



Black Heritage Month

February

What is Black Heritage Month?

Black Heritage Month, also known as Black History Month, is a month dedicated to celebrating and honouring the contributions, achievements and rich history of Black people worldwide. It occurs in February each year. The history of Black Heritage Month dates back to the efforts of Carter G. Woodson, an African American historian and co-founder of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH). In 1926, Woodson worked to promote the study of African American history, as it was largely overlooked and neglected in mainstream education.

The significance of Black Heritage Month lies in the recognition and amplification of the invaluable impact Black individuals have had on shaping the nation's culture, society and progress. From artists, writers and musicians to inventors, civil rights leaders and trailblazers in various fields, Black brilliance has played a vital role in the growth and development of Canada.

During Black Heritage Month, various organizations, schools and communities hold Masses, liturgies, events, workshops, exhibitions and performances to highlight the extraordinary achievements of Black individuals and foster a greater understanding of the Black experience. It serves as a time for reflection, education and celebration, promoting unity and appreciation for the diversity that enriches our country's fabric.

Celebrating Black Heritage Month not only commemorates and honours the past but also inspires future generations to embrace their history, culture and heritage with pride, resilience and hope. By acknowledging the remarkable contributions of Black Canadians, we can work towards a more inclusive and equitable society, where diversity is embraced, and all voices are heard and respected.

During Black Heritage Month, we recognize and celebrate the histories, contributions and achievements of Black communities in Canada and around the world. This month provides an important opportunity for schools to honour Black excellence, resilience and leadership, while engaging students in meaningful learning about anti-Black racism, equity, inclusion and belonging. We look forward to each school's celebrations, reflections and initiatives throughout February and beyond.

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Quotes

"Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world."

– Harriet Tubman

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'"

– Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

"The time is always right to do what is right."

– Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Prayer

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit;

Heavenly Father,

During Black Heritage Month, we come before you with hearts filled with gratitude and reverence. We thank you for the rich and diverse contributions of Canadians of African Ancestry to our world.

Bless this Black Heritage and History Month, with moments of reflection and appreciation of the achievements and contributions of people of African Ancestry to the development and culture of the Church and of Canada.

May we all be inspired by their resilience, strength and creativity.

May we learn from their struggles and triumphs, and may we grow in empathy and complete understanding.

In this special month, we celebrate the beauty of diversity and the value of each individual. Help us to break down barriers, eliminate prejudice and build a world where all are treated with dignity and respect.

We pray for unity and reconciliation, that together we can create a society where justice and equality prevail.

In Jesus name, we pray.

Amen.

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February is Black History Month. Throughout this month, we honour the faith, courage and enduring legacy of Black Canadians who have shaped our history and continue to inspire our future. In our Catholic schools, we celebrate the richness of Black culture and the shared values of faith, family and community that unite us in Christ's love.

"Learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed." — Isaiah 1:17



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#SeekJustice

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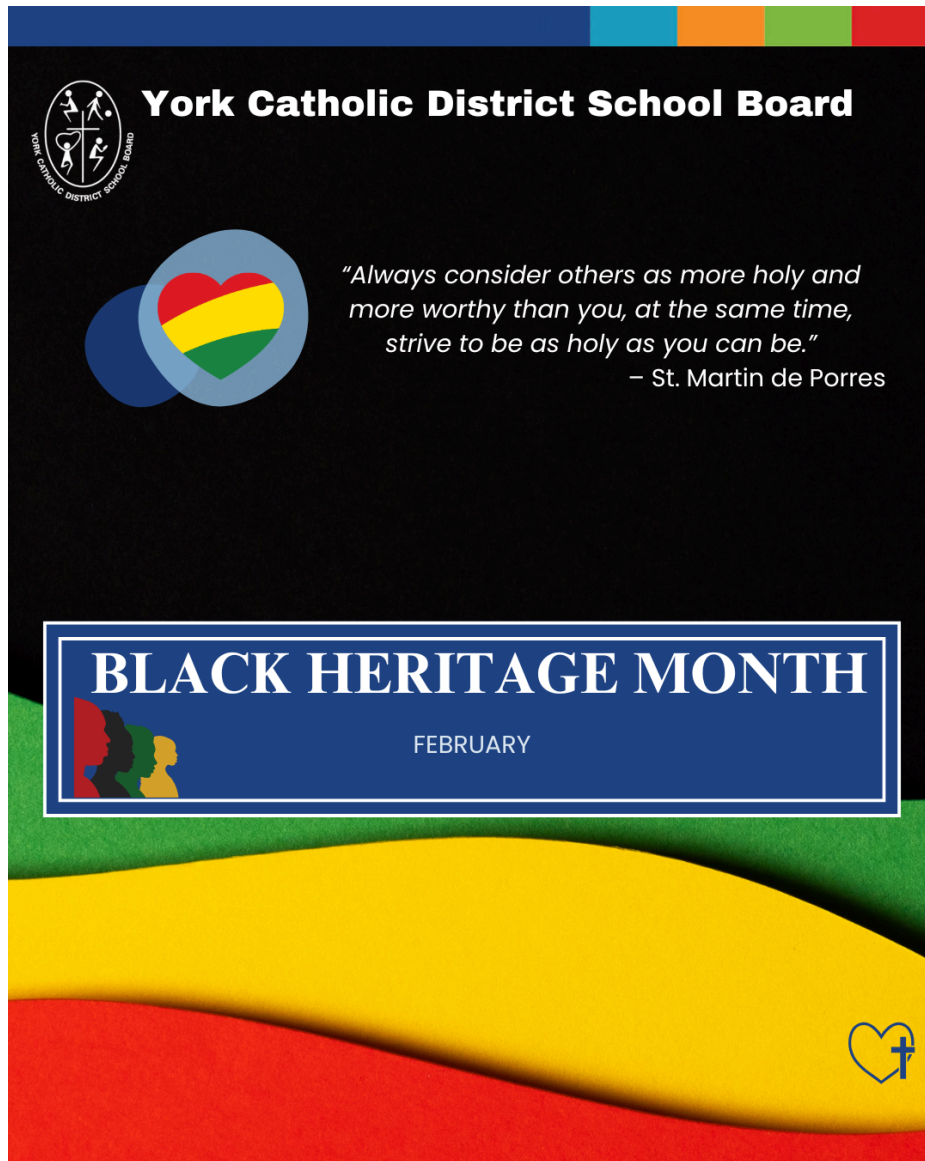


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