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– Mr. D. Witt, Principal

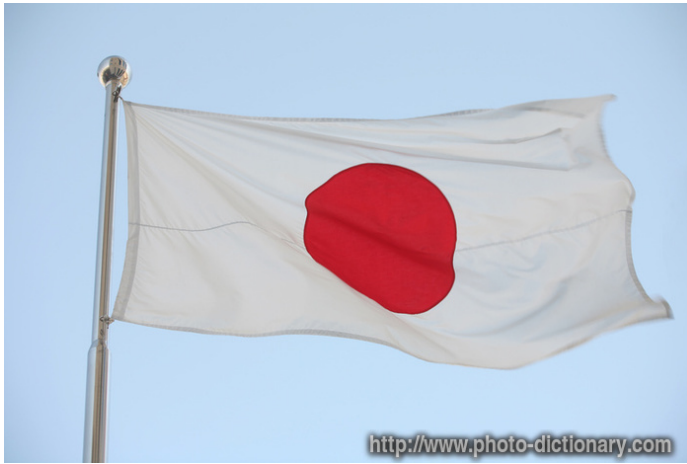
SUPPORT FOR JAPAN

BY MR. B. REMPEL

As you know, last week on March 11th a catastrophic earthquake hit northern Japan, triggering a tsunami that caused widespread devastation and crippled a nuclear power plant. On Monday, March 21, Japan's National Police Agency indicated that over 8,000 people have been confirmed dead and almost 13,000 are reported missing. The country of Japan is shattered, hundreds of thousands are homeless and nuclear radiation is contaminating the land, food and people.

A tale of such tragedy and devastation for a developed nation like Japan has been thought impossible. As recent events have clearly shown, devastation plays no favourites. As a school community we are responding to the disaster in various ways.





This next week in particular we will create awareness of the destruction of Japan, raise funds, and through prayer we will join with the Japanese people as they believe and work for better times to come. The following is a brief list of activities for the week.

The Canadian Red Cross is the charity we will be supporting with our donations. If you would like to write a check for a larger amount and would like a charitable receipt, please make the check payable to the Canadian Red Cross and they will issue you the receipt.

Every day: prayers and announcements, mission collections in classrooms

Monday, March 21: Special prayer and announcements regarding the devastation in Japan.

Tuesday, March 22: Red and White shirt day to promote awareness and hope in Japan. Students may wear a red and white, red, or white shirt with uniform pants. Red and white are the colours of the Japanese flag.

Wednesday, March 23: PowerPoint beginning of second period describing the crisis and our response.

Sale of paper origami birds during lunch

Thursday, March 24: Jeans day. For a minimum \$2 donation, students can wear jeans with a uniform top. We ask that even if students choose not to wear jeans, that they make a donation to this worthy cause.

March 28-30: Sale of red and white beaded hemp bracelets for \$2 during lunch

RECONCILIATION

On Tuesday, March 22, students will be able to participate in the sacrament of reconciliation (confession). Several priests from neighbouring parishes will be in the school from 9-11am offering the sacrament to any student desiring it.

Upcoming Events

March 22: Interim report distribution

March 24-25: Conferencing

March 31: EQAO Grade 10 Literacy Test

April 7: Spring Dance, 6:30-10:30

April 8: Professional Activity Day

April 12: Grade 12 Euclid Math Contest

April 13: Grade 9-11 Math Contests

Be sure to check the calendar on the school website for more information. You can find it under **Benny's News > Calendar of Events.**

Miscellaneous

WE WANT TO KNOW...

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