

MAY NEWSLETTER

ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

During the week of May 5-10, 2019 the Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board will celebrate the significant contribution that Catholic Education has made to the community, the province and to Canada. Our Catholic Graduate Expectations challenge students to articulate in society those fundamental values that underpin Catholic Education.

May 6th- May 10th, 2019

Living as Joyful Disciples / Living in Joyful Disciples

"Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy." (1 Peter 1: 8)



Date	Theme	Event
Monday May 6 th	<i>Rooted in Prayer</i> <i>Mindful Monday: Open Minds, Healthy Minds</i>	School Mass 8:30 Gym, Parent Council Hot Dog Lunch (Hot dog, juice box and apple provided for each student) Faith Afternoon 12:05 Board Mass
Tuesday May 7 th	<i>Living in Community</i> <i>Togetherness Tuesday: We All Belong</i>	Board Mass
Wednesday May 8 th	<i>Doing Justice & Creating Hope</i> <i>Wellness Wednesday: Your Personal Wellness Matters</i>	Wear Blue for Mary, Crowning of Mary 2:00 Gym, Confirmation Retreat Living Rosary 12:45 School Yard
Thursday May 9 th	<i>Journeying Together in Faith</i> <i>Talk About it Thursday: Name That Emotion</i>	Living Rosary 12:45 School Yard
Friday May 10 th	<i>Sharing the Good News</i> <i>Fit Friday: We All Have Mental Health</i>	ECO Clean Up

Catholic Education Week Prayer

Loving God,

We thank you for our Catholic school community where we can journey in faith together. Help us to join each other in our learning as we grow, living as joyful disciples of Jesus and bringing good news to the world. May your love speak to our hearts. We make this prayer through Jesus, our Lord and teacher.
Amen.



DEVOTION TO MARY

Here at St. Mary Catholic School, the month of May is being dedicated to Our Blessed Lady, mother of Jesus. The Blessed Virgin Mary is the Mother of the Church and therefore the example, of everyone who, in and through the Church, seeks to be the servant of God and man and the obedient agent of the promptings of the Holy Spirit. We will pay tribute to Mary every Wednesday through celebrations of of Faith and Love.

PLEASE CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW TO VISIT ST.PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION ABOUT WEEKLY MASSES AND SACRAMENTS

St. Peter's Catholic Parish

www.stpeters-trenton.org

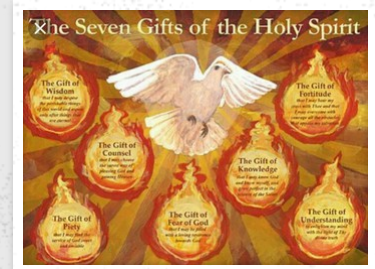
SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADE TWO STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ON MAY 5. THIS SACRAMENT MARKS THE CHILD'S FIRST RECEPTION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST, THE BODY AND BLOOD OF OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST. WE REFLECT ON CHRIST'S SACRIFICE AND LOOK FORWARD TO HIS RETURN. BE BLESSED, ABUNDANTLY, MIRACULOUSLY BLESSED!



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADE SIX STUDENTS WHO WILL BE RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION ON MAY 26. IN THIS SACRAMENT, STUDENTS ARE BLESSED WITH THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord). THE GIFTS ARE SEALED WITHIN US AT CONFIRMATION. BE BLESSED, ABUNDANTLY, MIRACULOUSLY BLESSED!



BIKE RODEO HAS BEEN RE-SCHEDULED UNTIL JUNE 4, 2019

Bike Rodeo from 10:30-11:30 am. Students are to bring their bicycles or scooters, and **must have a helmet to participate**. Even if the student chooses not to bring a bicycle or scooter, they **must have a helmet to participate**



PLEASE DO NOT WALK THROUGH THE DRIVEWAY

We have asked repeatedly for parents not to drop off their children in the staff driveway and not to walk through the driveway with their children. **This is a very dangerous situation** and we have had many incidents where rushing parents have not seen families and almost hit them. We are going to go back to closing the parking lot in the mornings and at night and ask that when you are dropping off your children use the walkway with the footprints beside the parking lot. It is important that we model responsible habits for our children. Parents are asked to be respectful with staff when they direct them to park in the appropriate areas and to model our Code of Conduct for their children.

EQAO

We will be writing EQAO during the last two weeks of May. We have asked parents of grade 3 and grade 6 students to not book trips, appointments, hockey practices and other appointments that will prevent their child from being at school. It is the expectation that all students in those grades will write. We have posted the schedule online and during these two weeks our focus is to support these students as they show us their learning to date.



FUN FRENCH FACT

French is a good foundation for learning other languages, particularly Romance languages (Spanish, Italian, Portuguese and Romanian) and even English, since over half of modern-day English vocabulary is derived from French.

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www.learningatloyola.ca



JOIN US FOR A WEEKEND PAINTING PARTY!

SPRING has SPRUNG, St. Mary!
 Join us for a **WEEKEND**
Painting PARTY!
 Saturday May 25th Meet-up at 9:00am

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED as part of our ongoing commitment to
SCHOOL BEAUTIFICATION
 and **YARD REVITALIZATION**

Lunch Provided — Wear Rough/Comfortable Workwear — it could get messy!
 Sun hats/sun screen recommended! — ♻️ Bring a refillable water bottle to stay hydrated! ♻️

FOSTER FAITH IN ACTION 🌱 GET ACTIVE 🌱 CONNECT TO YOUR COMMUNITY 🌱 BOOST SCHOOL PRIDE
 GIVE BACK 🌱 SHARE YOUR SKILLS 🌱 MAKE A LASTING IMPACT 🌱 DO SOME GOOD!

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

If you have not signed up you should. This has been a great process and alleviated a lot of work for both parents and schools. You really need to look for the close dates on posted items. We have to close milk and pizza the week "before" the month they start as we have to order these items. This is automatically done to allow Katie to process the orders. For upcoming school trips they will also be posted with closing dates to allow us to know if the trip will be viable. If you need any help contact Katie at the school. Thank You.





Welcome to Kindergarten

WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN

Welcome to Kindergarten – This is an opportunity for families with children entering into Kindergarten to come and meet the teachers and see the space. May 22 from 3:00-4:30. Looking forward to meeting everyone.

HEAD LICE TREATMENT AND PREVENTION

We have had a rash of Head Lice this spring. We do not send home, or prevent students coming to school who have been identified as having them. We make every effort to prevent the spread of them and work with families who may need guidance and help around addressing the issue. Please refrain from publically identifying other children as the “cause” of a head lice case. In 95% of the cases the children who have them were exposed outside of the school at events like birthday parties and sleep overs. In the school we discourage the sharing of hats, scarves, hair brushes and accessories and do not have soft surfaces where they may thrive to prevent the spread. Should you need help dealing with this contact the Health Unit as they have professional services that can guide you. It is critical that if your child does get head lice that you not only treat them, but also do the environmental clean at home. It is a nuisance, but can be addressed. Thank You.

JUNE FUN FAIR: JUNE 11TH (4PM-8PM)

The main fundraiser for our Catholic Parent Council this year will be our Fun Fair. The Council is hoping to raise enough money to finish their purchase of mobile air conditioning units for the main floor of the school. The Council and School Staff have been working very hard to make this a successful event that also promotes their goal of family and parent engagement. There will be a silent auction which will hopefully be the main source of bringing in funds. We are going to send home a donation letter for classes soon. If you have your own home based business, or own a business and would like to donate an item for the auction contact one of

the council members or Mr. French and Miss. LaHaye. We know it will be an incredible event and thank our families for their support.

BEING OUTSIDE

In recent years there has been a regional increase in students needing Occupational Therapy and other motor coordination supports. A major contributing factor is their decrease in physical activity to build their core strength and muscle memory. We have many students who openly identify that they do not play outside unless made to at school. This is going to be a major focus for us in the spring and for the next year. As part of our Stewardship Pillar for the system we believe that children will learn how to respect the environment by being immersed in it. The focus for our Kindergarten Program next year will be Natural Curiosity with students spending large chunks of their day outside exploring and being active in the school green area. You can support the physical growth of your children by limiting the amount of screen time and encouraging them to play outside. This also has a direct link to their social skill development as they learn how to play, negotiate, resolve conflicts and support others through collaborative playing of games and activities. Like anything else physical development and social skills development are things that need to be practiced repeatedly at school and at home.



HOW TO HOLD A PENCIL

One of the biggest challenges we have in teaching children how to write is that they do not know how to hold a pencil. We work diligently on this with them, show them repeatedly how to do this and then correct them when they need help. You can support us with this by watching at home when they are writing to ensure they are holding it correctly. Children often complain that their hands hurt when they are writing and it is usually due to poor muscle development by not holding the pencil properly. While we have access to technology, we still expect children to physically write using pencil and paper. This will be a focus for the upcoming school year. If you are not sure how they should hold a pencil there are a lot of videos online for you to watch. Just make sure it is a recognized site and one that is supported by Occupational Therapists in Canada.

