



The Reverend Brad Smith
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Dear Principal,

(Please print student's name above)

is a member of one of the Anglican parishes or the Lutheran congregation in Peterborough. The Anglican Parish of St John the Evangelist will offer a day of religious instruction, worship, and fellowship to Anglican and Lutheran children in Peterborough on Ash Wednesday, 1 March. This day is the beginning of the season of Lent, which is a period of reflection on one's faith and renewed practice of spiritual disciplines such as reading Scripture, prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and works of charity.

As Ash Wednesday falls on a school day, those youth who wish to participate in the day of religious instruction will miss school on that day with the permission of their parents or guardians. I have encouraged them to seek out in advance the material that will be covered that day so that they may not fall behind their peers.

Anglicans believe that a well-integrated person will receive a diverse education in school and through faith-based spiritual instruction. I hope that you will understand that for our children and youth the Ash Wednesday program is an important component of their formation for life in the church and in the world.

I am most grateful for your understanding and I would be glad to answer any questions that you might have.

Sincerely,