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May Newsletter

Catholic Education Week Prayer:

**God of Grace,
Help us to rediscover how to be side by side
in rebuilding our communities of faith and learning.
Help us restore harmony and balance in our relationships,
and renew our desire to approach challenges confidently and with peaceful hearts.
May we always rejoice in recognizing the blessings our lives hold.
Amen.**

Catholic Education Week will be taking place from **May 2-6** in our school board. Classes received the Catholic Education activities package and will be integrating the themes and activities into the Religion and Family Life program.

CLASSROOM ORGANIZATION

We are presently in the process of organizing classes for next year. If you know that your child will not be attending St. Patrick Catholic School in September, please let us know as soon as possible.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATIONS

St. Patrick Catholic School is now accepting registrations for Junior and Senior Kindergarten (as well as all other grades) for next year. If your child is already attending J.K. at St. Patrick's, you do not need to register them again for S.K. Junior Kindergarten Eligibility: 4 years of age on or before December 31, 2022. Both Junior and Senior Kindergarten are offered on the full day basis. Requirements for registration are a Catholic Baptismal Certificate, Birth Certificate or Birth Registration, and Immunization Records. All registrations must be completed using the online link on our school website.

Lenten Activities

As an Easter tradition, our school was led by our Gr. 5 and 6 students in The Stations of the Cross on Thursday, April 14th. As always, it is a meaningful time where students are able to retell and consider the events around Jesus' crucifixion, which is a cornerstone of our faith. Ms. Hurley's Gr. 7 Class joined with Ms. Forster's Kindergarten Class to offer our school a production on Jesus' resurrection. The occasion also marked the first time we have been able to come together as a whole school with parents in attendance since the pandemic began. It was very nice to be able to come together as a whole school community again. Thank you to our Gr. 7s and Kinders.

Earth Day

We thank our Gr. 6 and 8 classes for leading our Earth Day Prayer Service on Friday, April 22. Afterwards, most of our students went outside to participate in a schoolyard and neighbourhood clean-up to collect any garbage and debris that may have accumulated over the winter months.

EQAO

This year, the province is resuming the EQAO testing that takes place for all students in Gr. 3 and Gr. 6. No dates have been set aside yet for the assessment days, but we will advise our families about that once we are organized. The assessment will take place in late May or early June. EQAO assesses students in the areas of Reading, Writing, and Mathematics.

Catholic Education Week/Children's Mental Health Week

May 2-6 is Catholic Education Week and Children's Mental Health Week. This year, the theme of Catholic Education Week is "Rebuild, Renew, Restore Together," and it is a time to celebrate the many great things that happen in our schools every day. Children's Mental Health Week is meant to raise awareness around well-being, which is particularly important when the last two school years have been trying for so many of our families.

Gr. 8 Graduation

This year's Gr. 8 Graduation will be taking place on Wednesday, June 22nd at 5:30 at St. Patrick Catholic Church.

Fr. Amato will lead us in the Liturgy of the Word, followed by the distribution of the graduation packages and special awards. Our grads will then be able to enjoy a grad cruise with a few other schools from our board before returning home with their parents after the cruise.

The Sacraments of First Eucharist, First Reconciliation, and Confirmation

Our Gr. 2-4 students who will be receiving the Sacrament of First Eucharist will join Fr. Amato and other Parishioners from St. Patrick Catholic Church on one of the regular Sunday Masses in June to receive the Sacrament. Fr. Amato is organizing that schedule now. Likewise, students receiving the Sacrament of First Reconciliation will receive that Sacrament from Fr. Amato at the school on Friday, May 27th. Confirmation (usually for students in Gr. 7 and 8) will resume in the fall.

Cross-Country Meet

Our board's Cross-Country Running Meet will take place on Monday, May 9th, at Fort Henry. The rain date is Tuesday, May 10th. Students should wear proper footwear, bring lots to drink, and dress appropriately to the weather (it's almost always windy at Fort Henry!). If you wish, there will also be a canteen present to purchase lunch and snacks. More details to come.

School Track and Field Meet

Our school's Track and Field Meet is set for Monday, May 24th, with the rain date on Wednesday, May 26th at Holy Cross. Students who are successful at our school meet will be able to compete at our Board Track and Field Meet on June 20th or 21st. More information about the event will be coming shortly.

Ukraine Spirit Week

Last month, our Gr. 8 class organized a series of Spirit Days to raise funds for the crisis taking place in Ukraine. Together we raised \$1,118.00! Way to go St. Pats and thank you for your generosity. Thanks, as well, for the non-perishable food donations that were collected during Holy Week. All items will be sent to the local food bank.

Upcoming Dates

May 2-6	Catholic Education Week)
May 2-6	Children's Mental Health Week
May 2 and 6	Gr. 1-5 Virtual Author Visit (Gillian Sze)
Tuesday, May 3	Gr. 6-8 Virtual Author Visit (Anita Daher)
Monday, May 9	Board Cross-Country Meet
Tuesday, May 10	Board Cross-Country Meet (Rain Date)
Wednesday, May 11	Gr. 7/8 Immunizations
Monday, May 23	Victoria Day (No School)
Tuesday, May 24	School Track and Field Meet
Wednesday, May 25	Gr. 8 Graduation Photos
Thursday, May 26	School Track and Field Meet (Rain Date)
Friday, May 27	First Reconciliation
Tuesday, May 31	School Mass
Wednesday, June 1	Gr. 6-8 Attend the RND Musical
Thursday, June 2	Gr. 6/7 Field Trip to RKY Camp
Friday, June 3	PA Day

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