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MAY 2017

MAY THE MONTH OF MARY



Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy,
our life, our sweetness, and our hope.

To you do we cry poor banished children of Eve. To you do
we send up our sighs, mourning, and weeping in this valley
of tears.

Turn then, O most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy
toward us and after this our exile show unto us the
blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus.

O clement! O loving! O sweet Virgin Mary!

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ

Mary was a strong but gentle woman. She had the courage to question, and then decide for herself. She understood pain and suffering, and throughout her trials and tribulations, she continued to respond, believe, listen and serve. Mary's faith is a symbol for us all. She believed, even when logic told her that it was impossible. Under the Spirit's action, Mary was transformed and ascended. During this month of May, we are called to hear the word and to believe it. Mary continues to have much to teach us.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This is a special time to remember our mothers, those living and those who have gone to be with the Lord. Take the time to thank our mothers, who have given us life. There are so many mothers to honour - grandmothers, godmothers, adoptive mothers, stepmothers, foster mothers and friends' mothers. We thank all of our mothers for showing us their love, guiding us on our journey, and bringing us joy on a continual basis. We also honour in a special way, Mary, who is our heavenly Mother. To all the mothers in the community, may you always know that we appreciate and value the wonderful work you do everyday with your child(ren). We wish all Mothers a very happy and enjoyable Mother's Day on May 14th!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

It's Registration Time
Getting Ready for Kindergarten

Starting Kindergarten is an exciting and special time for parents and children. Our entire Catholic school community looks forward to welcoming our youngest students as they begin a lifelong journey of faith-filled learning. We believe there is something truly unique and special about learning that is rooted in faith and spiritual growth. By choosing a faith-filled education, we know you will share that belief with us.

We encourage parents who are looking to register their child for Kindergarten to please contact the office at (705) 435-3989 to get a Kindergarten package. The package includes a parent booklet, child's activity book and DVD. You can also find all of the information on our board's website at www.smcdsb.on.ca/parents/kindergarten.

"First Rider Program"

Riding a school bus is a new experience for many children. To help your child get ready, the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium offers a First Rider program for Kindergarten students who will be taking the school bus. Students and parents will be able to participate in a one-hour session, which includes a short school bus ride to practice safe boarding and exiting as well as bus riding procedures. The sessions will take place on Wednesday August 17th at Ernest Cumberland Elementary School (9am, 10 am, 11 am) and September 2nd St. Paul's Catholic School (9am, 10am, 11 am) and details can be found at www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca

LATE ARRIVAL, EARLY LEAVES AND INTERRUPTIONS

Important, exciting, interesting and serious learning occurs at Holy Family Catholic School. Staff try diligently to ensure that time is not wasted, and that all students are involved in all possible ways every moment of the day.

Please ensure your child arrives at school after 8:40 AM but prior to 8:55 AM.

If it is necessary for your child to leave school early for an appointment, or will not be taking the bus, please send a note indicating the change to the student's schedule. We would like to avoid calling into the classrooms as this interrupts the learning of our students. Thank you for your understanding.



CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

This year's Catholic Education Week theme is, "Walking Forward Together."

The 2017 CEW theme and its five sub-themes are drawn from three contemporary Catholic documents that address the need for reconciliation and renewal – in our lives, with our families, in our relationships with others and in our relationship with our environment and our common global future.

There are five sub-themes for each day of Catholic Education Week:

- Day 1: Walking Forward Together with God
Aller de l'avant avec Dieu
- Day 2: Walking Forward Together with Our Families
Aller de l'avant avec nos familles
- Day 3: Walking Forward Together with Others
Aller de l'avant avec les autres
- Day 4: Walking Forward Together with Creation
Aller de l'avant avec la Création
- Day 5: Walking Forward Together in Hope
Aller de l'avant dans l'espérance

Catholic Education Week Activities at Holy Family Catholic School::

- 2 May-Liturgy of the word, lead by different classes throughout the day, at St. Paul Apostle Church
- 4 May-Grade 4-8 French Presentation
- 5 May-9:15 am 25th Anniversary School Assembly in the gym-Blessing by Father Glass, 25th Anniversary Gift Presentation to students and staff by the Holy Family Catholic School Council, Time Capsule Presentation and new items added, 25th Anniversary slideshow presentation and the unveiling of the 25th anniversary banner.
- 5 May-Grade 8 students visit St. Thomas for a Vimy Ridge Presentation in the afternoon.
- 6 May-25th Anniversary Celebration-Mass at 1:00 pm at St. Paul the Apostle Church then Holy Family School for refreshments and presentations

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK (CBC)

With the school trips starting soon, please see information below regarding CBCs.

It is SMCDSB policy that parent volunteer must secure a satisfactory CBC with vulnerable screening prior to commencing any volunteer work. Once a CBC with vulnerable sector screening has been submitted it is the volunteer's responsibility to update their CBC data on an annual basis by completing an Annual Declaration.

If you are thinking about volunteering at Holy Family Catholic School for 2016/2017 school year and have not submitted a satisfactory CBC or have not been updating your CBC on an annual basis you are encouraged to complete your CBC check as soon as possible as the process does take some time. Please

ONTARIO EARLY YEARS CENTRE

Are you home with little people and looking for something fun to do? Drop by the Ontario Early Years Centre in Alliston! The OEYC is a **free** service for all adults with children 0 to 6 years of age. Adults and children participate in activities together. Children have the opportunity to play with other children and participate in many different types of programs and activities, which promote early learning and school readiness, and they are **FUN** for children and adults alike.

Do you have a child starting school in 2017? Participating in activities at the OEYC is a great way to help prepare your child for this exciting transition. OEYC staff have resources for kindergarten preparation. Just drop by and ask!

Check out our website, www.e3.ca or call 705 435-4308 for hours, directions and more information.

note that you will not be able to volunteer at the school or attend field trips unless this documentation has been submitted to the office. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the main office.

APPROPRIATE CLOTHING

Warmer Weather

With the warm weather approaching, we would like to take this opportunity to review our dress code expectations. Students are to observe the guidelines below:

*Wear shorts of appropriate length (e.g. a walking short length or longer)

*Wear pants/jeans/capris/shorts at appropriate waist level. (No excessive tears)

*Sleeveless blouses are permitted, but no tank tops/muscle shirts. T-Shirts are a good idea for protection from the sun

*Blouses/shirts should be of a length that they could be tucked in. (e.g. no midriff exposed)

*Caps and visors are recommended to protect from the sun.

EQAO ASSESSMENT

Every student in Grade 3 and 6 in the province of Ontario will participate in the provincial assessment in reading, writing, and mathematics. It will take place between May 23rd and June 5th, for all students in Grade 3 and Grade 6. Could you please avoid booking dental, doctor appointments or vacations during this time. Please also discuss with your child the importance of these assessments and encourage them to do their very best.

25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The 2016/2017 school year marks the 25th Anniversary of the Holy Family Catholic School. On Saturday, May 6 we will be celebrating our 25th anniversary with a mass at 1:00 pm at St. Paul the Apostle Church, followed by an open house and reception at the school. Please mark this date on your calendar and encourage family and friends to attend.

HURRICANE UPDATE

Our intermediate Girl's and Boy's softball teams are practicing and preparing for the upcoming Intermediate South Simcoe Softball Championship on May 17 (rain date May 18). The boy's tournament will be held in Bradford and our Girl's tournament will be held in New Tecumseth.

Congratulations to our junior and intermediate Chess teams. Their hard work and talent paid off. Each division came in first, making our school very proud. Way to go! Thanks to Reed S. for being prepared as our spare.

Intermediate Team	Junior Team
Robert B.	Richie G.
Zachary P.	Lukas P.
Alex M.	Bryce M.
Ricky V.	Ryan H.

SCHOOL PLAY - "THE BIGGER THEY ARE"

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the cast of our musical this year. They prepared with great enthusiasm and effort and put on an engaging and attention grabbing performance.

The success of this performance would not have been possible without the support and contribution of the following: our parents, our community members, and the school staff.

Congratulations to Oonagh P. for winning the "Bigger They Are" Raffle Basket.

SPRING FLING -FRIDAY, APRIL 28TH UPDATE

Dear Holy Family Families,

Thank you for your generous support of the Holy Family Catholic School Community Council, Spring Fling fundraiser. This event is made possible with the donations you made for the silent auction themed baskets, the selling of raffle tickets and the support on the evening of the Spring Fling. We look forward to sharing the total funds raised with you shortly.

Due to an overwhelming response from our school community, we had the opportunity in some cases, to split up some of the donations into 2 or even 3 baskets per theme. We were also able to use some creativity in grouping some of the donated items together to come up with new additional themed baskets. We successfully managed to create baskets for every price range.

All of the donations from you, as well as businesses in our community and the selling raffle tickets will go a long way in helping us to raise money for our Kindergarten Outdoor Learning Environment.

A special thank you to our Council volunteers who spent many hours organizing raffle tickets, counting money and wrapping baskets in preparation for our Spring Fling. This event is made possible with the enthusiasm of our parent volunteers.

Do you have an idea to make next year's social and fundraising event even better? We want to hear from you! Send us a note or join us at our next meeting coming up on **Tuesday May 9th at 6:15pm** in the Library.

Your Holy Family Catholic School Community Council

School Spring Fundraiser

Details of the amount of money raised will be sent out soon.

Congratulations to the following winners of our Spring Raffle:

Ticket #	Winner	Item
1346	Nancy Temptra	Apple Ipad Pro (value of \$972.00)
0399	Steph Mandino	Swagtron T1 Electric Hoverboard (value of \$452.00)
0416	Sean Ali	Great Wolf Lodge Gift Card (value of \$400.00)
1878	Camila Peacock	Set of 2 Adirondack Chairs (value of \$340.00)
2764	Marie Charbonneau	Napolean Travel Q Portable Gas Grill (value of \$316.00)
2758	Luke Charbonneau	Canada's Wonderland Season Pass X4 (value of \$316.00)
1403	Christine Murray	The Globe Restaurant Dining Package (value of \$200.00)
2149	Vic Bunaman	TFal Actifry Plus (Value of \$180.00)
1746	Jeremy Lewis	Circle Theatre Movie Package (value of \$150.00)
0301	Nelson Rocha	Pelican Kids Kayak with Paddle (value of \$113.00)
0136	Cindy Henriques	Pelican Kids Kayak with Paddle (value of \$113.00)

Thank you again to the following donors:

Mansfield Outdoor Centre, Mr. Bounce, Stewart's Balloons, Mansfield Ski Club, Alliston Soccer Academy
Rosemont General Store, Alliston Gymnastics Club & all of the families from Holy Family School who helped to make the Spring Fling a success.

SUGGESTED TECHNIQUES TO IMPROVE LEARNING AND ASSIST WITH FRUSTRATION



“It’s not that I’m so smart” Albert Einstein said. “It’s just that I stay with problems longer”. That’s good advice for your child. Kids often get frustrated if they cannot find answers right away and they are inclined to give up.

Here are some ways to assist your child to stick with a problem:

1. Reread the directions. It’s the oldest advice in education, but it really works.
2. Set time limits. Set a timer and when the buzzer sounds it’s time for a break.
3. Talk about it. Sometimes having children talk out the expectations to an adult will help them think about something different.
4. Be calm, help must be void of emotion, and try to work on something else for a short while. **Don’t fix the problem;** guide the child to handle it. Relaxation techniques are valuable

HOLY FAMILY BATTERY DRIVE

The Holy Family Battery Drive will continue until the end of June. We have collected 195 pounds to date. This will help save 23 400 lives. Thank you for supporting this wonderful cause.

May 2017 - Holy Family Catholic School

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Catholic Education Week	1 Catholic Education Week	2 Hot Lunch-Lunches Made Easy Catholic Education Week	3 Catholic Education Week	4 Hot Lunch-Pizza French Presentation grades 4-8 (ten am) Catholic Education Week	5 Catholic Education Week	6 Holy Family School 25th Anniversary Celebration-Mass at one pm at St. Paul the Apostle Church. Open house and reception to follow at the school.
7 4:30pm Confirmation at St. Paul the Apostle Church	8	9 6:15pm Catholic School Community Council Meeting Groove Experience-Primary Elective Teacher Appreciation Day Lunches Made Easy	10 7:00pm Kindergarten Information Night Gauss Math Contest at STA for grade 7&8 students.	11 Fire Safety Trailer Grades 1,3,5,7 Hot Lunch-Pizza	12 Fire Safety Trailer Grades 1,3,5,7 Holy Family Black History Month Group-Presentations at MRO, FFX and SJA	13
14	15 Rosary Apostolate Final Celebration	16 Hot Lunch-Lunches Made Easy	17 South Simcoe Softball Championship	18 Hot Lunch-Pizza South Simcoe Softball Championship (Rain Date)	19	20
21	22 Victoria Day	23 Hot Lunch-Lunches Made Easy EQAO Assessment	24 EQAO Assessment Skilled Trades Expo in Elmvale Gr. 7&8	25 Hot Lunch-Pizza EQAO Assessment	26 EQAO Assessment	27
28	29 EQAO Assessment	30 Hot Lunch-Lunches Made Easy EQAO Assessment	31 EQAO Assessment	1 Hot Lunch-Pizza EQAO Assessment	2 PA Day	3