

## APRIL 2015 NEWSLETTER

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### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

#### SERVING IN THE LOVE CHRIST

On Palm Sunday, we celebrate the first joy of the season, as we celebrate Our Lord's triumphant entrance into Jerusalem where he was welcomed by crowds worshipping him and laying down palm leaves before him. It also marks the beginning of Holy Week, with the greatest tragedy and sorrow of the year. As the rest of the week unfolds, Jesus is betrayed, hated and turned over to the Jews. They decide to release a criminal and crucify our beloved Jesus. He willingly gave his life for us, so that we could have eternal life with God.

God so loved us, that He sent His only begotten Son to die for us, so that our sins maybe forgiven.

This week is so very important to our faith. During Lent, hopefully we reflected on our faith and our spiritual journey. We know that sacrifice is not easy and yet God gave us His son. What will we do for God?

We wish all of you a very Blessed and Happy Easter with your family and friends! School will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday. Check the bulletin for Mass times during this very important Liturgical Season.

#### PRAYER FOR HOLY WEEK



Holy Week

God of love, my prayer is simple: Your son, Jesus, suffered and died for me.

I know only that I cannot have real strength unless I rely on you.

I cannot feel protected from my many weaknesses until I turn to you for

forgiveness and your unalterable love. Help me to share this strength, protection and love with others.

#### CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK: "GROWING TOGETHER IN FAITH" - MAY 3rd - 8th

Each year, the Catholic community of Ontario engages in a week-long celebration of the unique and distinctive contributions of Catholic education during Catholic Education Week. This year's celebration entitled "**Exploring Paths of Joy**" celebrates the gift of Catholic Education and our journey together. We are looking forward to a wonderful week of activities. More information will be coming home as the time approaches!

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Stations of the Cross - Mrs. Staresina and grade 3 class 10:00 am on Thursday April 3<sup>rd</sup> in the gym

School Mass - Junior Division - Tuesday April 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm at the Church. All are Welcome!!

Chess Tournament - Mr. Mielko - Thursday April 16<sup>th</sup>

Grade 8 Quebec Trip - Mrs. France - April 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>

Public Speaking - Miss Ciotti - Wednesday April 15<sup>th</sup>, at Our Lady of Peace

Scripture Reading - Mrs. D'Ascenzo - Wednesday May 6<sup>th</sup> at Bishop Ryan

Mass on the Grass - Mrs. Batt, Mr. Machado, Mr. Pizzuti, Mrs France - Friday May 8<sup>th</sup>

Family/Grandparents' Day - CSC - Thursday May 14<sup>th</sup>

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



The grade 2 students will receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion on **Saturday, April 11th** at **1:30 pm** at St. Francis Xavier Parish. Thank you to Father Martin, Father Mike, Mrs. Batt and Mr. Machado for preparing the students.

## PARKING

Respect the bus drivers, the students and their safety and the school rules. Follow the flow of traffic at all times. Do not stop in the bus path. Do not block or park in the handicap areas, unless you have a handicap sticker. Respect our neighbours and do not block driveways or stand on their lawns.

## YARD

Students are reminded to wear coats outside. Only NERF is permitted on the playground. Students are reminded of the school policy of safety first! Running shoes are the best footwear for school inside and outside use.



## PRIMARY & JUNIOR EQAO ASSESSMENT

All grade 3 and 6 students across the province will, once again, participate in the provincial assessment done by EQAO (Education Quality and Accountability Office). These assessments will be carried out between **May 25<sup>th</sup>** and **June 4<sup>th</sup>**. We will let you know the specific dates closer to the time. Please try to plan appointments and trips at other times to accommodate this assessment.

## SYSTEM SCIENCE FAIR

Congratulations to the following students for representing our school at Bishop Ryan High School on Sat. Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> : Joshua D, Aliya S. Marcus C. and Alex Z, Alex F, Andrew S, Lucy D and Patrizia P, Daniel Y. Marcus C. and Alex Z. won gold and also a special award. Thank you to Mrs. France for all their work with the science fair club!

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

**Thank you** to all families who supported our World's Finest Fund Raiser. We will be posting our amount raised in the next newsletter! The money will be used to support technology and reading in our school, as well as our donations to charity. Green Smoothies were a delicious and nutritious treat on March 31<sup>st</sup>. The Big Crunch was held on March 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Mrs. Sulug for purchasing the apples and her team of parents who volunteered to wash and deliver the apples! Our parents and CSC are a blessing and an asset to our daily school activities. Thank you for being a part and giving your time.

## PROJECTED ORGANIZATION for 2015-2016

We have begun our planning for the upcoming school year. All classes are determined by numbers sent to the Board. Staff is actively involved in planning for the next school year and determining the best classroom for each student. We have to take into account many factors, academics, social skills, resource involvement etc. As professionals we strive, to make all decisions with the student in mind and doing what is best for their growth and development. If you have any concerns, for next year's placement, **please send in a letter in writing by May 25<sup>th</sup>** to Mrs. Martino, Principal. I cannot guarantee any placements.

## ANAPHYLAXIS ALERT

We would like to remind you to continue to ensure that Easter chocolates and candy 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. The one time cost is \$25.00. 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, please 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.

## MOVING OUT or MOVING IN? SEPTEMBER 2015



If you are planning to move out of our school area and your children will not be attending St. Clare of Assisi in September, please notify the school office as soon as possible. Alternatively, if you know of a family moving into the school area, please advise them to contact the school office for registration details. This information will be of great assistance in planning for next year.

## RUN4CHANGE

On May 13<sup>th</sup>, our school will participate in Run4Change. The Start2Finish [Run4Change](#) is a national initiative that addresses the two most critical issues facing Canadian children and youth today - obesity/physical inactivity and child poverty. The students from grade 1 to 8 will be bussed to Bay Front Park for a morning of running 5km. This is a great opportunity to be with many of our schools in the system and learn about a healthy lifestyle. Money raised for Run4Change will be donated to support reading programs in our system and help students get healthy. On April 17<sup>th</sup> we will have a dress down day for this event. Students may wear comfy clothing for a toonie donation.

## EASTER PRAYER

Halleluia! Jesus is risen! He is risen indeed!  
May this declaration resound not only in these walls  
but touch the lives of all we meet and forever be  
the truth of which we speak.  
Your love, once sown within a garden,  
tended for your own people,  
neglected and rejected,  
now spreads its sweet perfume  
in this place and wherever it is shown.  
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