

What's New, St. John XXIII?

May 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.

Mrs. Cathy Hastings—Please keep her in your prayers

Many of you might already know that our beloved Mrs. Hastings, the school secretary, is in the hospital quite sick. As a school community, we have started to gather each morning and begin our day with a decade of the rosary said for Mrs. Hastings. In addition, we have asked Fr. Burchat to offer up Fri., April 29th 8:30 AM mass as well as our Catholic Education Week mass on Tues., at 10 AM for Mrs. Hastings. Our Living Rosary on Mon., May 2 at 1:30 PM will also be offered in her name. Please join with us at any of these prayerful occasions.

We ask that you keep her in your prayers and ask that the Lord grant her the strength and the will for a speedy recovery.

Catholic Education Week, May 1- 6, 2016

Pope Francis has declared 2016 a “Holy Year of Mercy” as a way for the Catholic church to “make more evident, its mission to be a witness of mercy”. The Holy Year began on December 8, 2015 and will be celebrated until November 20, 2016. Throughout the year, there will be a series of jubilee celebrations on the theme of mercy for teenagers, deacons, the sick and disabled, prisoners, catechists and clergy.

As well, Pope Francis opened the Vatican’s Holy Door on December 8th. The Holy Door is opened to evoke the concept of forgiveness which is the main focus of a Holy Year. The theme God’s mercy is illustrated in fifteen of the sixteen bronze panels that make up the Vatican Door. There are seven such Holy Doors in the world, including one in Quebec City.

Catholic Education Week 2016 combines both the theme of mercy and the act of opening doors of reconciliation, mercy and forgiveness to all around us. There are five sub-themes for each day of Catholic Education Week:

Monday:	Mercy that Welcomes
Tuesday:	Mercy that Loves
Wednesday:	Mercy that Forgives
Thursday:	Mercy that Lives the Gospel
Friday:	Mercy that Rejoices

OPENING DOORS OF MERCY



Using prepared resources as well as our own developed activities we have prepared a series of activities which will highlight how our school is ‘Opening Doors of Mercy’.

Many special activities and prayer celebrations will mark this week. In our school these will include: a living rosary with the CWL, a video about the rosary for Kindergarten, a school mass on Tuesday at St. John Chrysostom Church at 10:00 a.m., our Kindergarten open house for our new registrants, the For the Love of Art Show (Thurs., 5:30-7pm), a School Book Fair and various religious activities in classrooms throughout the week.

Welcome to Kindergarten Night

All students who are new to our ELKP for September 2016 are invited to come, with their parents or care givers, to an Open House on Wednesday May 4, 2016 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!

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.

Recycling Club News

Thank you to all of our April recycling club members which include: Skye Chase, Scarlett Rumleskie, Holly Per-rault, Julianne Emery, Cale Mulvihill, Avery Tate, Zoe Gough, Wayland McLellan, Alyssa Pollard, Rachel Rob-ertson, Oliver Quenneville, Kaleb Periard, Ava Hammond and Ryan Marcotte.

VBS (Vacation Bible School July25-29th)

This year's theme is "Surfin' With The Holy Spirit". Through games, crafts, songs etc. the children will learn about the Holy Spirit and how we can always count on him. Flyers and **registration forms** will be going out through both schools the first week of May and can be returned to your child's teacher by **May 31st**. Youth grade 6 and up can volunteer as team leaders, kitchen helpers or with decor. See the flyer going home soon for more info. Grade 8 students may count these volunteer hours towards their high school volunteer hours.

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 excep-tionality. 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 **Friday, June 3, 2016**. 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 as-sessments between **May 25, 26, 27, 31, June 1 & 2**. 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.

Goodbye and Welcome

We say goodbye to Mr. Chris Couper, who was doing an ECE placement in our Kindergarten room. We will also be saying goodbye to Mrs. Beauvais as she is going off mid May. We welcome Ms. Tara Sabourin as her replacement until the end of the year. We also welcome our classroom tutors (Taylor Dunn, Ashley Banks and Alison Eisen) to St. John XXIII. Our tutors will be working in the grade 3, 3/4 and 6 classrooms.

Track & Field / Cross Country

Grades 4, 5, & 6 will be practicing their track and field skills this month. **All students will compete in our St. John XXIII Track and Field day (May 5th @ the ADHS track). Any parents who are available to help at the track that day (10AM-2PM), please contact the school or Mrs. Ryan asap.** Successful candidates will be asked to form one or more of our three travelling track and field teams which will be participating in the McNab Track and Field Day (May 18), the St. Joseph's High School Track and Field Day For Feeder Schools (May 19) and the Bill Tyrrell meet (May 20). 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 by T. Jeror, Chair

Parent Council is all about fun as we are gearing up for MAYFEST, our annual fun fair! We are hoping to bring new ideas and games out this year which we believe our school community will enjoy. We believe this night will allow families the opportunity to spend time together having fun and building memories. Mark your Calendars for Thursday, May 12!

We are looking for Volunteers to help with early or late shifts. If interested, watch for forms or simply write a note to the teacher in the agenda.

With Funds from our fundraiser we help provide some money towards end of year trips and busing.

On another note, we have helped the students have some fun in this nice weather by purchasing some outside toys for the classrooms. We have seen some happy faces with new skipping ropes, basketballs and footballs! We have also helped the choir by purchasing the t-shirts they wear for their events. In addition, we have also helped provide our in house Artist Lesley McMann some support to get the kids art ready for the wonderful ART Show on May 5. This is a wonderful experience for our kids to try new things and show off how hard they worked. Hope to see you out at the art show as well.



Mark your calendars! Mayfest will be held on Thursday, May 12, 2016 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 20th— SK Moving On Ceremony (PM), June 22nd— Reports Home and June 23rd—Grade Six Leave Taking (AM) & Dance (PM).

MASC Artist in Residence—Tina Le Moine

The week of April 11-18, our students had the opportunity to work with Ms. Tina Le Moine, a MASC artist. During the two hour sessions with our classes the students learned about animation and how to create a video using iStopMotion. It generated much excitement to say the least! We are thankful for the subsidy from the Crabtree Foundation, one of MASCs partners, and to our own school council for footing the bill.

Below are all the links to the videos created by the students:

Kindergarten A:

https://youtu.be/5_IiKFDFVg

Kindergarten B:

https://youtu.be/Hqsnz2_InYQ

SK/1:

<https://youtu.be/PUXDDeqbNLQ>

grade1:

https://youtu.be/_DgJ7SqYvj8

grade2:

<https://youtu.be/C8bJRpAJvak>

grade3:

<https://youtu.be/vQkl5yc1Ymg>

grade3/4:

<https://youtu.be/K4LMljfMIV4>

grade4:

<https://youtu.be/1XAtmP7FyCg>

grade5:

<https://youtu.be/xelwm543KpY>

grade6:

<https://youtu.be/2svHYS3STV0>



St. John XXIII May 2016 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Catholic Education Week Begins Sacrament of First Communion @ Our Lady of Perpetual Help @ 10 AM	2 Living Rosary—1:30 PM gym Scholastic Book Fair starts	3 Mass @ St. John Chrysostom 10AM with St. Joe's	4 Kindergarten Open House 6-6:45 PM	5 St. John XXIII Track & Field Meet—junior students Art Show—5:30-7PM—gym, book fair open at this time 	6 Catholic Education Week ends Scholastic Book Fair ends	7
8	9	10	11 School Council—Mayfest prep meeting 6PM	12 Food & Milk orders home  Mayfest 5:00-7:30	13 Leaps & Bounds closed today	14
15	16 Dental Screening JK, SK & Gr. 2	17 Dental Screening JK, SK & Gr. 2	18 Food & Milk orders return McNab Track Meet (selected team members)	19 SJHS Track Meet (selected team members) 	20 Bill Tyrrell Track Meet (selected team members)	21
22 Sacrament of First Communion @ St. John Chrysostom Parish @ 10 AM	23 Holiday	24	25 EQAO testing	26 EQAO testing 	27 EQAO testing	28
29	30	31 EQAO testing	June 1 EQAO testing	June 2 EQAO testing		