



St. James Catholic School

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May 2017

Catholic Education Week

“Do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with your God.” (Micah 6:8)



During this first week of May we are celebrating the gift that is Catholic Education. How blessed we are to live our faith in

our school lives. The theme for this year is Walking Forward Together. The five sub themes are as follows:

Monday: Walking Forward Together With God

Tuesday: Walking Forward Together With Our Families

Wednesday: Walking Forward Together With Others

Thursday: Walking Forward Together With Creation

Friday: Walking Forward Together in Hope.



We have many activities planned during Catholic Education Week including our Opening Liturgy of the Word, our Talent Show and participation in the 13th Annual Music Monday programming on Monday. On Tuesday, 16 of our students will be attending the chess tournament at St. Andrew’s in Killaloe and we will have a final planning meeting for our Fun Fair. On Wednesday, Mr. Jason Swant from Ontario Hydro will be here to plant trees with our grade 2 and 3 class. Thursday, the school will be buzzing with excitement as we make the final preparations for the Fun Fair. We also have a Literacy workshop for our Junior and Intermediate teachers and some guests from other schools. RCCDSB Superintendent, Mark Season will be joining us for the morning as well. We will end the day with our Fun Fair that runs from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm. On Friday we will close Catholic Education Week with a prayer service.

Thank you to:

- Jeanette and Kevin Ludgate for donating a newly made picnic table to our students. This is a great addition to our school yard!
- Mrs. Dick for organizing our Talent Show and to Mrs. Schweigert for all of her help with this endeavour
- Mrs. Hermans for organizing Music Monday for our students
- Mrs. Hart for coaching chess and Mr. O’Connor for coaching badminton
- Mrs. Wanda Tracey for preparing Healthy Snack for our students each week
- All of our staff for being so supportive of our students
- All of our families for working together with us for the benefit of the students

School Mass

Our monthly school mass will be held on Tuesday, May 30th at 10:00 am. Please join us for this Eucharistic celebration if your schedule allows.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Congratulations to our students Owen LaHay, Colin Schruder, Jayme Recoskie, Ady O’Brien, Domanic Smith, Cohwen Meness, Landon Lapenski, Skyla Eccles and Liam Flegal and to Carter Zomers who recieved the Sacrament of Reconciliation on April 20th. These students will celebrate their First Holy Eucharist on Sunday, June 18th. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for this Sacrament.

Virtues Awards

Each month, our school community focuses on a different virtue. During the month of April, we

focused on the virtue of justice. 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 to all of the following students who received certificates:

Hayden Vaillancourt, Payton Schweigert, Liam Flegal, Brandon Edwards, Zoe Skinner, AvaSoleil O'Brien, Mark Baillie, Aydan Flegal, Cole Dumoulin, Helen Baillie, Kaleb Lavoie and Savannah Fraser.

During the month of May, we are going to focus on the virtue of compassion.

School Council

Our next School Council meeting will be held on Monday, May 15th at 7:00 pm in the school staff room. As always, new members are very welcome to join at any and/or every meeting.

Our School Council was hoping to host a Trivia Night, but will be postponing this event until next school year due to conflicts with planned dates.

Parent Involvement Committee Evening

The RCCDSB Parent Involvement Committee is hosting Dr. Greg Wells as a guest speaker at Our Lady of Fatima School on Thursday, May 18th at 7:00 pm. All School Council members are invited to attend. Dr. Wells will also be the speaker for the RCCDSB staff at the Christian Community day on May 19th.

Spelling Bee

Mrs. Kubiseski has been practicing with a group of students who will represent St. James at a spelling bee at St. John Bosco in Barry's Bay on May 15th. Permission slips and further information will be sent home soon.

Track and Field

The annual SJCHS track and field meet will be held

on Tuesday, May 16th with a rain date of Thursday, May 18th.

Internet Safety

Please be vigilant in checking your child's social media accounts. Make sure that they know your household internet safety rules and that they are being responsible in their decision making. Included is a very simple check list for all internet users to think about before posting anything.



In order to educate our older students on wise, responsible and respectful internet usage, RCCDSB Safe Schools coordinator, Sandy Brannan will be coming in to work with our Grade 6/7 class on Friday, May 5th. We will also be having our Community Services officer from the OPP in to speak to our older students regarding internet safety, cyber bullying and appropriate/inappropriate comments and sharing of information.

Hot Lunch

This month, we will be having a Subway Lunch on Wednesday, May 31st. Order forms will follow shortly.

Tutor in The Classroom

Once again, the RCCDSB has provided funding for the schools to hire Tutors in the Classroom. We

are very happy to be welcoming Haley Gale in this role. Haley will be with us from May 15th - June 9th.

Easter Raffle

Congratulations to Liane Biesenthal who won our Easter Raffle. the proceeds of this raffle have been used to purchase 4 stand up desks and the remaining money is being used to purchase some outdoor play equipment. Thank you for your support of this fundraiser and thanks to Corey Skinner for the idea!

Heritage Fair

On Tuesday April 25th, a group of students travelled to the Heritage Fair at the Museum of Canadian History. Kaleb Sarazin and Mark Baillie presented a project on birch bark canoes and many of our students drummed and sang. Thank you to Ms. Gaudry for leading the group. St. James was well represented at this unique event! We have recently been informed that the birch bark canoe project will be moving on to the next level of competition in Toronto!

Badminton

Congratulations to all of our students who represented St. James at the Badminton tournaments during the month of April. We had many great results and the students had fun. Special mention to Grace Howard and Julia Swant who placed second in their division at the tournament at Opeongo.



Chess

Sixteen students represented St. James at the Annual Chess tournament on May 2nd. Congratulations to our team on bringing home the C Division title. Well done, everyone! Pictured below are the members of the chess team.



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. After a warning, students will be asked to call home for a change of clothing if necessary.

Spirit Day

We will hold our Disney Day on Friday May 26th. Students and staff are encouraged to dress as a Disney character to earn points for your house team.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Catholic Education Week Apr. 30 - May 5	1 Talent Show Music Monday	2 Chess	3 Tree Planting	4 Family Fun Night 5 - 7 pm	5	6
7	8 IPRCs	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Spelling Bee	16 SJCHS Track and Field	17	18 T & F rain date Dr. Wells at Fatima 7pm	19 PA Day	20
21	22	23 EQAO	24 EQAO	25 EQAO	26 EQAO Disney Spirit Day	27
28	29 IPRCs	30 EQAO Mass 10:00 am	31 EQAO Subway Lunch			