



# What's New, St. John XXIII? May 2015 Newsletter

75 Edey Street, Arnprior, ON, K7S 1B9  
613-623-2828 (T) 613-623-0785 (F)  
Principal: Mrs. Heidi Fraser hfraser@rccdsb.edu.on.ca

## Vision Statement

Inspired by our rich heritage and challenged by the struggles of our past, we at St. John XXIII Catholic School are called to express our mission as church, to pass on the good news of Jesus Christ, to make it relevant in the world today, and to be the hope for the future.

## Catholic Education Week, May 3-8, 2015

Catholic schools are Catholic communities. Catholic schools are faith communities. We – parents, students, teachers, administrative and support staff – walk and grow together in the faith which we received at our Baptism. And it is the 'together' that we grow. Our growth is primarily a relationship with God, who at our Baptism, called us by name. But the response of each of us to that growth is both personal and communal. We grow in our faith in the nurturing atmosphere of our Catholic community be that of our local parish, our home, or our Catholic school community.

Our school community will celebrate Catholic Education Week 2015 in ways that are appropriate to our students' age. We invite you to participate in one or other of these activities as your personal time and work schedule may permit.

There are five sub-themes for each day of Catholic Education Week:

- Monday – Walking Together and Sharing Our Stories
- Tuesday – Opening the Scriptures
- Wednesday – Welcoming Others to the Table
- Thursday – Recognizing Jesus in the Breaking of the Bread
- Friday – Proclaiming the Good News

Every year, the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) provides our Catholic schools with a resource kit to help schools prepare for Catholic Education Week. Using these resources as well as our own developed activities we have prepared a series of activities which will highlight how our school is 'Exploring Paths of Joy'.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION  
**Exploring  
Paths  
of JOY**

**Many special activities and prayer celebrations will mark this week. In our school these will include: a living rosary with the CWL for the junior students, a reading of a special book on Mary by the CWL for the primary students, a school mass on Thurs. at St. John Chrysostom Church at 10:00 a.m., the For the Love of Art Show (Wed., 5:30-7pm), a School Book Fair and various religious activities in classrooms throughout the week.**

## New Social Justice Club at J23

We are excited to announce that St. John XXIII now has a Social Justice Club! Teacher, Erin Beaudry and parent, Holly Murree, together with the Grade 5 & 6's are meeting on Thursdays at lunch to discuss local and global issues. We will be running one exciting fundraiser with 100% of the proceeds going towards purchasing a goat (or two) for a village in Kenya to provide a family with sustainable income opportunities. Look for more info in your child's agenda bag.

**We raised \$1738.80 for Antonci!**

### Welcome to Kindergarten Night

All students who are new to our ELKP for September 2015 are invited to come, with their parents or care givers, to an Open House on Wednesday May 27, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Families will have the opportunity to learn about our program, visit our classrooms, and have a ride on a school bus. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions and receive some hand outs to help prepare your child over the summer.

We hope to see you then!

### RECONCILIATION, FIRST COMMUNION, AND CONFIRMATION - SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION AT ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM PARISH FOR 2015-2016

A General Information Session and Registration for 2015-2016 will be held after the 10:30 a.m. Masses on June 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.

If you belong to St. John Chrysostom Parish and your child is beginning Grade 2 or Grade 7 in the fall, then you will need to register.

It is also NOT TOO LATE to register if your child has been in these grades but has not yet received the Sacrament of 1st Reconciliation / First Eucharist (Grade 2) or the Sacrament of Confirmation (Grade 7).

It is required that you bring a **COPY** of your child's baptismal certificate (CRUCIAL) along with \$25 (exact change or cheque) to help cover some of the costs of catechetical supplies and materials.

You will receive all dates involved in sacramental preparation for 2015-2016 so that you can plan ahead.

There are only 3 parent meetings regarding Reconciliation and First Communion, and 3 meetings for Confirmation candidates AND their parents between September to the sacrament. Also there are only 4 classes for the children for Reconciliation, 4 classes for First Communion, and only 9 classes for Confirmation candidates.

### Identification Placement Review Committee Meetings (IPRCs)

This is a reminder to parents who have children involved in special education who have already been formally identified as an exceptional pupil or who have been referred to the Committee for determination of exceptionality. You should have received paperwork from the school either asking if you wished to waive the annual IPRC meeting and/or sending you an appointment date and time for your meeting. The school will be holding IPRC meetings all day **Mon., May 11th, and Thurs., May 14th, 2015**. Please make sure that you attend at the appointed time. Any questions or concerns, please contact the school principal/SERT.



This year, our Grade 3 and 6 students will be participating in the Primary and Junior EQAO assessments between **May 26, 27, 28, June 2, 3, & 4**. It is VERY important that all students are at school on those dates. Please try to schedule any dentist, doctor appointments etc... around those dates. The students should be eating healthy and well rested. We are trying to maintain and build on our strong EQAO assessment results. We have already put several initiatives in place, to have as many students achieve at Level 3 or 4 as possible.

### Welcome

We welcome back Mrs. Tracey Jeror as an EA at our school. We also welcome Alannah O'Neill, Taylor Berube and Ellen Flegal to St. John XXIII as Tutors in the Classroom. Our tutors will be working in the grade 2/3, 3 and 6 classrooms.

**VBS (Vacation Bible School) July 20-24, 2015**

It is that time of the year once again! Registration for this summer's VBS is taking place during the month of May. This year's theme takes the children to various places around the world where they will learn more about their Christian faith through games, crafts, skits, music etc.

Watch for the yellow flyers and get registered!

**Summer School and Jaguar Camp**

Information for Summer School for students (SK and up) and Jaguar Camp (Gr. 4 only) will be sent home as soon as it arrives here at school.

**Watch for Cash Online starting soon!**  
**Information will be sent home shortly.**

**Mazzola Lunches**

Unfortunately, St. John XXIII did not generate enough orders to keep the Ottawa company providing various hot lunch orders at our school. As a result, there will be NO Mazzola orders in May and June. Thank you to Holly Murree for originally organizing this opportunity and to all of the individuals who helped distribute the lunches on Tuesdays.

# Mayfest 2015

Mark your calendars! Mayfest will be held on Thursday, May 21, 2015 from 5:00 till 7:30 p.m.

Please join us for a fun filled evening of games, BBQ, draws and raffles.

This is our biggest fundraiser of the school year and many volunteers are needed.

How can you help?

- Donating raffle prizes, cakes for our draw, or pop/water for our BBQ
  - Help in preparing for Mayfest
  - Volunteer to work the evening of Mayfest

**Save The Dates**

June 19th— SK Moving On Ceremony (PM), June 23rd— Reports Home and June 23rd—Grade Six Leave Taking (AM) & Dance (PM).

## Mindset: Messages About Process and Growth

Dweck, Carol S. "Mindset: The New Psychology of Success" (2008)

Nine-year old Lisa was on her way to her first gymnastics meet. Lanky, flexible and energetic, she was just right for gymnastics, and she loved it. Of course, she was a little nervous about competing, but she was good at gymnastics and felt confident of doing well. In the first event, the floor exercises, Lisa went first. Although she did a nice job, the scoring changed after the first few girls, and she lost. Lisa also did well in the other events, but not well enough to win. By the end of the evening, she had received no ribbons and was devastated.

What would you say if you were Lisa's parents?

1. Tell Lisa that you thought she was the best.
2. Tell her she was robbed of a ribbon that was rightfully hers.
3. Reassure her that gymnastics is not that important.
4. Tell her she has the ability and will surely win next time.
5. Tell her she didn't deserve to win.

Let's look at the five possible reactions from a mindset point of view—and listen to the messages:

The first (you thought that she was the best) is basically insincere. She was not the best—you know it, and she does, too. This offers her no recipe for how to recover or how to improve.

The second (she was robbed) places blame on others, when in fact the problem was mostly with her performance, not the judges. Do you want her to grow up blaming others for her deficiencies?

The third (reassure her that gymnastics doesn't really matter) teaches her to devalue something if she doesn't do well in it right away. Is this really the message you want to send?

The fourth (she has the ability) may be the most dangerous message of all. Does ability automatically take you where you want to go? If Lisa didn't win this meet, why should she win the next one?

The last option (tell her she didn't deserve to win) seems hardhearted under the circumstances. And of course you wouldn't say it quite that way.

If parents want to give their children a gift, the best thing they can do is to teach their children to love challenges, be intrigued by mistakes, enjoy effort, and keep on learning. They will have a lifelong way to build and repair their own confidence.

We can praise them as much as we want for the growth-oriented process—what they accomplished through practice, study, persistence, and good strategies.

### Track & Field / Cross Country

Grades 4, 5, & 6 will be practising their track and field skills this month. All students will compete in our St. John XXIII Track and Field day (May 12th @ the ADHS track). Successful candidates will be asked to form our travelling track and field team which will be participating in the McNab Track and Field Day (May 20) and the St. Joseph's High School Track and Field Day For Feeder Schools (June 12). The great part about these track and field competitions is that there are divisions for our grade four and five students in addition to the regular grade six divisions. Should be a great time for all involved. We want to thank Mrs. Ryan for spearheading the track and field for our school along with the junior teachers assistance.



Several St. John XXIII students are practising for the annual Over the Carp cross country run. We are still waiting for a date confirmation and will inform parents once we have more details. We want to thank Mrs. Flegal for coaching the team and we wish everyone the best of luck!

### News From School Council

Hello Parents,

We are wrapping up our Thirty-One Cinch Sac Fundraiser. It was fairly well received with more online orders than brought into the school. This method of ordering is certainly something for council to think about with future fundraising initiatives.

A few members went to a PIC committee school community meeting at St. Joe's to discuss Social Justice and Catholicity. We are at par with most schools in our area for donating to CPAN, a sister school in the Dominican Republic and local charities throughout the year. We are proud to help teach the children about helping others in our community and far away. Knowing how others live beside ourselves is a great tool to have to show empathy and caring for others throughout their lives.

We are gearing up for our major fundraiser in May—Mayfest. Save the date of Thursday, May 21, 2015 from 5:00 - 7:30 pm. We are in need of volunteers and donations of pop or water or a baked item for our cake raffle. Help support our school by buying a ticket or volunteering.

Thank you

Tracey Jeror

Chair

**Follow the school on Twitter**  
**@XXIIIJohn**

# St. John XXIII May 2015 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 First Holy Communion @ Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Education Week begins	4 Living Rosary with CWL (10:30) - Junior students Mary story with CWL—Primary students (PM)	5 12 St. John XXIII Track and Field Meet—Junior students Aboriginal Drumming Presentation—K-3, PM	6 For the Love of Art Show 5:30-7PM Gym (Book Fair open during the art show)	7 Mass @ St. John Chrysostom Parish—10 AM Sub Day	8 Catholic Education Week ends	9
10	11 IPRCs (Main day) Food & Milk Orders home	19	13	14 Remaining IPRCs Pizza Day	15 PA Day—No School	16
17	18 Victoria Day—No School	20 McNab Track & Field Meet (selected students) Food & Milk orders due	20	21 Pizza Day Mayfest 5:00-7:30	22	23
24	25	26 EAO	27 School Council Meeting—6PM (library) EAO Welcome to Kinder Meeting 6-6:45 PM	28 Pizza Day EAO	29	30
31 First Holy Communion @ St. John Chrysostom	June 1	June 2 EAO	June 3 EAO	June 4 EAO	June 5	June 6