



# St. James Catholic School

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## April 2017

As we look toward the Resurrection of Jesus, may we be strong in our Lenten commitments and make this a time of prayer, fasting almsgiving and reflection.

Please keep our secretary, Mrs. Boudens in your prayers as she recovers after a fall and surgery to repair her broken ankle. We will be having replacements in until Mrs. Boudens is able to return to work.



### School Mass

Our monthly school mass will be held on Friday, April 21st at 1:30 pm.

Please join us for this Eucharistic celebration if your schedule allows.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Rev. Ken O'Brien and Rev. Ryan Holly came to St. James to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation to our students. We also have a number of students who will be making their First Reconciliation later this month on April 20th. Please keep these students in your prayers as they prepare. They will celebrate their First Holy Eucharist on Sunday, June 18th.

### Virtues Awards

Each month, our school community focuses on a different virtue. During the month of March, we focused on the virtue of forgiveness. We saw many students and staff members demonstrate this

virtue throughout the month. Each teacher chose students to accept the virtue award at our prayer service. Congratulations and thank you to: **Hayden Vaillancout, Kaden Baker, Liam Flegal, Trinity Commanda, Ava Soleil O'Brien, Carlie Dumoulin, Korbyn Radema-Dombroskie, Alec Lavoie, Michael Breen, Justin Smith and Carson Agnew.**

During the month of April we are going to focus on the virtue of justice.

### School Council

Our next School Council meeting will be held on Monday, April 10th at 6:00 pm in the school staff room. As always, new members are very welcome to join at any and/or every meeting.

### Hot Lunch

This month, we will be having a hot dog day on Thursday, April 6th and a Subway Lunch on Wednesday, April 26th. Order forms will follow shortly.

### Easter Raffle

Tickets will be sold until Friday, April 7th. Thank you to Corey Schiemann for the great fundraising idea and for donating the prize. All funds raised by this raffle will go towards purchasing stand up desks for some of our classrooms.

### School Choir

The Grade 4-8 choir experienced great success at the Kiwanis Festival in Pembroke on March 7, 2017. They placed second in their division with their



songs, “Make a Song for My Heart to Sing” and, “We are One”. Special thanks to Mrs. Hermans, Mrs. Schweigert and Mrs. Baillie for giving our

students this opportunity.

### **Spirit Days**

We’ll be having two Spirit Days in April. The first one will be held on Friday, April 7th. On this day, students are asked to dress as their favourite Disney character. The second spirit day will be a Retro Day held on Friday, April 28th. Students and staff are asked to wear their favourite outfit from the 50’s, 60’s, 70’s or 80’s.

### **Shaw Woods**

Last month, our grade 6, 7 and 8 students spent a day at Shaw Woods and this month, on April 11th, our K-3 students will be going for a day. We are so blessed to have this valuable resource in our neighbourhood!

### **Heritage Fair**

On Tuesday April 25th, a group of students will be heading to Ottawa to present at the Heritage Fair at the Museum of History. Many thanks to Mr. Sabourin, Ms. Levesque, Ms. Gaudry and Mrs. Verch for organizing and supporting our students’ participation in this event.

### **Badminton**

Many of our Grade 6, 7 and 8 students will be participating in Badminton tournaments this month. Thank you to Mr. O’Connor for coaching the students for these tournaments. The Grade 8 tournament will be held at the Renfrew Armouries on Thursday, April 20th. The Grade 6/7 tournament will be held at Opeongo High School on Tuesday, April 25th. Permission slips and more information will be sent home with the players.

### **Primary and Junior Divisions EQAO**

In order to avoid missing a day of this testing, parents of Grade 3 and 6 students are asked to refrain from making appointments for their children during May 23 - June 5th if at all possible. This helps us with consistency in scheduling and reassigning some of our staff roles as necessary during the testing.

### **School Dress Code Reminder**

With warmer weather on the way, please keep our school dress code in mind. Skirts and shorts are to be mid thigh length (when student is standing with arms down, the shorts/skirt must fall below the ends of fingers). Tops must cover the midriff and undergarments should not be visible at all. Please check the agenda pages for a full listing of the dress code.

**CATHOLIC EDUCATION:** Renfrew County’s Catholic Schools are preparing to celebrate Catholic Education Week from April 30th to May 5th. This year’s Catholic

Education Week theme is, “Walking Forward Together.” Each day of the week has its own sub-theme:

- Day 1: Walking Forward Together with God
- Day 2: Walking Forward Together with Our Families
- Day 3: Walking Forward Together with Others
- Day 4: Walking Forward Together with Creation
- Day 5: Walking Forward Together in Hope

The 2017 theme and daily sub-themes call for reconciliation and renewal in our lives: within families, in our relationships, and with the environment in light of our common global future. They are drawn from the work of the Canada’s Catholic Bishops and from the writings of Pope Francis. The Bishops’ response to Canada’s Truth & Reconciliation Commission reminds us that we need to heal past injustices by “Walking Forward

Together.” Pope Francis’ 2015 encyclical, Laudato Si’: On Care for Our Common Home urgently calls for the world’s peoples to work together in care of our common global home. Francis’ 2016 apostolic exhortation Amoris Laetitia: The Joy of Love affirms the importance of serving Christ in our children and families, in migrants, the poor, the elderly, and persons with special needs. It sees our readiness to welcome others and to help the vulnerable to be fully a part of our communities as a test of our commitment to showing mercy.

Our Scriptural quote for Catholic Education Week 2017 is, “Do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with your God”, taken from the Prophet Micah (Mic 6:8). It summarizes the attitude required as we seek to live out the week’s theme in justice and solidarity with our Indigenous peoples, our environment, the poor and marginalized, and all those who work to protect our common global future.

We will be using the Ontario Catholic School Trustees’ Association’s (OCSTA) yearly resource kit to help plan our Catholic Education Week activities. You are warmly invited to come out and join with us as we celebrate the gift of our Catholic schools under the theme, “Walking Forward Together.” We look forward to seeing you then.

We already have a few events planned for Catholic Education Week including:

**May 1st** - Music Monday - Talent show at 11:00 am followed by school participation in Music Monday at 12:00 pm. All are welcome to attend.

**May 2nd** - Chess tournament at St. Andrew’s

**May 4th** - Fun Fair for all students and families - more information to follow from School Council.

May is going to be a very busy month with many activities already planned. A few of these include;

May 15th - a spelling bee at St. John Bosco

May 17 and 18 - Track and Field meet and rain date

May 19 - PA Day

May 26 - School Council hosted Trivia at St. James at 7:00 pm

Before School Tutoring Program

We are pleased to offer a before school tutoring program for the next 6 weeks. This program is open to students in grades 1-3 and 4-6 and will run on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:15 am - 9:15am on the following dates:

Thursday, April 13

Thursday, April 20

Tuesday, April 25

Thursday, April 27

Tuesday, May 2

Thursday, May 4

Tuesday, May 9

Thursday, May 11

Tuesday, May 16

Thursday, May 18

The program will be a boost for our students in the area of Math and Language. This would be especially beneficial for our students who will be writing EQAO this year as there will be a lot of focus on these types of questions. Mrs. Hermans will work with our Grade 4-6 group and Mrs. Kubiseski will work with our Grade 1-3 group. If you would like to have you child included in one of these groups, please fill in and return the form below.

If you want more information, you can call Mrs. Enright at the school.

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I would like for my child, \_\_\_\_\_

in grade \_\_\_\_\_ to be included in the before school tutoring group and will arrange for him/her to be dropped off on the appropriate days.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Reconciliation	4	5	6 Hot Dog lunch	7	8
9	10 School Council 6 pm	11 K-3 classes to Shaw Woods	12 Science Workshops (rescheduled from earlier dates)	13 Holy Thursday	14 Good Friday	15
16 Easter Sunday	17 Easter Monday	18	19	20 Grade 8 Badminton	21 School Mass 1:30 pm	22
23	24	25 Grade 6/7 Badminton Heritage Fair at Museum of History	26 Subway Lunch	27	28	29
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