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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><b>An Exciting Month Ahead</b></p> <p><i>We will be especially busy in May.</i></p> <p><b>Page 1</b></p>	<p><b>EQAO Assessments</b></p> <p><i>Eat breakfast and have a good sleep!</i></p> <p><b>Page 2</b></p>	<p><b>Spring Review of Dress Code</b></p> <p><i>Please review the dress code with your child.</i></p> <p><b>Page 2</b></p>	<p><b>Protect Catholic Education</b></p> <p><i>Use the voter Lookup tool to see if your taxes are directed to the Catholic system.</i></p> <p><b>Page 3</b></p>
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## Principal’s Message



What a beautiful month God has placed before us! Not only did May begin with special events to mark Catholic Education Week, but it is also the month when we spend more time in prayer with our Blessed Mother.

The warmer temperatures and the return of the softer grass make recesses especially wonderful for our students playing soccer games and catch, as well as enjoying skipping games and playing four square on the dry pavement.

This month will include the Primary and Junior EQAO assessments for our students in Grades 3 and 6.

Your Parent Council (CSCC) is busy planning for next month’s Spring Fling. Shortly you will receive information about the raffle and auction.

To our students who have just celebrated their First Holy Communion or who have been Confirmed, please accept the congratulations of our entire staff. We are so proud of you!

Best regards,

K. Van Dewark

## Important Dates

May 6 - 11	Catholic Education Week
May 7	May Rosary Celebration + Primary Presentation
May 13	Happy Mother’s Day!
May 15	Talent Show at 1:45 pm
May 16	Baseball Tournament University of Waterloo Math Contest Festival of Tree Toronto Trip (Book Club)
May 17	Skilled Trades Trip Kindergarten Information Meeting for Parents of New Students at 6:30 pm
May 18	Liturgy + Catholic Value Awards at 9:30 Walk for Social Justice at 11:15 am
May 20	Pentecost
May 21	Victoria Day (No Classes)
May 22, 24, 25 + June 1	Primary EQAO Assessment
May 23	Gr. 2 and 3 Visit Simcoe County Museum
May 28 - 31	Junior EQAO Assessment
May 30	CSCC Meeting at 6:30 pm
May 31	Pawsitively Pets for Kindergarten Students
June 1	Professional Activity Day (No classes)

**Wanted! Kindergarten Students!  
No experience necessary!**



Kindergarten registration is now in full swing. If your child will be turning 4 years old by December 31st (Kindergarten Year 1) or 5 years old by December 31st (Kindergarten Year 2), please contact the school office to inquire about Kindergarten registration or come into the school to pick-up a registration package. Documentation required:

1. Child's Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate
2. If the child is NOT baptized Roman Catholic, then a parent's Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate is required.
3. Child's Birth Certificate
4. Child's Immunization Records
5. Proof of your address

**Parent Meeting for Newly Registered Junior and Senior Kindergarten Students**

Parents with a child newly enrolled in Kindergarten at our school are invited to attend a parent information meeting on Thursday, May 17 at 6:30 pm in our library. This meeting will inform you about the Kindergarten program and routines, and will allow you an opportunity to ask questions. See you there!



**May Celebration with Our Rosary Apostolate**

We prayed the Rosary all year with Mary pointing us towards Jesus. We thank our beautiful Rosary Apostolate volunteers who guided us and lead us in a Marian celebration earlier this month. Each of our students received a picture of Mary to take home. We hope the picture has been given a place of honour in your child's bedroom.

**Primary and Junior Division Provincial Assessment**



**Primary Division (Grade 3) May 22, 24, 25 + June 1**

**Junior Division (Grade 6) May 28 - 31**

Please ensure that your child is at school and on time during the testing days. It is recommended that children try to get a restful sleep and eat a nourishing breakfast in order to work to their full potential.

**Spring Review of the Dress Code**



As warmer weather has arrived, we ask families to review the dress code. The dress code applies to all students, staff, parents, guardians, volunteers and visitors. Please consider the following:

- an uninterrupted line of clothing covering the body from the top of the shoulders to mid-thigh is required
- students are not permitted to wear muscle shirts or shirts that are offensive; shorts, skirts and dresses must not come above the mid-thigh; shoulder straps are to be 3 cm in width
- midriffs are to be covered continuously even when arms are lifted
- apparel that promotes the use of illegal substances is not permitted and messages on shirts must be positive

Appropriate dress also applies to various school trips, physical education classes and sporting events. Please refer to the full dress code found in your child's school agenda. We want to keep the focus on student learning while ensuring that the moral tone of our school is recognized. Thank you in advance for your support.

**Is Your Family Moving?**



If you are moving out of our area over the summer, please call the school office and let us know. This helps us with planning for the upcoming school year.

## May Liturgy and Catholic Value Awards

Our next liturgy will be on Friday, May 18 at 9:30 am in our gymnasium. Please join us! We welcome opportunities to gather in prayer with parents, guardians, and grandparents, especially as we draw close to Pentecost. Mrs. Ahern's students will lead us in prayer.

### Catholic School Community Council (CSCC)

Our May CSCC meeting included discussions about our Spring Fling Social and fundraiser, our PRO Grant application, as well as presentation about EQAO assessments of Primary and Junior learning.

Please join us at the next CSCC meeting on Wednesday, May 30 at 6:30 pm in our library. We welcome your ideas and energy.

## Class Placement Requests

Written requests for particular classroom learning environments will be accepted by the principal during May. Please note that there is no guarantee that these requests can be accommodated because many factors are at play as we strive to create balanced classes for the year ahead.

### Important Reminders

#### 1. Bikes, Scooters and Helmets

Congratulations to every student using active ways to travel to school. For safety, helmets are always needed in Ontario to ride a bike. We require students to walk bikes and scooters upon entering our property.

#### 2. Dogs

Please note that dogs are not permitted on school property.

#### 3. Early Student Pick-up

We respectfully request written notice, rather than a phone call to have your child ready in the office for early dismissal. This ensures order in the office. It also protects the classroom from disruptive phone calls to communicate last minute family requests.

### Your Voice. Your Vote. Make it Count!

#### Support Catholic Education Today

Help protect and preserve our Catholic education system by ensuring you are registered as an English Separate (Catholic) School Supporter for the October 2018 municipal election.

With a municipal election right around the corner, now is the time to make sure your vote for a school board trustee counts. Like many Catholic households, you may be surprised to find out that you are not registered as a Catholic school supporter. If you have moved, your support automatically defaults back to the English public system.

The Voter Lookup tool is a quick and easy way to check to see if your tax support is directed to the Catholic system. This is important not only to show your support for Catholic education in our province, but also to ensure you can vote for your local Catholic school trustee this October.

Confirm your electoral information today at [voterlookup.ca](http://voterlookup.ca) and spread the word to your family, friends and neighbours to support of Catholic education.