

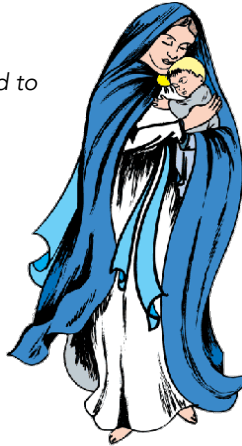
SAINT MARY SCHOOL

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During the month of May we make a special effort to dedicate our prayers to Mary.

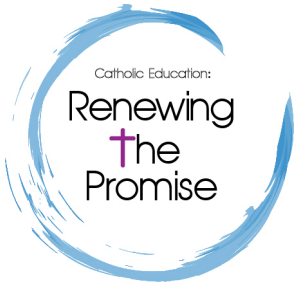
Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that any one who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother, to thee I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy, hear and answer me. Amen.



Catholic Education Week May 7-11, 2018

Every week is Catholic education week but this is a special week set aside to celebrate the gift of our publically funded Catholic education from K-12. Our school community will celebrate Catholic Education Week in a variety of ways. Each morning our prayer and reflection will focus on one of the five sub-themes for the week.



- Monday - Remembering the Promise
- Tuesday - The Promise is within You
- Wednesday - Praying the Promise
- Thursday - Living the Promise
- Friday - Proclaiming the Promise

Events during this week include...

Monday May 7: Remembering the Promise ~Mass at 10:45 am in gymnasium (*Revised date)



All parents, family and community members are invited to attend our next school mass that will take place on Monday May 7, 2018 in the school gymnasium. Thank you to Ms. Bond's 1/2 class who will lead the mass.

Tuesday May 8: The Promise is within You ~ Catholic Education Week Spring BBQ & Scholastic Book Fair

You're Invited to a



On Tuesday May 8 Saint Mary's will be hosting our Spring BBQ from 4:30pm – 6:30pm. Also, on this evening you can browse through the Scholastic Book Fair and play Minute-to-It games to

help offset our fall leadership events for our intermediate students. Thank you once again to our wonderful Knights of Columbus for your chef skills with cooking all the delicious food!



~ Race of the Readers

Also on Tuesday May 8, Mrs. Shisko will be leading a dedicated group of students who are voraciously reading books during the months of March and April. Our students will go head to head with students from some of the other schools in the Huntsville area to test their knowledge of the books they have read. Way to go Mustangs!



Wednesday May 9: Praying the Promise ~ Living Rosary and Crowning of Mary

Every month we are blessed with having the Rosary Team from St. Mary of the Assumption Church come to Saint Mary School to teach our students about this special devotion to Our Mother. On May 9 we will be having two celebrations in our gymnasium. Parents are welcome to join us! At 9:00 am our Grade 4/5 - 7/8 students will gather for the Living Rosary celebration. After morning recess our JK - Grade 3/4 students will have the Crowning of Mary @ 10:20 am in our gym. Thank you so much to our dedicated rosary team of Mrs. Laila Etherington, Mr. Al Cormier, Mr. Jan Sirek, Mrs. Marguerite Goodfellow and Mrs. Regina Sacheli.



~Spirit of Youth Awards @ DOM



The following Saint Mary School students have been recognized for their volunteerism and action at Saint Mary School and will be treated to breakfast at St. Dominic CSS in the annual "Spirit of Youth" awards. Congratulations to Charlie K., Jeremi K., Natalie J., Caleb C., Beaudyn C., Lincoln B., Taylor S., Teaghan C., Aidan C., and Rylind D. for your quiet and dedicated hard work around the school! We are very proud of you!



Thursday May 10: Living the Promise

~ Provincial Mass



Today students in the intermediate division will participate in mass at St. Dominic CSS. As part of Catholic Education week, all schools will celebrate mass on this day. We are so fortunate that we can gather together in prayer with other Catholic schools as part of our school day. All parents are invited to join us at St. Dom's at 10:00 am.

Friday May 11: Proclaiming the Promise

~ Stewards of the Earth Community and School Yard Clean-Up



April didn't quite work out for our clean-up so, weather permitting, Saint Mary School will have our annual neighbourhood clean up on Friday May 11. Students will need to bring a pair of gloves to wear for the cleanup on this day.

From Our Trustee...

"For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." Acts 2:39



Last week, trustees began the Board Meeting with a prayer that highlighted the theme and daily activities of Catholic Education Week, *Renewing the Promise*. We are looking forward to the celebrations that will take place in Catholic schools across the province to commemorate the amazing gift of fully-funded Catholic education. This year we are also awaiting a letter from the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario as they reflect on the future of Catholic Education in Ontario.

Once again this year the theme song is beautiful! I hope that you will hear your children singing it throughout the week. The chorus is:

*Renew, renew the promise,
Renew, renew the flame;
Renew, renew the promise
To be light for the world
For the glory of God's name.*

In April, trustees gathered for the Ontario Catholic School Trustee Association Conference and Annual General Meeting. One of the highlights was a presentation by Craig Kielburger, who gave a wonderful presentation about the roots of Me to We, and how they are working to meet the vision of *making doing good, doable*. The work they do is such a good fit with our Board's vision of *nurturing faith, illuminating minds, inspiring hearts, and empowering hands ~ we are working together to transform our world*. I am so proud of everything that staff and students are doing to achieve that vision.

God Bless!
Carol Corriveau-Truchon

Jump Rope for Heart – May 14, 2018



Saint Mary School will once again be jumping rope to raise money for the Heart & Stroke Foundation. Each child has already brought home their sponsorship collection envelope, which outlined all of the new for 2018 incentive prizes students can earn. Please consider registering for on-line donations - the directions are on the envelope.

Please support this year's Jump Rope for Heart event by encouraging your child to skip, jump and get active on Jump Rope for Heart Day! Look for our running tally on our homepage at jumpropeforheart.ca.

CSCC Family Literacy Night Thank You!

Thank you for your support during the CSCC Family Literacy Night that was held on April 12th. This Ministry sponsored event was informative and engaging. We would also like to thank the CSCC for planning and organizing this successful event.



Bag@School in May

This spring Saint Mary School will once again be collecting textiles for the Bag2School organization. The goal is to redirect gently used items so they do not end up in our landfill. Clean items such as sheets, blankets, shoes, belts, clothing, stuffed animals, curtains, and purses can be collected and brought to school in a sturdy garbage bag. In May these bags will be weighed, sorted and organized. Then, items will then be sent off to places where they are needed. We receive money based on the total weight of the bags that are collected. Please help us out again this year by collecting a bag or two (or more) of items. Bags can start arriving at school **Tuesday May 22, 2018** until **Thursday May 24, 2018**.



Please do not drop off bags prior to this time as we do not have any place to store them



Junior and Intermediate Badminton

On Thursday April 26, 2018 a number of Saint Mary School students participated in the Junior and Intermediate area tournament. Both our Junior and Intermediate teams participated with great athleticism, poise and sportsmanship. Thank you to their coaches Mrs. Shisko, Mrs. Park and Mrs. Baumgart for their time and dedication. Way to go Mustangs!

EQAO Assessment Dates for 2018

The EQAO Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics for Grade 3 and Grade 6 students will take place during the weeks for May 22nd to June 4th, 2018. We ask that you keep these dates free when making appointments, etc. for your child(ren). Parent Resources are available at the EQAO website: www.eqao.com



Dress Code Reminder



As we enter the warmer months of the year, parents are reminded to check their children to ensure they are in compliance with the school dress code.

Parents are asked to send their children in play clothes in order to accommodate our many varied activities (e.g., painting, pasting, sitting on the floor). Children should also be able to manage their own clothing in the bathroom. All items of clothing should be labeled.

Our school is special because we model ourselves after Jesus Christ. How we present ourselves must reflect our commitment to promoting a safe, positive and respectful learning environment. Modesty should be the key for clothing choices.

Appropriate Dress Guidelines

Tops

- Straps on all tops must be at least **5cm** wide at the narrowest point
- Tank tops, halter tops, racer back tops, strapless dresses or tops, shirts that do not cover the midsection or the upper back are not permitted
- Sheer overtops are permitted if there is another top underneath that conforms to the above standard

Bottoms

- Shorts / skirts / dresses must not be shorter than **mid thigh**

Footwear

- For safety reasons and to maintain cleanliness in the classrooms, students should have indoor shoes to wear inside their class. Outdoor footwear is not to be worn in teaching areas. Students must have running shoes for gym classes. Flip flops are not considered to be safe as a footwear choice.

All Clothing Items (including hats)

- All undergarments must be fully covered by outer clothing
- Inappropriate slogans that do not support our Catholic values (including beer/alcohol/smoking logos, inappropriate language or innuendo) are not permitted

Should your child wear clothing that falls outside of the above, he/she will be provided with a clean T-shirt or alternate item of clothing to wear during the day. Your cooperation and assistance is appreciated.

September 2018 – Balanced Day:

Beginning September 2018, our school day schedule will change to a Balanced School Day. The Balanced Day schedule divides the school day into three significant learning blocks: 120 minutes, 100 minutes and 80 minutes. Two longer nutrition and activity breaks are provided; one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Nutrition breaks provide 20 minutes for eating and 20 minutes for activity. The rationale behind the Balanced School Day is that it will improve academic achievement by

increasing time on-task in the classroom setting. The benefits of the Balanced School Day are three-fold: academic, nutrition and physical activity.

Academic:

- More instruction and exploration time with less interruption allows teaching and learning to occur at an optimum level.

Nutrition:

- Research indicates that children need frequent food breaks during the day; this schedule provides two opportunities for students to consume nutritious food rather than eating on the run at recess.
- Students who are nutritionally satisfied can concentrate better and more effectively.

Physical Activity:

- Allows students 2 opportunities of 20 minutes of uninterrupted play each day.
- Quality exercise time energizes students, helps them to concentrate on academics and promotes a healthy lifestyle.

Beginning September 2018, our school day schedule will be divided as follows:

- Entry Bell
- Learning Block #1 (120 min)
- Nutrition Break #1(Students eat 20 min)
- Morning Recess (Students outside 20 min)
- Learning Block #2 (100 min)
- Nutrition Break #2(Students eat 20 min)
- Afternoon Recess (Students outside 20 min)
- Learning Block #3 (80 min)
- Dismissal Bell

Dates to Remember...

- May 2 VexIQ Robotics Competition in Barrie
- May 3 Arts Enrichment Day with Muskoka Stage Works
- May 4 Leadership Spirit Day: Twin/Duo Day
- May 7-11 Catholic Education Week
- May 7 Mass @ 10:45 am in gym (Gr. ½ Bond) *Revised Date
- May 7 CSCC Meeting @ 6:30 pm in library
- May 8 Race of the Readers Competition
- May 8 Spring BBQ & Book Fair @4:30 – 6:30 pm
- May 9 - 14 Scholastic Book Fair
- May 9 Living Rosary and Crowning of Mary Celebrations
- May 9 Spirit of Youth Awards @ 9:30 am at DOM
- May 10 Province-wide Mass @ St. Dominic
- May 10 Ready for High School District Event @ DOM
- May 11 School Pitch In Clean Up (Bring Gloves)
- May 14 Jump Rope for Heart * Return Envelopes Please!
- May 21 Victoria Day Holiday Monday
- May 22 Grade 3 EQAO Testing Begins
- May 23 Health Unit Intermediate Immunizations
- May 25 Saint Mary Track & Field @ DOM (*Rain Date May 31st)
- May 28 Grade 6 EQAO Testing Begins
- June 1 P.A. Day (no classes)

Saint Mary School invites you to our annual
Spring BBQ & Scholastic Book Fair

You're Invited to a



May 8, 2018
4:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Hot Dogs	\$2.00
Hamburgers	\$2.50
Cheeseburgers	\$3.00



Please support our Grade 7 Fundraising Efforts! We will have "Minute to Win It" games for \$1.00 each. Proceeds will be used to offset our fall leadership trip.

Just a reminder that there is a **Fire Hydrant** on Hunter's Bay Drive that services the school and the houses on the street. As per town by-laws, vehicles cannot park or stop in front of it for school events, end of day pick-ups, etc. Parking is also strictly prohibited in our **Fire Lane**. Thank you for your cooperation and for keeping everyone safe!



This event will take place rain or shine!

*Many thanks once again to the
Knights of Columbus
for BBQing our dinner!*



Come to our
Family Reunion!

Sacrament of Confirmation

St Mary of the Assumption Church
12 Centre St. N., Huntsville, Ontario

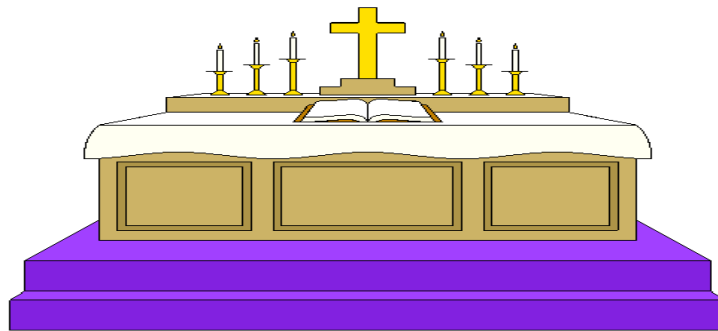
Saturday May 5, 2018

5 pm Mass

His Excellency Most Reverend Bishop Daniel Miehm presiding

Please join us in the celebration

to welcome 6 new members into our faith family !



Reception to follow Mass in Church Hall

READY FOR HIGH SCHOOL

Where And When



Please join us on May 10th 2018 at
St Dominic CSS, 955 Cedar Ln, Bracebridge,
from 5:00-8:00pm

What To Expect

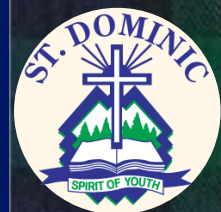
- Information about library services - Bracebridge Library
- Volunteer hours and leadership opportunities - The Town Of Bracebridge
- Drug awareness and prevention sessions - OPP
- Tobacco Free Living - Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit
- Mental Health and Wellness information - SMFC
- Health relationship training - Muskoka Parry Sound Sexual Assault Services and the CMHA
- Girlz Choice and Boys Quest information - the YWCA
- Transition Supports - Community Living
- Post secondary learning opportunities - Lakehead University and Georgian College
- Get an understanding of the high school experience



For More Info

For more information contact Jen Starratt at
(705) 646 8772 EXT 356
Free admission/registration NOT required

For all Gr 7,8, and 9 Families of Muskoka
and Parry Sound





April 30, 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Saint Mary's School is pleased to be holding a Heart and Stroke Foundation Jump Rope For Heart event on ***Monday, May 14, 2018***. All money raised will support the Heart and Stroke Foundation in their mission to promote children's health and fund vital heart and stroke research.

Jump Rope for Heart encourages kids to get active by skipping rope while they collect pledges for heart disease and stroke research. They also learn the importance of living a healthy lifestyle and giving back to their community.

Participating schools can receive a portion of proceeds back from the Heart and Stroke Foundation to support the purchase of physical education equipment or to assist with other school needs.

We need your help to reach our ***school fundraising goal of \$4000***. While we appreciate all of your support, parents are reminded that the safety of our students is a primary consideration for all of our fundraising activities. SMCDSB policy prohibits door-to-door canvassing.

Please help support your child's fundraising efforts by signing up online at www.jumpropeforheart.ca and sending out donation requests to friends, family and colleagues. Online fundraising is the most time efficient way to help support your child's fundraising goals – in addition, it is safe and secure, it saves paper and online donors receive an instant tax receipt. Plus, when students receive their first online donation, they will receive a free skipping rope so they can practice their skipping skills and stay active all year long!

On April 20, 2018, each student brought home a pledge envelope to collect cash and cheque donations. Please ensure that your child's ***pledge envelope is returned to the school by May 14, 2018***.

Thank you in advance for your support,

Mrs. Heeneman & Saint Mary's Staff