
What's New, St. John XXIII?

April 2016 Newsletter

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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.

At St. John XXIII We Celebrated Holy Week



Throughout the season of Lent, staff and students at St. John XXIII have been holding weekly prayer services to reflect on all of the wonderful things that Jesus has done for us. We continued our religious journey through Holy Week starting with Palm Sunday and ending with the Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday).

Thank you to all involved in our weekly celebrations!

Antonci Update

Throughout the month of March and the season of Lent, we were raising money for our sister school in Antonci. We have raised over \$1000 through our mini sticks day, music over the PA, the St. Patrick's dance, popcorn day and the guessing game. Congratulations to Holly Perreault, Cooper Burnette, Abby Hiller, Cali Groulx, Hudson Barr, Sierra O'Connor and Jack Couper who all won the Guessing Game.

All of the funds will be used to purchase materials and pay for labour to make a new staff washroom at the school in the Dominican Republic.

Thank you for opening your hearts and being generous with those who are less fortunate.

Catholic Education Week 2016—May 1-6th

OPENING DOORS OF MERCY



During this week the Catholic community celebrates the unique and distinctive contribution that Catholic schools make to our students, our community and our Province. It is a welcome opportunity to celebrate the Mission of our Catholic schools as they strive to integrate the Gospel values of Jesus Christ in every aspect of the school's life and curriculum. This year's theme is "Opening Doors of Mercy". Several activities will be planned for this week such as a school mass, the "For the Love of Art" Show and the book fair.

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

SAVE THE DATE! Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be taking place this year the week of **July 25th-29th**. Anyone interested in helping out with games, crafts, snacks, music..., please call Teresa Coady at 623-0721, Ingrid Waclawik at 623-1850 or Carmelle Pilon at 623-0144. Registration info to follow in

EQAO News

EQAO is fast approaching and we want to let parents know that potential dates for the EQAO test will fall between Wednesday, May 25th and Wednesday, June 8th. Please avoid booking appointments during this time frame as it is very important that your child be here at school.

Recycling News

Mrs. Rebertz would like to thank the following students for helping with recycling during the month of March: Leah Best, Phillip Greiss, Mary Coady, Carter LaForest, Sam Wilson, Rogan Mooney, Kade Chaput, James Coady, Sam Lavictoire, Nathan Lockwood, Lia Osborne, Claire Gallagher, Matthew Marcellus, Kayden Oberback, Isabella White and Keandra O'Brien.

Advanced Learner Program

Wayne and Carol Campbell (the individuals who come to St. John XXIII to do our Science Lighthouse Program) are offering the advanced learner program again this spring between April 4th and May 5th. It is open to all grade 4 - 8 students in the RCCDSB. The parents are responsible for registration and transportation. Details about the workshops and an online registration form are available at <http://hilaroad.com/skills> There is no cost to the students for these workshops.

Dress Code

Since spring has arrived and warmer weather will hopefully soon be upon us, it is important to review our school dress code (which can be found in the front of the school agendas). Clothing with suggestive and/or inappropriate messages is not to be worn to school. Also, "torn clothing, halter tops, tube tops, mini skirts, muscle shirts, net shirts and related clothing are considered **beach wear** and are not appropriate for school". Shorts and skirts should be mid thigh in length. A good rule of thumb is that shorts and skirts should be at least to the end of your fingertips whenever your arms are at your side.

MORNING ARRIVAL FOR WALKERS SHOULD NOT BE BEFORE 9:00 AM.

Blossom Arts After School Art Club

Paint a Masterpiece: Monet

April 13 - June 9

Ages 6 - 13

St. John XXIII School Wednesdays or Thursdays 3:40 - 5:10

Cost: \$120 (supplies included) Instructor: Emily McPhee, BFA

The After School Art Club is back! During this session students will learn about the famous artist Monet and create artwork inspired by his beautiful style. They will complete two masterpieces with acrylic on canvas and will practice a variety of drawing techniques in their own drawing books. Non-toxic and high-quality art supplies are used.

****Special Note: There was a technical issue with the website in early March and some registration forms weren't going through. If you registered and did not get a confirmation email, please re-register using the information below. Thank you! ****

For more information or to register visit: www.blossomartstudio.ca or call: 613.559.0394

Milk & Food Order Changes for September 2016—CASH ONLINE ONLY

Please be advised that in the new school year (September 2016), food and milk orders will ONLY be available for purchase through our school cash online option. School Council will no longer be sending home paperwork relating to milk and food orders as all of this information will come to you in an email/text. In addition, school council or the office will no longer be handling money from milk and food orders as all of the transactions will be online. This will save many, many, many volunteer hours as school council will no longer be able to manage this volunteer position in the capacity we are currently providing. School council thanks Mrs. Anas for her ongoing and tireless work in this area as she takes us through the remainder of the school year in the volunteer role.

If you have not already signed up for an account with School Cash Online (which you can get on your phone, ipad, laptop etc.), please do so at <http://renfrewcatholic.schoolcashonline.com>. For those who do not have access to the internet, you may come to use a computer here at the school that will be set up in the foyer for parents to access their school cash online account.

School Council News

I hope everyone had a great break in March and a great Easter. March was a slow month for School Council as we watched all the fun the school was having collecting money for Antonci. We did help support a few students for the Junior Ski Trip/Primary Carnival at the end of February. As parents we do not want to see any students not have a chance to try a new sport or be excluded from activities with their peers which is one of our main reasons we are fundraising throughout the year.

We are now gearing up for **MAYFEST**. It is booked for **Thursday, May 12/16**. The time is 5-7:30 pm. We are working on prizes, arranging for fun games and finding donations for our raffle tables. Tickets should be out at the end of the month. Watch for a letter to come home in the coming weeks. We are always looking for volunteers to help run our games/events. Please consider helping out.

Tracey Jeror, Chair

MASC Artist in Residence—Tina Le Moine

With the help of a grant from the Crabtree Foundation and school council, Tina Le Moine will be at our school for five days working with each class on an animation project. This is going to be a great opportunity for our students to engage in a multimedia art project. We are excited to see the end results!



Background information on Ms. Le Moine from the MASC website (www.masconline.ca): Benitta Le Moine was born in Berlin, Germany. She left her hometown and her teaching career during the turbulent 'fall of the wall' to study Art & Media in Holland, receiving a BA in Media. During that time she founded an International Film Festival and exhibited her works in Dutch galleries. Her graduation film, Texas-Diners won second prize at the 'Second International Video Festival Friesland'. In 1995 she moved to Vancouver to study Animation, producing a 30-minute animation with support of the National Film Board and ended up working in visual effects. After the birth of her son, she moved to Montreal to work for the NFB, this time teaching animation techniques at the Cinèrobotheque and working as an art teacher in an elementary school. She now resides in Ottawa, passing her time teaching gymnastics to children, painting, and working on a career in illustration.

Broomball Championship—Nick Smith Centre

Mrs. Flegal, Mrs. Kuehl, Mrs. Boileau, Mrs. Kenny-Chaput, Mrs. Engelberts and Mrs. Ryan will be taking their classes to the Nick Smith Centre to watch one of the broomball games in the championship tournament. Our school will be given specific teams to cheer for during the event. This should be a great time!

Swimming

This year our grade one and two students will be having six 45 minute swimming lessons at the Nick Smith Centre. Some groups will start their six week session right away. Grade three and up will be participating in two recreational swims between now and the end of June. Please see the swimming handout for more details.



March - Super Students

