

MONSIGNOR J.E. RONAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL



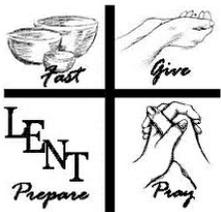
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“Let your light shine so that others may see the good you do and give glory to God.” Matthew 5:16

<p>Lenten Activities</p> <p><i>We will continue our faith-based school events to more fully experience the Lenten Season.</i></p> <p>Page 1</p>	<p>Thank you</p> <p><i>Read about the dance-a-thon, the candy-gram sales, and the Shrove Tuesday pancakes.</i></p> <p>Pages 2</p>	<p>EQAO Dates</p> <p><i>Please keep this window of time in mind when booking appointments for your children.</i></p> <p>Pages 2</p>	<p>Free Dental Services</p> <p><i>Check-out the Healthy Smiles Preventative Services message.</i></p> <p>Page 3</p>
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Principal's Message



March is always an exciting month at school with the arrival of some early signs of spring: longer days with sunshine, the return of some birds, warmer temperatures, and the return of

the mud in the field. We will continue some special faith-based school events to help us more fully experience the Lenten Season and look ahead to the joy of Easter.

Please join us in prayer at our school liturgy this month on Holy Thursday. We are always happy to have parents and grandparents pray with us.

As March Break approaches and we move on to Holy Week and Easter, our staff extend best wishes to you and your family. May Easter be a time of joy in your home.

God bless,
 Kathy Van Dewark

Important Dates

- Mar. 5 - 7 Gr. 7s at Mansfield Outdoor Education Centre
- Mar. 5 Rosary Apostolate's 6th Visit
- Mar. 8 Celebration of Our Talents
- Mar. 11 Daylight Saving Time Begins
- Mar. 12 - 16 March Break (No Classes)
- Mar. 19 Milk and Lunch Orders Sent Home for April and May and Due Mar. 26
- Mar. 20 Welcome Spring!
The Secret Life of Riley K Play (Gr. 4-8)
- Mar. 24 Earth Hour at 8:30 pm
- Mar. 26 Graduation Photo Re-take Day
- Mar. 29 Liturgy at 1:45 pm
- Mar. 30 Good Friday (No Classes)
- Apr. 1 Easter Sunday
- Apr. 2 Easter Monday (No Classes)

It's Registration Time!

**We are excited to welcome our youngest students!
Come see us now!**



We are currently accepting registrations for September. Please come in to register your children for Kindergarten. Tell your friends and neighbours that we are ready to greet them! Please call Mrs. Lescard or Mrs. Ciullo at 905-729-3473 for more information.

Grade Eight Graduation Date

Parents and guardians are asked to save June 26 on their calendar for graduation. The liturgy begins at 6:30 in our gymnasium, followed by awards and a dance.

Shrove Tuesday Thank You!

Students and staff extend a big thank you to Mrs. Lescard, Mrs. Banaszek, Mrs. Garcia, Mrs. Jardine, Mrs. DiPalma and Mrs. Hodgkiss for their labour of love. These women prepared and served pancakes for brunch on Shrove Tuesday. Thank you to the Pantelidis Family for their generous donation of the delicious pancake batter and syrup. This was a wonderful way to bring our faith traditions into each child's experience.

Parish Confessions

Parish Lenten Confessions:
March 6th at 7pm in St. James Church, Colgan.

First Confessions:
March 20th at 7pm in St. James Church, Colgan.

Confession is available every Friday
from 3.30pm to 6.30pm in St. James Church, Colgan, or
every Saturday from 5pm to 5.30pm in St. Francis Xavier
Church, Tottenham.

March Break

The last day of classes before the March Break is Friday, March 9. School will resume on Monday, March 19. We pray that God will keep everyone safe during the break and that we will return to school well rested and ready to resume the final term.

EQAO Dates



This spring, the EQAO Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics for Grades 3 and 6 students will take place during the weeks of May 22 to June 4. We ask that you keep these dates free when making appointments for your child(ren). More details to come.

Morning Supervision in Our Yard

Supervision by our staff begins at 8:45 am when we are outside to greet our students and to ensure their safety. Students should not arrive prior to this time. Thank you in advance for your support with this important safety concern.

Social Justice Success

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our recent Valentine sales of Candy-grams. Over \$800 was raised making this the most successful social justice Valentine project yet. Funds supported Alliston Out of the Cold and the Orphans of Kenya. On behalf of Ms. Guilemette's Social Justice Club, thank you!

Catholic School Community Council

Thank you to the parents and guardians who supported our Valentine's Dance-a-thon last month. We are thrilled to announce that almost \$5000 was raised to support initiatives identified by your council.

Thank you to Mrs. Hodgkiss and her team of parent volunteers who planned this event, to Mrs. Kennedy Munsterman for her donations, and to Ronan's faithful D.J., Mr. DiPalma.

Please consider joining us at the next CSCC meeting on Wednesday, April 25 at 6:30 pm in our library.

The Secret Life of Riley K.

A live professional theatre presentation of The Secret Life of Riley K will be viewed by our Junior and Intermediate students in the morning of March 20. This play is about a clever and ambitious girl who strives for a perfect life, but the prospect of making a speech leads her to understand that she feels sick with anxiety, not the flu. She learns she is not alone. Our students will learn about strategies to help Riley move forward, one step at a time.

Here are some ideas to continue to strengthen your family's spiritual life:

1. Pray an Our Father together every day.
2. During meal times, let each family member name one person or problem to pray for.
3. Attend Mass together.
4. Do some grocery shopping for the poor in support of the local food bank.
5. Encourage each family member to do something kind for someone every day.
6. Turn off the television one day per week and spend some time together as a family.
7. Identify a charity that supports the poor and needy and make a donation.



FREE DENTAL PREVENTIVE SERVICES

The Preventive Services Stream of Healthy Smiles Ontario (HSO), through the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, offers Sealants, Fluoride, and Teeth Cleaning. These services are free of charge for children who qualify.

The dental screening has now been completed at your school, so please check your child's backpack or agenda. If there is an "HSO-PSO" application please read, sign/date and return the completed application to the Health Unit in the attached postage paid envelope, or fax.

Should you have any questions, require further information, or need assistance completing the application please call 705-721-7520, ext. 8804, or toll free 1-877-721-7520, ext. 8804.

These services will be completed at a school clinic after March 2018, pending a sufficient response. THANK-YOU!