



Association for Mission

Committee Report

TORONTO

Winter 2017-2018

1. The faculty of De La Salle "Oaklands" has continued to facilitate department-led monthly morning reflections using the Virtues of a Lasallian teacher as a theme. In December, staff gathered for an evening Advent Reflection and dinner. In March, a Lenten Reflection is scheduled. The Faculty will continue to hold two annual retreats: one in the fall to start the new school year and another in June to close it.
2. New Teacher Formation sessions continue with a presentation scheduled in early February by Lauren Lamonaca-Bada and Samantha Domingues who will speak about their experiences at the Buttimer Institute. They will make a separate presentation to parents.
3. The school continues to host Faith Formation for Catholic Educators in association with the Archdiocese of Toronto.
4. In September, Jonathan Grossman's visit was very well-received by staff and students. Mr. Grossman addressed the entire school community during our morning assembly and then facilitated retreats for the Grades 9-12 students over the course of two days, as well as a session for the parent community. Mr. Grossman has been scheduled for a second visit in April.
4. Lasallian Youth members are preparing to attend the Lasallian Youth Assembly. Other projects include preparations for the Haiti Awareness campaign and promoting a new initiative with the Angel Foundation for Learning - a charitable organization that serves the needs of students in the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB). The organization supports students through nutritional, educational and recreational programs.
5. "Oaklands" will be hosting the First Annual Northern Frontier Women's Retreat on the weekend of April 27-29, 2018. 10 associates from DENA will join 10 faculty from "Oaklands."

Upcoming Visits:

- Br. Francis Eells will be visiting the school on April 5-6 to address the Grade 12 students and discuss vocations to the Institute.
- The St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute Jazz Lab Band from Buffalo will be visiting on March 23.

Upcoming Formation and Events:

- Lynda Burlon will participate in a Formation Assessment at St. John's in Washington
- Samantha Williams and David Stratton Will attend the Guide Councillors workshop
- Plans are being made for the College to host an "Oaklands Cup" Hockey Tournament
- We are expecting to welcome up to 20 guests to Theatre De La Salle's April 27-28 performance of Lionel Bart's OLIVER! The cast has been working hard and we can't wait for you to "consider yourself one of us!"