



May 2017 Newsletter

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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.*



From Our Trustee – Mrs. Carol Corriveau-Truchon

"Do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with your God."
Micah 6:8



Beginning Sunday April 30th, Catholic Schools across the province will celebrate the amazing gift of fully-funded Catholic education during Catholic Education Week. The theme this year is Walking Forward Together.

Throughout the week each class will engage in different activities that will support the theme of how each one of us can Walk Forward Together with God, our families, others, creation and in hope.

The CEW biblical quote above acknowledges the important role of justice and solidarity with our Indigenous peoples, our environment, the poor and marginalized, and all those who work to protect our common global future.

Meanwhile, at the Board table we have begun working through the budget process to ensure that we are meeting the strategic plan goal of allocating resources wisely and optimizing the programs available to students in our Board. This work will continue until the budget is passed in June.

I look forward to attending special events during Catholic Education Week and for the rest of the school year. I hope that each of you will have rich conversations with your children about what they are learning during the celebration of Catholic Education Week.

God Bless!
Carol Corriveau-Truchon

Catholic Education Week May 1-5, 2017

CATHOLIC EDUCATION: *WALKING forward together* 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 – Walking Together With God

Tuesday – Walking Forward Together with Our Families

Wednesday – Walking Forward Together With Others

Thursday-Walking Forward Together With Creation

Friday-Walking Forward Together In Hope

Events during this week include...

Monday May 1 Start of Bags2Schools Collection



Students, staff and parents are once again invited to contribute their previously enjoyed clothing and textiles (bedding, towels, curtains, etc.). The bags of items are then weighed and exchanged for cash for our school. All items will be shipped overseas and sold as quality used goods, boosting affordable clothing markets in developing countries. All items should be laundered and in good condition. This initiative will continue until **May 5**.

Tuesday May 2 ~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 Ryland D., Payton T., Aiden C., Erika C., Caleigh W., Sarah W., Connor P., Teaghan C., Piper L., Xander B. and Colleen H. for your quiet and dedicated hard work around the school! We are very proud of you!

Tuesday May 2 ~ 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 Tuesday May 2. Students will need to bring a pair of gloves to wear for the cleanup on this day.

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Wednesday May 3 ~ Family Spaghetti Dinner, Book Fair and Silent Auction & Bottle Drive



On Wednesday May 3 Saint Mary School's Catholic School Community Council has organized a family spaghetti dinner from 5:00pm – 6:30pm Also on this evening you can browse through the Scholastic Book Fair and take your chances in a silent auction to purchase some absolutely amazing items or services from one of the members of our Saint Mary School community. Thank you once again to our wonderful Knights of Columbus for your chef skills with the meat sauce! *There are still a limited number of tickets available at the door.*

Don't forget to clean out all of those bottles from your garage and bring them along with you on this night. The Grade 8 parents will take them all back to the Beer Store for you as part of the Grade 8 Trip fundraising!

Thursday May 4 ~ Provincial Mass



Today students in Gr. 6-8 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 5 ~ Catholic Education Week Faith Play Day



Our amazing leadership group has organized a Faith based play day for all of the students to enjoy. Stations include, Silent Meditation, Hopscotch with God, The Forgiving Father (Prodigal Son), FNMI Song, and many more! If you would like to drop by, please feel free to do so. We will meet in the gym at 9:00 to start our day in prayer and song and then divide into our groups and then we're off!

April's Responsible Citizen Ambassadors



We thank Mrs. Jenkinson's class for providing the beautiful bulletin board for April's Ontario Catholic Graduate Expectation of being a Responsible Citizen and we congratulate the following students who were ambassadors for their class: Elianna V., Emerson L., James D., Jocelyn A., Sofia A.,

Sophia S., Lincoln B., Hannah P., Caleigh W. During the month of May we will celebrate the OCGE of being a life-long learner.

Race of the Readers



Mrs. Shisko has once again, leading dedicated group of students who are voraciously reading books during the months of March and April. On May 10, 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 students!!!

Jump Rope for Heart – May 15, 2017



Saint Mary School will once again be jumping rope to raise money for the Heart & Stroke Foundation. Each child will be bringing home their sponsorship collection envelope which outlines all of the new for 2017 incentive prizes students can earn. We look forward to running this event and invite you to come out in the afternoon and join in too! 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.

Saint Mary School Mass

Tuesday May 16 – 10:45 am



All parents, family and community members are invited to attend our next school mass that will take place on Tuesday May 16 in the school gymnasium. Thank you to Mr. Howard's SK/1 class who will lead the mass.

Crowning of Mary and Holy Hour of Adoration – Wednesday May 17



Every month we are blessed with having the Rosary Apostolate 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 17 the JK-Gr 3 students will celebrate the Crowning of Mary through the story of our Lady of Fatima in our gym. Our Grade 4-8 students will walk to the church for one hour of contemplative prayer. Thank you so much to our dedicated rosary team of Mr. Al Cormier, Mr. Jan Sirek, Mrs. Laila Etherington and Mrs. Margurite Goodfellow .

Grade 8 BBQ & Bake Sale – May 18, 2017

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On Thursday May 18 the Grade 8 students will once again be hosting a hamburger BBQ and bake sale to raise money to offset the cost of their year-end class trip to the Niagara area. Students from JK-8 may purchase a hamburger and a drink for \$3.00 and there will be a variety of baked items that will also be available for sale. Students **MUST** pre-order their hamburger lunch and late order forms cannot be accepted. Bake sale items will be available to all students regardless of whether or not they order a hamburger.

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 of 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 with a permanent marker or some type of label.

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

Bottom

- 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.

Dates to Note...

May 1-5 – Catholic Education Week

May 1–CSCC Meeting @ 6:00 pm ****change in time****

May 2 School Pitch In Clean Up

May 3 – Spirit of Youth @ St. Dominic CSS

May 3 –Family Spaghetti Dinner, Scholastic Book Fair and Silent Auction 5:00 – 6:30 pm

May 4 -Province-wide mass at St. Dominic CSS

May 3-4– Scholastic Book Fair

May 9 – Dental Clinic

May 9 – Race of the Reader Competition

May 12 – Dodge Ball Day

May 15 – Jump Rope for Heart

May 16 – School Mass

May 16 – Gr. 6/7 to Seniors Luncheon

May 17 - Holy Hour of Adoration and Crowning of Mary

May 18 – Gr. 5-7 to MMO for French Production

May 18 – Gr. 8 BBQ and Bake Sale Fundraiser

May 22 – Victoria Day Holiday Monday

May 23 – Grade 3 EQAO Testing Begins

May 24 – Immunizations

May 25 – Saint Mary Track & Field @ St. Dominic CSS

May 27-28 – Car Wash Gr. 8 Fundraiser

@ Independent Grocers

May 30 – Grade 6 EQAO Testing begins

May 31 – June 7 Grade 3 EQAO Testing



EQAO Heads Up!

Grade 3 EQAO testing will take place from **May 23, 24, 26, 29, 2017** and Grade 6 EQAO testing will take place from **May 30, 31 June 1, 5, 2017**. **Please do not schedule trips, appointments, etc. for students in Grades 3 or 6 during this period.**

