

SAINT MARY'S SCHOOL

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Prayer for the End of the School Year

God of wisdom,
We thank you for all the gifts you have given us throughout this school year.
We praise you for giving us life, for saving us in Christ, and for choosing us to be your people.

As we come to the end of this school year, we voice our gratitude for the good things you have done in us, and we praise you for all who have shared in the work of this school.

We ask you to bless them in your love and give them refreshment and peace.

We praise you, God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns forever and ever.

Amen.

From the Principal's Desk



Another year has flown by – it seems like a short time ago that we were all gathered in the gym for the first day of school! In a few short weeks, we will gather again but this time to ring the bell for the final time on the 2015-2016 school year. I wish all of the students, staff and Saint Mary's community members a safe and relaxing summer and I look forward to seeing you again in the fall for another fantastic year. To our Grade 8 students and families who will be moving on to secondary school – I wish you all the best!

The NED Show



On June 1 the students of Saint Mary's School enjoyed an amazing assembly entitled "The NED Show". Through yo-yo tricks, humour, and much group interaction, the students were reminded of three basic principals for living: "Never give up - Encourage others - Do your best". This show is a "pay it forward" in that it was paid for by the previous school who saw the show through the sales of yo-yos. The proceeds of yo-yos that we sell then go on to fund the next school that has the assembly. Order forms were sent home recently with students and yo-yos will be on sale at lunchtime until June 8.

Your Invitation to Family Mass – Sunday June 5, 2016 @11:00



On Sunday June 5, 2016, all parents are encouraged to bring their children to attend the final family mass before the summer at 11:00 am at St. Mary of the Assumption Church, celebrated by Bishop William McGrattan. Please note the change in mass time to 11:00 am.

June's Virtue – Faith

As a faith-filled Catholic learning community, Saint Mary's students joyfully celebrate their faith every day

but we use June as a month to recognize our commitment to living our faith throughout the school year. May's virtue was compassion and we recognized the following students as ambassador's of compassion: Ananda H., Zoe C., Jaiden B., Makayla H., Kaden P., Mary M., James D., Myles W., and Ian D.

School Mass, Christian Spirit Awards & Grade 8 Farewell- Tuesday June 28



The final school mass of the year will take place at 10:45 a.m. on Tuesday June 28. Following mass, we will recognize the Christian Spirit ambassador from each class.

Parents and relatives are always welcome to join us.

Our Grade 8 students will celebrate their farewell during the afternoon of this day. A special luncheon for the Gr. 8 students and their families will take place through the noon hour followed by the Farewell Ceremony for students and family members starting at 1:00 p.m. Congratulations to all of our Grade 8s and their families!

End of Year Report Cards/Lost and Found/Calendar Notes



End of year report cards will go home on Tuesday June 28. Our final day of school is Wednesday June 29.

Lost and found items may be picked up until Monday July 4 @ 3:30 pm at which time everything be washed and donated to charity. If your child's name is on an item, we will attempt to contact you. The school office will be open for business June 30, July 4, 5, 6, 7 and July 8. The school will then be closed for the summer until Monday August 29, 2016.

Helping Hands Appreciation Luncheon Thursday June 23



A special luncheon to thank the many volunteers who have supported the school during the 2015-2016 school year, will take

place on Thursday June 23. Staff and students are most appreciative of the time and effort that so many people from our community contribute to Saint Mary's. Thanks from all of us at Saint Mary's School!

Transportation Change Phone Calls

Parents are (again) reminded that if there are end of day transportation changes they need to write a note in their child's agenda. Do not call the office unless there is a last minute emergency requiring a change.



Your one phone call to the office may be more convenient for you, but multiplied by several parents, it is not easier for us. Also, we may not get your message before the buses begin

to roll out. Your adherence to school procedures is appreciated.

Thank You for Supporting the School Council



We extend a huge thanks to parents, students, and staff who supported our

chocolate campaign, silent auction, Christmas parade float, family movie and fun nights and all of the other activities that made this year a great one. We would like to thank all members of the Catholic School Community Council for supporting our school during the past school year. Information about elections for the 2016-2017 school year council will be provided in September. Please consider becoming an active member of your School Council in the new school year – it is a great way to meet new people and to make a difference for the children.

Library Books, Textbooks, School Materials



Parents and students often find misplaced school materials during summer cleanup. Please be sure to put them aside and return them to school as soon as possible once school reconvenes in September. The cost of replacing lost materials is staggering, so every little bit helps.

Nutrition Program Volunteers Needed



A huge thank you to Joan Keyes who coordinated the program this past school year, to Mrs. Sherri DuQuesney who kept track of the finances and or courses to the very dedicated group of parents and community members who kept our healthy snack program running. Without Saint Mary's School Community support, this program cannot continue! If you have a few hours a month to spare for the very worthwhile activity that benefits all of the students in the school, please let us know and we'll set you up on the schedule!

Please Let Us Know If You Are Moving



If you are planning to move out of the St. Mary's School catchment area we would very much like to be aware of your plans so we can make changes to our class lists for the 2016-2017 school year. Sharing this news greatly reduces the possibility of whole school or individual classroom reorganization early in the school year. Please call the school at 705-789-6481 to share information with Mrs. Vanclieaf or Ms. Hetherington.

Kelsey's Cash For Schools Programme



Just a reminder that the Kelsey's Restaurant in Huntsville will give Saint Mary's school 5% of all sales made to Saint Mary's School staff, students, families and friends who sign the back of the bill with "Saint Mary's School" and put it in the drop box at the front doors when you leave.

June Dates to Note...

June 1 to 6 – Gr. 3 EQAO Testing
June 1 – The NED Show
June 3 – PA Day
June 5 – Confirmation @ St. Mary of the Assumption Church 11:00 am
June 6 – CSCC Meeting @ 6:30 pm
June 7 – Fire Safety House for Gr. 2 & 4
June 7&8 – Dental Team visit
June 9 – Altar Servers Luncheon
June 14 – Gr. 1/ 2 Classes to Algonquin Park
June 14 – JK/SK Class Trip to Independent Grocers, OPP, Fire Hall, Rivermill Park
June 15 – Gr. 4/5 and Gr. 5/6 to Ste. Marie Among the Hurons
June 16 – Town Track & Field Meet (rain date is June 17)
June 20 – Gr. 3 and Gr. 3 /4 to Science North
June 20 – Gr. 7 to Camp Tawingo
June 20 – Intermediate Fun Night (3:30 – 5:30) @ Saint Mary's School
June 22 – Gr. 8 to Science Centre and Blue Jays Game
June 22 – Gr. 4/5 and 5/6 Rivermill Park picnic
June 23 – Helping Hands Luncheon
June 24 – Huntsville Public Library visit to Saint Mary's School re summer programs
June 28 – Report Cards Sent Home
June 28 – Grade 8 Farewell Mass & Christian Spirit Awards
June 29 – Last Day of School Assembly & Final Bell Ringing for 2015-2016 @ 3:15 bell
July 4 – Last day for picking up lost and found