball Tournament held in Ottawa. Placing 4th, they were recognized as "fantastic guests". They had an excellent time and cannot wait to resume play in the 2020/2021 school year!

Distance Learning



Rising to the Occasion!

Wow! Nobody saw this coming! Mid-March found us wide-eyed and windswept by mandated province-wide school closures due to the COVID-19 pandemic. And our school community, staff and Wayside families absolutely rose to the occasion! While other schools went on March Break, we jumped right into planning and executing our Distance Learning Plan. Within hours, we had a full online class schedule for every single class, Google Classrooms and a Distance Learning website created as a central hub for assignments, quizzes, materials and school/class communication. Our teachers prepared lesson plans and sent or confirmed resources parents could pick up to facilitate their child(ren)'s education during the school disruption. And the engagement continues with supplemental online conferences such as morning rosary every school day, and spiritual group talks every Friday evening. We miss seeing the smiling faces of every single one of our students and staff. They are in our prayers and we look forward to a warm and wonderful reunion when school re-opens for the 2020/2021 school year!

"It has definitely been a different experience, but the students have been amazing and participating well!"

It is truly a blessing to be part of a school which leads our students toward the True, the Good and the Beautiful, of which Music is an essential part."

- Sister Mary Augustine



"I was really impressed that the Wayside community was able to break for what we thought would be an ordinary weekend, and pick right back up on the quarantine Monday with a completely new platform for our academic and social activities. I'm touched by the willingness of the students to soldier on with their studies under a totally new challenge. Most have exhibited remarkable flexibility, humour,

discipline, and curiosity. Despite the fact that I have enjoyed petting my dog more, and staying in my exercise clothes most of the day, I really have missed working with all of you in person."

- Mrs. Hodges

FEEDBACK FROM OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

HOW ARE YOU KEEPING BUSY AT HOME?



SISTER MARY CATHERINE
"Sorting, organizing, filing!"



MR. CLEMOTE
A little "off-time car maintenance".



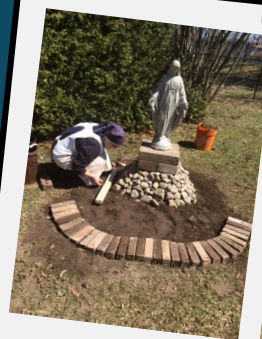
MRS. PEETERS
Gardening and...Pictionary!



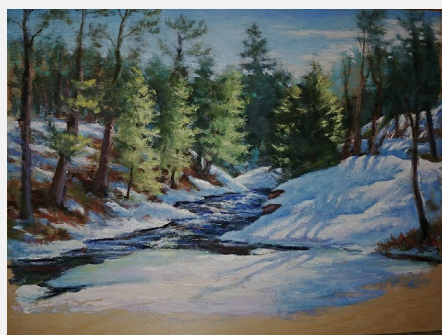
MARY, WILLIAM & GRACE
"Baking bread from scratch!"



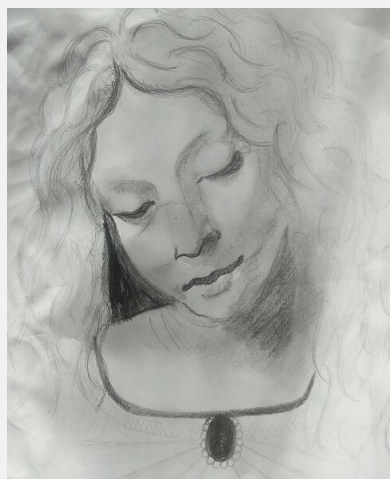
Yummm!



SISTER MARIA FAUSTINA
"Building a grotto to our Blessed Mother!"



MR. DVORAK
"Painting at Eels Creek!"



And finally, some impressive artwork by several of our talented students:
Adina, Alphonsa, Thomas & Aleena





Congratulations to the Class of 2020!

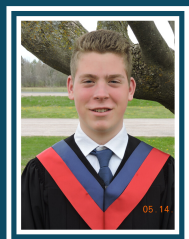
Onwards and Upwards...

It's that time of year that always makes our breath catch! We are proud of and happy for our wonderful graduates, and yet sad we will no longer see all these smiling faces every day. To those leaving us, we send you on your way with our prayers, best wishes and so much love. Please come back and visit us soon. You will always be part of the Wayside family! Congratulations and Good Luck to all our 2020 grads...

Grade 8: *Cecilia S., Elijah D., Fergus D., Maryanne P., Sarah B., Theresa F., Tristan T., William B.*

Grade 12: *Greg S., Kevin H., Luke P.*

Graduate Profile: Greg S.



My time at Wayside has gone by quicker than expected. Every year at Wayside was a year full of memories that I will not forget about my childhood. The camping trips that began and ended each of the years was a time to let loose and build relationships outside the classroom. During my early years at Wayside if there was any sort of sport to be played on the field the whole school would be out there involved, including all of the staff. Having grown up in a family of thirteen I have come to realize the importance of family life and it has always kept this school great.

Graduate Profile: Kevin H.



Being part of Wayside Academy for all four of my high school years has been beneficial to me in so many ways. I appreciated the access to the sacraments which Fr. Damian provided, and the close group of students in the high school. The intense academic standards pushed me to work hard and has helped me to feel prepared for my move to post secondary education. I feel confident that I will be able to handle the course loads which will help me to succeed. The teachers at Wayside have shared their passion for learning, and their genuine desire for us to learn and grow. I would like to acknowledge Mrs. Hodges in particular. She taught me so much about math and science, but her greatest lessons were the ones she taught me about showing up, about staying, about kindness, about patience, about generosity, about dignity, and about forgiveness. Thank you very much Mrs. Hodges, you made a difference in my life. Joining Chesterton Academy has had a positive impact on the school; we were able to participate in basketball tournaments and were planning an exciting trip to Rome. I would like to thank the generous benefactors of Wayside, the dedicated teachers and staff, Fr. Damian, and the SOLI Sisters who have all worked so hard to run the school. Finally, I would like to thank my parents who have made sacrifices for me and supported me. I will fondly recall and strive to live by our motto, Semper Altius, Always Higher.

Graduate Profile: Luke P.



My friends, Wayside has been very beneficial to me in many ways. From learning liberal arts, to building strong friendships with my fellow students and teachers. It has been a good four years. I would like to say a Big Thank You to all the staff and benefactors for the opportunity to go to Wayside!



We would like to express our deepest gratitude to the donors and volunteers who support us. It is true that Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic School relies mostly on donations to keep our doors open and continue with the important work of providing an authentically Catholic, Classical Education. Thanks to YOU, we are making a remarkable and genuine difference in the lives of our youth and the families in our community. We tend to assume donations have a monetary value. However, donations of time, materials, expertise and in-kind gifts have also made an equally important impact for our school families as well as in the broader community.

THANK YOU for allowing us to continue to achieve the goals we set out when we first opened in 1995. God bless you!

"...And I think to myself, what a wonderful world."

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