



*This is what Yahweh asks of you:
only this' to act justly, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with your God."* Micah 6:8



The beautiful sunset view from the hills of St. Mary's will always be here while students will enjoy their new days at St. Andrew's, St. John Bosco and George Vanier Catholic Schools.

Ann Lepine, Principal

Au Revoir: Mr. Minns



An integral part of the St. Mary's staff over the years, Mr. Rod Minns, is retiring this year. Mr. Minns has shown good humour and joy in the staffroom and class rooms; students feel comfortable joking with Mr. Minns. His willingness to be outdoors for supervision and physical education even in inclement weather, has earned respect from all students and staff. His strong faith shows through in all his conversations and actions. We know Mr. Minns will enjoy paddling into the sunset (as long as there is no ice on the water) All the best to Mr. Minns, in his retirement.

Education Week Activities

Students were busy during Education Week. On May 5th, St. Mary's Chess Team - **Conner, Janisa, Aimee, Logan, Eve, Nicole, Christian and Damon** travelled to St. John Bosco to participate in the annual chess tournament, bringing back the 'B' trophy. Way to go St. Mary's. Thanks to **Mr. Minns** for coaching the students.

Sunset is a beautiful time of day but a new morning brings many adventures and anticipation for new experiences. St. Mary's Catholic School is entering its sunset phase, while its students will be waking up to a new school year with many exciting prospects and explorations to be discovered. It is a bittersweet moment; students have had a good grounding at St. Mary's and are ready to spread their wings in a different environment.

As I retire from teaching I must thank the *countless people* in the St. Mary's community who have contributed to the learning and faith filled environment that students and staff have experienced: all former staff and support staff, clergy, volunteers, former parents and students and of course our present day students, staff and their families. Our school was a better place because of you. I could not have asked for a more perfect way to end off my teaching career; everyday was a joy coming to "work"!

Please join us for our community mass on **June 14th**, our **June 24th** barbecue and then our end of year mass on **June 25th** at 11:00 a.m.

The following students took part in the spelling bee at St. John Bosco on May 7th: **Cameron, Evangeline, April, Janisa, Brady, Casey, Cayden, Christian, Damon, Nicole, Eve, Aimee and Logan.** Congratulations to **Logan** for placing 2nd and to **Christian and Eve** for placing 3rd and to all the students for representing St. Mary's School. Thanks to **Mrs. Lundy** for accompanying the team to SJB.

CONFIRMATION, RECONCILIATION, FIRST COMMUNION

Congratulations to **Eve Cuddy** and **Nicole Recoskie** on receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 23rd and to **Cameron Levair** and **Evangeline Bersan** who will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation on **June 6th** (10:00 a.m.) and Holy Communion on **Sunday, June 7th** (10:00 a.m.) at St. Mary's Church.

Congratulations to **Riley Bedard** who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Communion at St. Hedwig's Parish last month.



June Activities!

Track and Field - Grades 4 - 7

The annual Track and Field Meet will take place at Killaloe Public School on **Friday, June 12th** (rain date - **June 15th**) Remember to wear a hat, sunscreen, and good running shoes that day. Students should also have plenty of water and bring a lunch and snacks. Food items will be sold also. Kindly sign and return the attached permission. Students should practice their

events at home too! Kindly sign the attached permission form and return to the school.

BONNECHERE PARK

All students will travel by bus to Bonnechere Provincial Park on June 16th to take part in two educational workshops. Students need to dress for the weather and be prepared for plenty of bugs. Lunch, water and snacks are also needed. Kindly sign the attached permission and return to the school a.s.a.p.

Year-End School Trip

Staff and students will travel to Ottawa on **Monday, June 22nd** for a fun-filled day.

Depart from St. Mary's	7:00 a.m.
Laser Tag	9:15 – 11:15 a.m.
Lunch	
Cosmic Adventures	12:30 – 2:30 p.m.
Trampoline	3:15 – 4:45 p.m.
Bayshore Mall	5:00 – 6:30 p.m.
Depart for St. Mary's	6:30 p.m.
ETA	8:30 p.m.

Students will be able to purchase their lunch and supper. This will be the only cost to the students for this trip. Any parents wishing to participate in the Xtreme trampoline must pay \$18.00. A waiver form is attached and must be filled out for every participant (adults included) and returned with the permission.

Please note that parents will need to drop off their students for 6:45 a.m. and pick-up around 8:30 p.m.

Parents are welcome. Please indicate on the attached permission and return asap.

Appreciation BBQ/School Council Meeting



We will hold a school BBQ on **Wednesday, June 24th**, from 11:50 - 12:50 at the school (no cost).

We look forward to seeing all our parents, students and volunteers.

Congratulations to **Riley and Justin Bedard**, the lucky winners of the newsletter draw. They will receive free milk next week.

Provincial Report Cards

Final report cards will be issued on **Tuesday, June 23rd**. Parents are reminded to complete the third page of the Provincial Report Card (Response Form) and return it to the school by June 25th. This Response Form provides an opportunity for parents and students to assess and comment on student progress within the final term.

Thank You to ...

- ☺ **Parents and staff** who helped in fundraising and driving students to extra-curricular activities over the year, especially to **Joanne Plebon, Constance Bersan, Jennifer Levair and Jim Visutskie** who spearheaded much of the Parent Association fundraising.
- ☺ **Father Wojciech** for saying our school masses and having such interesting student centered homilies, at the masses.
- ☺ **Mrs. Lundy and the Grade 1,2,3** for preparing the May mass readings and songs and to **Mrs. Lundy** for organizing most of our year end trips. All the best at St. John Bosco, Mrs. Lundy!

- ☺ **Bozena** for keeping our school clean all year long.
- ☺ **Mr. Minns and the Grade 4-7 students** for the Peru fundraiser.
- ☺ Our dance supervisors: **Mr. Rob Bersan, Ela Zasowski, Mrs. Lundy, Mr. Minns, Mrs. Lepine, Madame Ropego, Laura Yantha.**
- ☺ **Madame Ropego** for organizing the spirit club activities all year! We wish Madame all the best as she continues her teaching career.
- ☺ **Mrs. Carol Yantha** for preparing nutritious snacks all year long. All the best as secretary at Bishop Smith Catholic High School in Pembroke, Mrs. Yantha!
- ☺ Our **spirit club members** and **milk sellers.**
- ☺ **Ela Zasowski** who was our Tutor in the classroom.
- ☺ **Mrs. Lois Probert** who helped prepare the students for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion.
- ☺ Our bus drivers, **Irene and Carole** who transported the students safely every day.
- ☺ **Cathy Peck**, our noon hour supervisor who often brought in special treats or articles for the students.
- ☺ **All parents**, who send us happy, contented students. We thank you for your help, in any capacity that you have given us over the years.



A BIG THANK YOU to all our volunteers who help out in any capacity - accompanying students on trips and sports events, helping with healthy snacks, serving on the school council and parent association, helping in the classroom etc... Your help was most appreciated and valued!

June Birthdays

Cayden Beanish June 16



July Birthdays

Riley Bédard July 04

August Birthdays

Nicholas Levair August 10

Dates to Remember

- June 5 Pembroke Trip
- June 7 First Communion
- June 8 P.A. Day - Students do not attend
- June 9 Renfrew/Eganville Trip
- June 11 Destination Schools
- June 12 Track & Field - KPS
- June 14 St. Mary's Closing Celebration
- June 16 Bonnechere Park Excursion
- June 17 Wilno Museum
- June 21 Happy Father's Day
- June 22 Year-End Trip to Ottawa
- June 24 School BBQ
- June 25 School Mass
Last Day for Students
- June 26 P.A. Day

Growth mindset reflections on faith

A difference in mindset doesn't simply involve our view of ourselves or our children. Even more important is our view of the universe. If there is no God, then our ultimate fate really is 'carved in stone'. But with God, every moment becomes different

and open to possibilities for growth and reconciliation.

For Christians with a **fixed mindset**, spiritual formation is about **being like** Jesus and for those with the **growth mindset** it is about **becoming like** Jesus. Since the first sees talents and abilities as innate, any struggle or setback leads us to stop trying, while for the second each challenge is viewed as an opportunity to grow.

Spiritual transformation is not about a smooth road protected from difficulty. Tragic losses, physical illness, or unspeakable childhoods. These individuals can be formed through time, trials and trust in a merciful God.

I wonder if the fixed mindset with its concern for maintaining superior positioning based on an innate quality can actually practice humility? It seems that the growth mindset with its better recognition of abilities and areas for improvement or reconciliation may have the upper hand in actually living a life of humility.

Do you see yourself as being transformed by God as you journey with God through this life, or as having already arrived? If your mindset one of growth or is it fixed?



Have a safe and fun filled summer!