

## SAINT MARY SCHOOL

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### Easter Prayer

*God of hope, resurrected Christ,  
Spirit of new beginnings,  
May we be blessed by the touch of spring:  
rain falling from the heavens, washing us clean,  
telling us that life is sacred.*

*May we be blessed by memory this Easter time:  
Of loved ones, of loved places,  
telling us that Your love is always here.*

*We make this prayer in the name of Jesus.  
Amen.*

*(Lisa Freemantle and Les Miller from Words of the Journey)*

### Save the Date! - Common Cents Family Literacy Night

Come join us on Thursday April 12th for a fun and informative night for the whole family. This Ministry sponsored event will engage you and your family in the talk about money, with interactive games for kids and resources for parents. This event has something for everyone! Answer and submit your answer to the math problem in our flyer (end of newsletter) for a chance to win great prizes!



If you are a high school student in need of community service hours, we would appreciate your help with our activities – please contact [stmaryscouncil@hotmail.com](mailto:stmaryscouncil@hotmail.com) if you are interested in volunteering.

We hope to see everyone there!  
Saint Mary's CSCC

### CSCC Fundraiser a Success!

Thank you for your resounding support during the CSCC Family Place Restaurant Fundraiser that was held on Wednesday March 21<sup>st</sup>. A total of \$432 will be donated back to the school to support our CSCC goals. We would also like to thank the Family Place Restaurant for their support.

### P.A. Day Reminder

Friday April 27<sup>th</sup> is a scheduled P.A. Day for Saint Mary's. There are no classes for students on that day.



### Earth Day Clean Up – April 20



Weather permitting, Saint Mary School will have our annual neighbourhood clean up on Friday April 20, but stay tuned for confirmation of this day... April can be a tricky weather month and we need to be sure the snow is all gone!

Students will need to bring a pair of gloves to wear for the cleanup on this day.

### Race of the Readers

Mrs. Shisko is leading a dedicated group of students who are voraciously reading books during the months of March and April. On May 8, 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.



### SMCDSB Math Olympics

On Thursday March 7, our school sent 4 intermediate students to Barrie to compete in the Intermediate Math Olympics at the SMCDSB board office. They did a fantastic job representing our school. Well done Hannah P, Emma P, Lincoln B., & Jack R. We would like to also congratulate Jack R. for winning the individual Sudoku competition.



On March 20<sup>th</sup>, our junior team represented Saint Mary's at the Junior Math Olympics competition also held in Barrie. The team is to be commended for taking second place overall in the competition! Congratulations to Coach Baumgart and our mathletes: Natalie J., Sophia W., Broden H., and Joe P. Bravo!

### 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 22<sup>nd</sup> to June 4<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://www.eqao.com)



### Spring Thaw

With the warmer temperatures, many students are excited to shed their winter coats, snow pants and winter boots. Just a reminder that our yard becomes very sloppy during this time of the year. If winter coats are too heavy to wear during a soccer game, your child should have a long sleeved sweater, sweatshirt or jacket that he/she could wear instead. Slush pants should be substituted for snow pants and rain boots can replace winter boots. We recommend that all clothing be labeled so that items can be returned to their owners.



### Hockey News

On Thursday March 29 a number of Saint Mary School students hit the ice in Parry Sound with other SMCDSB Muskoka-Parry Sound schools for a fun filled tournament. Thank you to Mr. Foxcroft for coaching and to all of the volunteers who drove to Parry Sound. Way to go Mustangs!



### 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**

### NED Show at Saint Mary's - April 11

Saint Mary's is hosting the NED Show on April 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am in our gymnasium. NED is a program that centers on three important messages that have lifelong relevance:

- Never give up
- Encourage others
- Do your best.



During the assembly, students will learn about the importance of these three life skills while also enjoying storytelling, magic, humour and yo-yo tricks.

### Forty Items in Forty Days

Thank you all for your generous donations to the Saint Mary School's Lenten Food Drive. Thank you to Mrs. Webster and her Gr. 2/3 class for charting our progress on the bulletin board in the foyer. Well done!



### Is Your Child Ready for Kindergarten?



On Wednesday April 18, 2018 between 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm., Saint Mary School is hosting the District of Muskoka's "Ready for Kindergarten" event. The goal of the event is to educate families on the wealth of community resources available to your child and to ensure that any developmental delays or concerns that could impede learning are identified prior to September. With one visit, families can do everything from accompanying your child on his/her first bus ride to having their child's hearing tested.

Every Kindergarten student who attends this event and will be starting school in September 2018, will receive a free backpack for school, a certificate of recognition for attending the "Ready for Kindergarten" event, and snacks are available too. Parents will receive resources to help make your child's transition to Kindergarten a smooth one.

Parents of other primary students new to Muskoka or who are interested in the many support opportunities and organizations available to them are also welcome to attend. For more information, contact Brenda Boothby 705-645-2412 Ext. 467 or email Brenda.boothby@muskoka.on.ca



### From Our Trustee...

*All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle.*

St. Francis of Assisi

Happy Easter! May the joy of the risen Christ last throughout the spring!

Last month I had the honour of welcoming new employees to the Board on behalf of the Board of Trustees. It is very exciting to see how many new employees are being hired as our student enrollment grows. As with all things at Simcoe Muskoka Catholic, the orientation focused on how all employees are contributing to the academic, social and spiritual growth of the 21,000 students who are entrusted to our care.

I would like to extend best wishes to all of the students who are preparing for First Communion and Confirmation in the coming months. On behalf of all of the Trustees, I would like to offer my congratulations as you take the next step on your faith journey.

With the nicer weather, there are some exciting evening programs coming up in schools throughout Muskoka and Parry Sound. I am looking forward to attending as many as possible between now and the end of June. I hope to see you there!

God Bless,  
Carol Corriveau-Truchon

### Dates to Remember...

- Apr 3 Grade 8 Graduation Photos @ 9:00 am
- Apr 5 French Concert @ Orillia Opera House Grades 4/5 - 7/8
- Apr 9 CSCC Meeting @ 6:30 pm in library
- Apr 11 NED Show @ 10:30 am in gymnasium
- Apr 12 CSCC Family Common Cents Event 5:30 - 7:30 pm
- Apr 18 Rosary Team  
Ready for Kindergarten Event 4:00 - 7:00 pm
- Apr 20 Jump Rope for Heart Assembly @ 9:00 am  
Earth Day Clean-up Bring Gloves (\*Weather Permitting)
- Apr 27 P.A. Day (no classes)
- May 1 Mass @ 10:45 am in gymnasium (Grade ½ Bond)
- May 7 - 11 Catholic Education Week
- May 8 Spring BBQ & Book Fair (tentative date)

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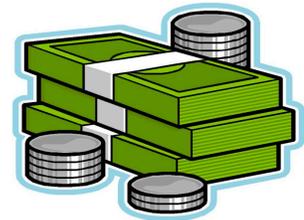
# Join the St. Mary School Council for Common ¢ents Financial Literacy Night

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**Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
From 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
In the Saint Mary School gym**

**Families will learn about financial literacy  
as they rotate through fun, interactive stations  
including: a piggy bank craft, budgeting,  
shopping, saving and earning money and much more...**

**Complete the problem below and return to  
the school for a chance at winning  
a prize at the event!**



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**Student's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Grade(s): \_\_\_\_\_**

**Sandy earns \$8 per week. She spends \$5 per week and saves the rest.  
How much money will she save after 6 weeks?  
Make sure that you show your work!**

# 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



# READY FOR KINDERGARTEN

## YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US!

- School Bus Safety & First Ride
- Child Care Services Information
- Kindergarten School Program Information
- Developmental Screening
- Health Unit Information-Such as Nutrition, Oral Health, Helmet Safety, Physical Activity, Booster Seats, Positive Parenting, Immunization (if possible bring your child's yellow immunization card)
- Hearing & Vision Screening
- Social Skills
- and lots more to do and see!



## CHILDREN BRING YOUR FAMILIES!

# FREE

- ✓ FREE BACK PACK
- ✓ HEALTHY SNACKS
- ✓ FUN ACTIVITIES

This event is brought to you by:  
The District Municipality of Muskoka and  
Muskoka Home Child Care Agency

For more information contact Brenda  
Boothby (705) 645 2412 ext 467  
Registration NOT required



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Please join us at the school on the date most convenient to you

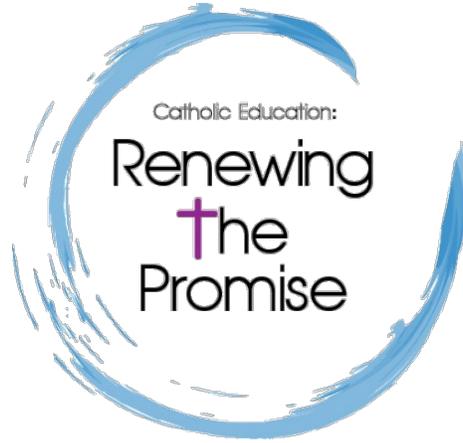
**Tuesday April 3, 2018**  
Muskoka Beechgrove Public School  
Gravenhurst  
4:00-7:00

**Wednesday April 18, 2018**  
Saint Mary Catholic School  
Huntsville  
4:00-7:00

**Thursday May 3, 2018**  
Monsignor Michael O'Leary  
Catholic School  
Bracebridge  
4:00-7:00

Plan to spend up to an hour or two visiting all of the exhibits!

Parents of other students new to the Muskoka area or who are interested in information regarding the many support opportunities/organizations available to them are more than welcome to attend



## Catholic Education: *Renewing the Promise*

This year's Catholic Education Week theme is "*Renewing the Promise.*"

The theme for CEW 2018 draws upon previous documents on Ontario Catholic education, namely, "This Moment of Promise" (1989), "Fulfilling the Promise" (1993) and "Our Catholic Schools" (2006-2007). These three documents, while several years apart from each other, all speak of the unique mission of Ontario Catholic education, the importance of its shared leadership by all those involved in Catholic education and the critical role of Catholic education in contemporary society.

Catholic Education Week 2018 combines the themes of reconciliation, solidarity, love, justice and ecology.

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

- Day 1: Remembering the Promise
- Day 2: The Promise is Within You
- Day 3: Praying the Promise
- Day 4: Living the Promise
- Day 5: Proclaiming the Promise

Every year, the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) provides our Catholic schools with a resource kit to help schools prepare for Catholic Education Week. Using these resources as well as our own developed activities, we have prepared a series of activities which will highlight how our school is *Renewing the Promise*.