

OCSB Director of Education - Easter Message 2022



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This week our staff and students celebrate Holy Week. Like Christians worldwide, our school communities joined in prayer to remember the sacrifices Jesus made for all of us.

As Lent comes to an end and we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus on Easter, I hope you can celebrate safely together.

For many, that will include going to mass, in-person or virtually, or other family traditions, like family dinners, Easter Egg Hunts, or whatever brings your family together.

Easter is a sacred time of the year filled with a sense of renewal and hope, but we also recognize that the pandemic is not over. Covid is still with us, and we know that many staff and students across our community are dealing with the effects of Covid.

Although no longer provincially required, many staff and students continue to wear masks as one additional layer of protection against the virus. Ottawa's Chief Medical Officer of Health reminds us that during this time of choice, you are encouraged to wear a mask, get the latest vaccination, and continue other measures like washing your hands and staying home when sick.

Due to COVID, when no replacement options were available, we had to close some classes this week. This is despite the incredible efforts of our staff to cover for their ill colleagues and the use of classroom supervisors and retirees to help supplement our occasional staff. Please know that we will collectively do our best to keep each other safe and keep our schools open as we have done over the last two years.

I also want to take this time to thank all of you for your support of Ukraine through awareness, prayer, and donations. Living in Canada, we enjoy so many privileges. As a Catholic community, we continue to pray for peace and an end to atrocities taking the lives of innocent citizens. As a board, we will support Ukrainian refugees who come to Ottawa and welcome these families to our school communities.

I wish you and your family a safe, blessed and Happy Easter.