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MAY 2018 NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

May is here! God is Good! The Hail Mary is a well-loved and beautiful basic Catholic prayer. It's one of the essential prayers to Virgin Mary. It combines two lines from Scripture (Lk 1:28 and Lk 1:42) with a humble request for Mary to pray for us.

"Let us ask the Blessed Virgin to make us contemplatives, to teach us to recognize the constant calls from God at the door of our heart. Let us ask her now: Our Mother, you brought to earth Jesus, who reveals the love of our Father God. Help us to recognize him in the midst of the cares of each day. Stir up our mind and will so that we may listen to the voice of God, to the calls of grace."

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.



CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK THEME: "RENEWING THE PROMISE"

This year's celebration is entitled, "**Catholic Education: RENEWING THE PROMISE**" and will be held during the week of **May 6th to May 11**. 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.

There are five sub-themes, one for each day of Catholic Education Week and they are aimed at helping staff and students to reflect on the different places where mercy can be given and can be found:

Day 1:	Remembering the Promise	Faire mémoire de la promesse
Day 2:	The Promise is Within You	La promesse est en toi
Day 3:	Praying the Promise	Prier la promesse
Day 4:	Living the Promise	Vivre la promesse
Day 5:	Proclaiming the Promise	Annoncer la promesse

Erik Z., Kennedy R and Anya V. L., submitted art work for the Catholic Education Week Poster. Their drawings received honourable mention and we are very proud of their efforts. All the grade 6, 7 and 8 students, as well as, some grade 5 students submitted wonderful art work echoing the theme of Catholic Education Week.

Throughout all of Catholic Education Week, we will be collecting non-perishable food items.

Wednesday May 8th

Scripture Reading at Bishop Ryan High School at 7 pm. Thank you to Mrs. Staresina and Mrs. Shamon for preparing the students. Our school will be represented by: Alex P., Mia C., Anthony D., and Alissa G. We are very proud of our four students for entering this competition and representing our school. This is a testament to our faith community!

Throughout all of May and June, the classes will be offering their prayers to the Diocesan Seminarians. We have become part of a Spiritual Bouquet with the SERRA Club of Hamilton. Please keep all the seminarians in your prayers.

Saturday May 12th, Sacrament of First Holy Communion for our grade 2 students. Thank you to Mrs. Colamartini, Miss DiLivio, Wes, Father Francesco and Father Mariusz for preparing our students. Group picture is at 12:30. Continue to keep the grade 2 students in your prayers as they strengthen their spiritual bond with Christ.

FAMILY DAY - Grand Parents or family members are invited to come to our school and visit **Thursday May 10th**. Thank you to our CSC for organizing this wonderful event. We will be having a casual day with the theme '**Dress Loud**' to support **VOICE** which is a board recognized charity that helps deaf & hard of hearing children learn to listen and speak so that they are fully integrated and contributing members of the community. Students are invited to dress '**wild and wacky**' and bring a loonie or toonie for a donation unless they have previously paid online. Family members can also dress loud for voice!

Cookies will be sold at the Family day event for \$1.00.

Sunday May 13th is Mother's Day **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!** May God bless and protect all mothers.

Tuesday May 15th Family Drum Fit Night

We will have two sessions for Drum Fit. This is a fantastic way to exercise the mind and body. Sign up and come join us!

May 17th Cross Country

May 18th Intermediate Soccer Tournament

May 24th Welcome to Kindergarten Night at 6:00 pm

Friday May 25th: Mass on the Grass - 10:15 Join us for this beautiful tribute to Mary, Our Mother. The grade 7 Confirmandi and the grade 2 students will be recognized for their wonderful accomplishments on the Sacramental Journey. We congratulate all the grade 2's and 7's and we ask that you continue to pray for them. Please send in flowers to honour Mary.

HAT TEAM WELLNESS DAY May 3rd

The Healthy Action Team, HAT, along with the Student Council, has a wonderful day planned. The day will have stations set up for all students to weave through. The day's focus is on Mental Well Being - Healthy eating, exercise, spiritual mind set, active recess, and Christian Meditation. Our theme is "Kindness Rocks".

ECO TEAM

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Plastic Bag Grab Challenge! Our school collected 2422 plastic bags! Way to go Cougars! The ECO team has been working hard, continuing with promoting boomerang lunches, educating the school about the importance of the 3 R's (reduce, reuse, recycle), and running the Plastic Bag Grab challenge. Your Conserving Cougars will also be participating in a TEAM UP TO CLEAN UP this month, helping to keep the school community clean. Every Wednesday is Litterless Lunch!

BOMB THREAT, FIRE DRILLS, LOCKDOWN

By law, we must prepare for all emergencies. We have three fire drills, in the fall and three in the spring. We never know when an unexpected event can occur, and we must know how to evacuate the school. We will have a Bomb Threat Evacuation in the spring. Students must leave the school immediately, not taking any of their belongings during a Bomb threat. Lockdowns are practiced throughout the school year. Students are to hide and remain quiet. Hold and secure takes place when an event happens outside and the police ask us to secure our location. In this case, students can move around the classroom, away from all windows and doors. No outsiders are allowed in the school and we in a hold and secure position until notified by the police that everything is safe. Review the importance of being quiet and calm during any drill.

UNIFORM

We are mandated to wear school uniforms. Our school supplier is **McCarthy**. **Gym shorts and track pants are not permitted at school.** Pants with different logos are not allowed. The uniform is a symbol of who we are and how we come together in faith. The prices at McCarthy will be going up during the spring 5% and another 5% in the fall.

NON-UNIFORM DAYS

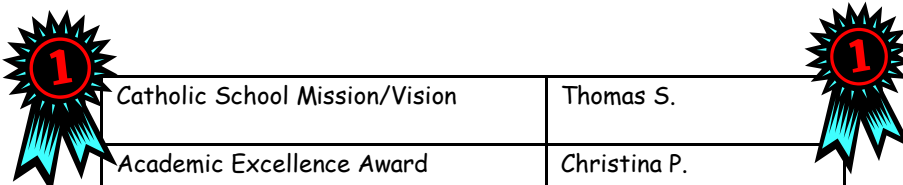
A reminder that these days are spirit or fun civies days and students must come dressed appropriately. No tank tops or spaghetti straps or muscle shirts are permitted. Language written on t-shirts etc. must be acceptable to our faith. Running shoes are always best to prevent accidents. If you paid on line, no payment is due. If you did not pay on line in the fall, each dress down day is a toonie. Money is donated to various charities.

PARKING

The front laneway is a fire lane and a bus lane. No parking is permitted. The kiss and ride area is a no stopping zone. Adhere to the flow of traffic. Do not park in the entrance or exit of the school parking lot; this is also a NO PARKING ZONE. Be respectful of the neighbours and their driveways and lawns.

DIRECTOR'S AWARDS

Congratulations to all of our Director's Awards Winners. They will receive their award on **May 8th at 10:30 am** at the Board Office. All students are to be in full and proper uniform. All students are asked to be at the Board office by 10:15 am. Bring a camera!



Catholic School Mission/Vision	Thomas S.
Academic Excellence Award	Christina P.
Excellent Effort in the Pursuit of Learning Award	Reanna R.
Stewardship of Creation: Environmental Award	Mary M.
Religion & Family Life	Anthony D.
Language	Christian Y.
Science/Technology	Daniella I.
Mathematics	Aiden C.
Social Studies /History/Geography	Kayla S.
Arts	Kennedy R.
French as a Second Language	Mariangela D.
Health & Physical Education	Alexander V.

LEARNING ADVANTAGE CAMPAIGN

There is still time to get your "Learning Advantage" book. This 192 page, fully coloured, activity book is designed to maintain children's academic learning over the summer months. There is one activity book per grade level from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 7. Each grade level book contains major units aligned with the Ontario curriculum expectations and 3 summer fun units. The books have parent information pages, evaluation forms; follow up activities and a family focus. In addition to the summer the books can be used all year

long from September to the following June. A full lineup of French immersion books is also available. The cost of each book is \$19.05 plus GST (\$20 total) This is a savings of \$4-\$6 compared retail and online prices. You can visit www.learningadvantage.ca to download a free unit of the book you would like to order for further review. Order forms will be sent home in late May. Please direct questions to Mary-Jo Montalban mmontalban@cogeco.ca Please note: The order form does not state the due date for orders - ORDERS ARE DUE JUNE 5th. All books ordered will be delivered to the school before the last week of school.

BICYCLE/SKATEBOARDS SAFETY

Please take a few minutes to review the following safety rules with your children:

- Bike, Skateboards - helmets are mandatory. For their safety, students must wear a properly fitted helmet.
- Ensure that the bike is in good operating order.
- Wear light and reflective clothing if you must ride at night.
- Always ride in single file.
- Obey all traffic signs & signals.
- Learn hand signals.
- Ride as near the right hand curb as possible, in the same direction as traffic
- Keep hands on the handlebars, unless signalling, and keep both feet on the pedals.
- Walk your bike onto school property.
- Lock up your bike when it is unattended.
- **The use of skateboards, bikes and inline skates (roller blades) are strictly prohibited on school property.**



ANAPHYLAXIS ALERT

We would like to remind you to continue to ensure that any chocolate treats that contain nuts or nut products are not brought to school. Thank you for your continuing support. Parents are reminded of the HWCDSB policy and the safety of all students daily!

POLICE CHECKS & END OF YEAR TRIPS

It is a board requirement that all volunteers either in school or on school trips must have a police check. Please see Mrs. Simpson for the forms. It takes approximately 1 month to get the police check. If you are hoping to volunteer for a year end trip, allow enough time before the trip to get your clearance. Parents who have not submitted a police check will not be permitted on the trip. The Catholic School Council is generously taking \$10.00 off of each student for end of the year trips.

All Volunteers must complete the AODA, Accessibility Standards for Customer Service training module. This is a Ministry Mandate. This can be accessed by going to the board site, access the HR Service Centre by using the web address: www.hrservicecentre.ca Fill out the form and follow the instructions to create your account. A print option will be available if you wish to keep a hard copy of your certificate or bring it into the main office of the school.

EQAO

Parents of our Grade 3 and 6 students, please note that the provincial assessment will take place from **May 22 to June 4th** for Grade 3 and Grade 6 students. These assessments allow your child to demonstrate his or her skills and knowledge of reading, writing and math. These results will also be used to review teaching approaches and to improve learning. Please avoid making appointments for your children during this time. It is important that students eat a healthy breakfast and are present during these days.

SCHOOL YEAR 2018-2019

If you know you are moving, please let the office know. If you have any children of school age for this September, register as soon as possible. Class set up is a very involved and detailed process. As educators we look at the whole child and weigh each decision very carefully. We must take into account many factors: academic, social, resource involvement etc. As professionals, we work as a team and strive to make the best decision possible. Students are at school to learn and to be in the best environment possible. If you have a concern, please send this in writing to Mrs. Martino before May 25th. I cannot guarantee any placements.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

The Catholic School Council has been actively working to support our school in a variety of ways, nutrition, fundraising, volunteering and so much more. The CSC hosted Creative Math Night. Families came out to support the evening and built excellent LEGO creations, while using math skills. Thank you to all who supported the evening. The next meeting will take place on **Monday, May 28th at 6:00 pm.**

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

Adults who have never been baptized and adults who would like to complete their Christian Initiation are invited to contact our parish priest. Preparation sessions for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) will begin in the fall. Those who are prepared will be baptized or will complete their Christian Initiation at the Easter Vigil. Those who have been baptized in another Christian tradition and who wish to enter into the full communion of the Catholic Church will be received individually, according to the preparation that may be needed. Children in grade 3 or higher who have never been baptized or, having been baptized elsewhere, now wish to become Catholics, should also begin a period of instruction and preparation. Please contact the parish office at 905-662-8593 for more information or e-mail: saintfx@cogeco.net

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Women play such an important role in the life of a child. For all of our mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, aunts, and family friends, we pray that God continues to bless and protect you, keeping each of you strong and healthy to provide the nurturing love you give so freely to all those in your care.

What Is a Mother?

A mother is someone to shelter and guide us,
to love us, whatever we do,
with a warm understanding and infinite patience,
and wonderful gentleness, too.

How often a mother means swift reassurance
in soothing our small, childish fears,
how tenderly mothers watch over their children
and treasure them all through the years!

The heart of a mother is full of forgiveness
for any mistake, big or small,
and generous always in helping her family
whose needs she has placed above all.

A mother can utter a word of compassion
and make all our cares fall away;
she can brighten a home with the sound of her laughter
and make life delightful and gay.

A mother possesses incredible wisdom
And wonderful insight and skill -
In each human heart is that one special corner
which only a mother can fill!

- Katherine Nelson Davis



Heavenly Father, on this Mothers Day, we thank You Father for our mothers through whom Your gift of life begins and nurtured into a human being. We lift up all mothers to Your love and care and we pray for them, for their needs of strength and support to continue to nurture a family of love, in honor and love for You our God. Lord Jesus Christ, we call upon Your blessed name to bless all mothers today and every day and to extend Your hands of grace over them. Amen