

January Monthly Round Up

What happened at St. André Bessette in January?

January 2025



Virtue of the Month: Self-Control

Like a city breached, without walls, is one who lacks self-control. (Prov. 25:28)

God wants us to do what we know and feel is right.

From the perspective of the Catholic Graduate Expectations, a person with self-control...

- Has a positive, confident sense of self and others.
- Thinks reflectively to solve problems.
- Applies effective communication, decision-making, problem-solving & resource management skills.



Welcome back and Happy New Year! We are happy to have everyone back.

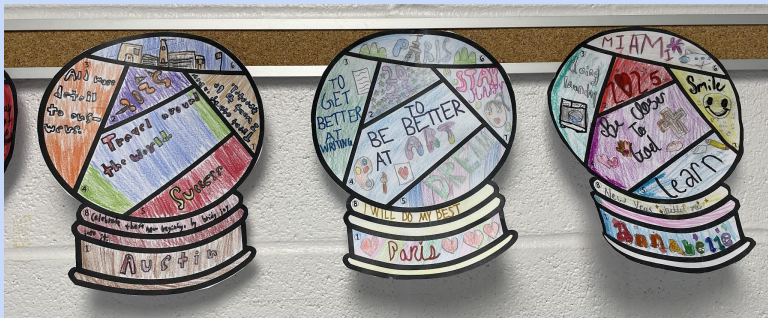
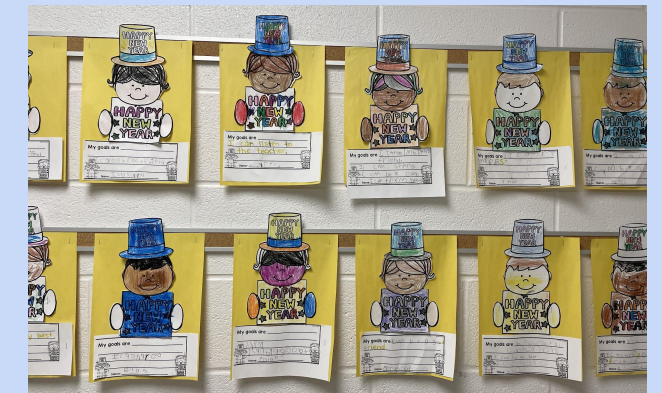
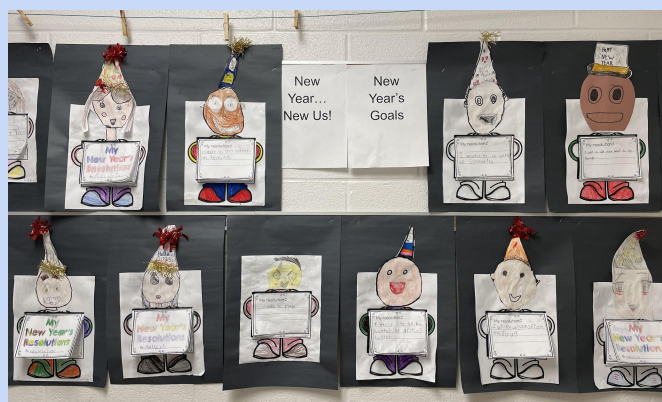
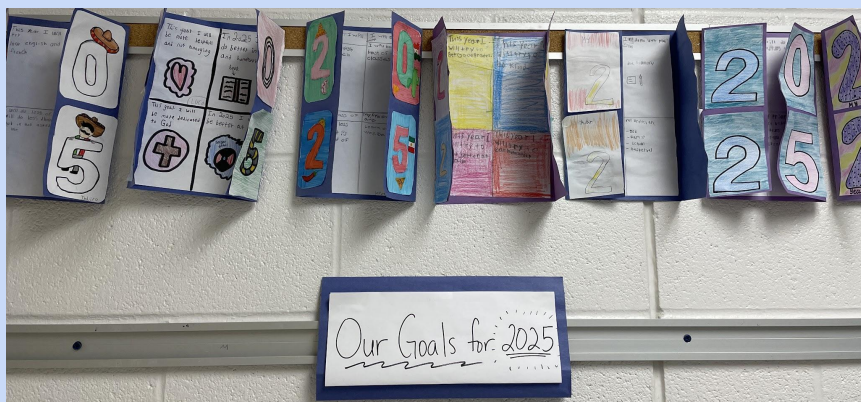


We value our relationship with St. Patrick's Parish and are always happy to have Fr. Fraser come and visit. On Friday, Jan 31, he surprised us by popping in at the end of the day. He simply wanted to wish the students a good weekend. As students exited the school, Fr. Fraser was greeted with well wishes, high fives and hugs. We look forward to when Fr. Fraser is back in our school.



Making Resolutions

Various classes brought in 2025 with making academic resolutions and goals.



Snow Fun!

January was a cold month but provided the kids with lots of fun in the snow. Students built snow forts, snowmen, slid down our small hills and of course, soccer continued. Please remember to dress your children properly for the weather. Students go out for two 15 minutes recesses and a 40 minute lunch recess. Only in extreme cold, do we modify recesses.



Rubber Ducky Day

During the last two weeks of January, the entire school board engaged in Rubber Ducky activities. Students practiced their estimating skills and engaged in language and visual art activities all rubber ducky themed. Can you guess how many ducks are in the jar?



Mental Health Month

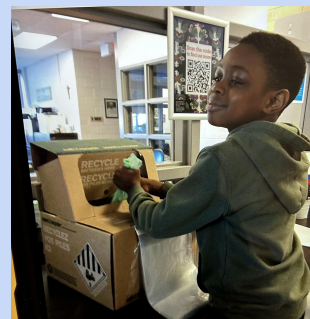


For the month of January, we focused on mental health and wellness. Our Mental Health team and Youth Faith Leaders organized announcements, activities for classes and a dress blue for Bell Let's Talk day. Together we can break the stigma.

Swim to Survive



Members of our ECO TEAM continue to work hard to educate and lead us in the Energy Conservation Campaign. This initiative reminds all of us to conserve energy by turning off lights, monitors, and other electronics when they are not needed! Please continue to encourage these habits at home. In addition, Mrs. Nephew's students lead our campaign to collect batteries and keep them out of the landfills.



Our Gr. 3 classes participated in Swim to Survive taught by the City of Brampton. This is a free program that teaches students water safety skills needed to survive an unexpected fall into deep water. The program included three lessons in water and three lessons that were taught in class. Students learned the sequence of rolling into deep water, treading water for one minute and swimming 50 meters.



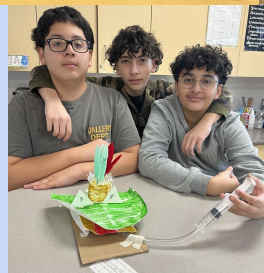
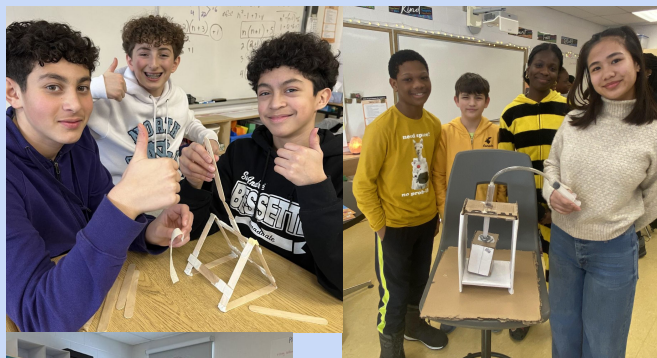
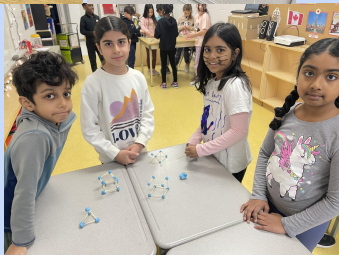
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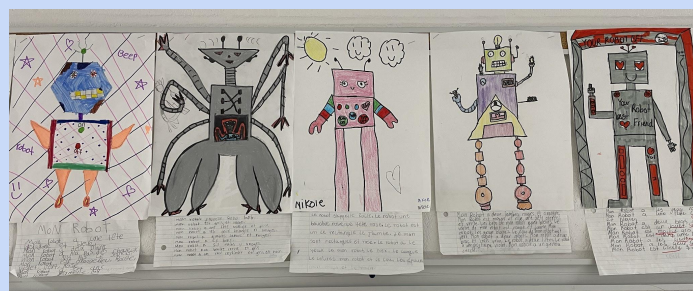
Our banners are up!



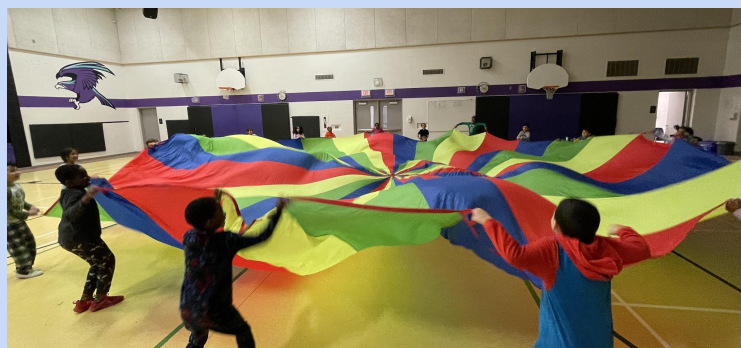
Gr. 3's in Mrs. Villamagna's class learning about strong and stable structures by exploring the strength of the triangle using toothpicks and plasticine.



Gr. 8's getting scientific by creating pneumatic systems.



Descriptive writing in French class.



Fun in gym class!



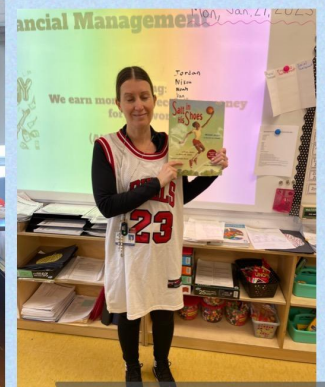
In preparation of Black History Month, Grade 2 students began their research about Benny Bing. He is a Toronto-based Nigerian artist known for his vibrant, large-scale portraits that celebrate Black identity, culture, and empowerment. The students were encouraged to remain true to his style and to use bold colors in their own compositions.



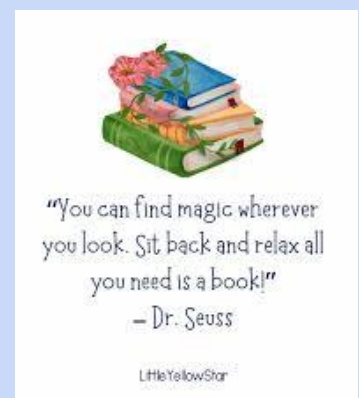
Mrs. Schiavi's multi-language learners enjoying some social time while practicing their English speaking skills.

Literacy Spirit Week!

Thank you to our Youth Faith Leaders for organizing a week filled with celebrating the love of reading! In addition to the fun dress up days, the whole school started every morning with reading a book together over the morning announcements. In addition, YFLs read books to the primary classes. Teachers also promoted many literacy activities throughout the week.



Dress as your favourite book character. Can you guess the book?



We read the book "The Day the Crayons Quit" while dressing in our brightest colours.