

News from the Knights

Second Semester Blessing

As we begin this semester, dear God, help each of us to look at this beginning as an opportunity to reach out to one another in service for the common good. May the gift of Your presence be felt among all people within our school community so that we may live out our Catholic vocation with hope and greater compassion. We ask for the desire and strength to nurture each other as we move forward into second semester. Amen.

Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program

OYAP provides career opportunities for students interested in the trades. For more information, please contact Mrs. Maisonneuve, NCDSB's OYAP Coordinator, at 268-4501.

Grade 8 Orientation

The staff and students of O'Gorman High School invite prospective Grade 9 students and their parents to experience the family atmosphere that is a trademark of our Catholic secondary school. Please join us in the school's Common Area at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, February 16th to meet our teachers, learn about our academic programs and extracurricular activities, and tour the school. See for yourself why OHS is the school for you.

Hope for Haiti

**"Remember your promise to me, for it is my only hope.
Your promise revives me; it comforts me in all my troubles."**

-Psalm 119:49-50

God's promise is that he will love us and care for us; we are called to do the same. Throughout February, our school community will participate in a number of fundraising activities to support the relief efforts in Haiti.

To our brothers and sisters in Haiti, know that the O'Gorman Family continues to pray for all of you as you begin the rebuilding process. May God bless each of you during this difficult time.

Ash Wednesday

A prayer service will be held on February 17th at St. Joseph Parish.

COURSE SELECTIONS

Course selections for next school year will be completed using the **Career Cruising Course Planner**. This online resource allows students to submit course selections and plan pathways from any computer with Internet access. Parents are encouraged to take an active role in the course selection process. A Parent Information Session will be held on Monday, February 22nd at 6:30 PM in the Theatre.

EQAO

The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) will take place on April 8, 2010. The test is normally taken when a student is in the tenth grade. Successful completion of the OSSLT allows students to fulfill the literacy requirement for graduation.

The OSSLT includes both reading tasks and writing tasks, as well as multiple choice questions.

If you have any questions or would like further information about the OSSLT, please contact the school at 268-4501 extension 4142.

You may also wish to visit www.eqao.com to view sample tests, find tips for your child, and learn about other strategies to help prepare them for the test.

Mark Your Calendar!

February 15th

O'Gorman Parents for Kids hosts a spaghetti dinner in the school's cafeteria. Salad, pasta, a beverage, and dessert for only \$8.00. Dinner begins at 5:00 p.m.

February 22nd

Career Cruising Course Planner Parent Information Session at 6:30PM in the Theatre.

February 23rd

Catholic Parent Council meets at 6:30 p.m. in the seminar room.

March 6th

The Athletics Dinner Auction takes place at the Dante Club. More details to follow.