



What's New, St. John XXIII? May 2017 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.

Antonci—Our Lenten Fundraising Initiative

With Lent coming to an end, our official Lenten Fundraising Activities for Antonci have come to a close. We are pleased to have raised over \$1000 through all of our various events (e.g., jersey day, twin day, sports trailer, mini sticks, freezies etc.). This money along with money raised from staff dress down Friday donations will be sent to Antonci in order to help them purchase a photocopier as per their request.

Thank you to Cyndie Mosley for helping organize these fundraising activities. Thank you to St. Joe's, Arnprior, St. Joe's High School, Creative Edge and the Nick Smith Centre for loaning us various pieces of sporting equipment for our sports trailer day.

Catholic Education Week, April 30—May 5, 2017

Each year, the Catholic community of Ontario engages in a week long celebration of the unique identity and distinctive contributions of Catholic education during Catholic Education Week. This year's celebration is entitled, "Catholic Education: Walking Forward Together". The overall scriptural theme is "Do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with your God" - Micah 6:8.

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

Monday:	Walking Forward 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

Using prepared resources as well as our own developed activities we have prepared a series of activities which will highlight how our school is 'Walking Forward Together'.

Many special activities and prayer celebrations will mark this week. In our school these will include: a video about the rosary, a performance by the Juno nominated group Sultan's of String, a school mass on Wednesday at St. John Chrysostom Church at 10:00 a.m., the For the Love of Art Show (Wed., 5:30-7pm), a Scholastic Book Fair and various religious activities in classrooms throughout the week.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION:
WALKING
forward
together

Welcome to Kindergarten Night

All students who are new to our ELKP for September 2017 are invited to come, with their parents or care givers, to an Open House on Thursday June 8, 2017 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: Connor Malloy, Jacsen Dolan, Matthew Bootsman, Jake Redmond, Ethan Lavictoire, Jeremy McCanna, Kaiden Rockburn, Megan Trahan, Kalib White, Lora Wilson, Halle Rafter, Darcy Murree, Preston Barr, Livia Mulvihill, Avery Lee, Caleb Benoit, and Jordan Tate.

IS YOUR CHILD GOING INTO GRADE 1 OR GRADE 7?

If you have a child currently in SK or Gr. 6, please be advised that walk distances increase for students going into gr. 1 and gr. 7. You may visit www.onthebus.ca to use the **Am I Eligible For Transportation Tool** in order to find out if transportation will be available for your child's new grade.

Walk Distance To/From School

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 the majority of IPRC meetings Thursday, June 8 and overflow on Monday, June 12th. 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 24, 25, 26, 30, 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 Ms. Turpin, who was doing a practice teaching placement in our gr. 4/5 classroom. We welcome Mrs. MacNeil, who replaced Mme Philipose mid April when she went on maternity leave. We also welcome our classroom tutors (Taylor Dunn, and Anne Cassanto) to St. John XXIII. Our tutors will be working in the two grade 3 classrooms and the 5/6 & 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 11th @ 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 17), the St. Joseph's High School Track and Field Day For Feeder Schools (May 16) and the Bill Tyrrell meet (June 6). 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. This event is scheduled for May 25 (rain or shine). We want to thank Mrs. Rebertz and Mrs. Boileau for coaching the team and we wish everyone the best of luck!

Schools On The Journey of Learning—EQAO Award

Friday, May 5th, Mrs. Ryan and Mrs. Fraser will be representing St. John XXIII at an EQAO Forum. This one day conference is also when our school will be formally recognized as one of eight schools for successfully using data to improve student achievement in the area of mathematics. Congratulations to the St. John XXIII School team for their continuous efforts in improving the academics of our students!

News From School Council by T. Jeror, Co-Chair

Dear Parents,

School Council is busy getting ready for our school big fundraiser in 3 weeks. Every year we put on a fun night for our school community. We have a BBQ, games, and a lot of smiling faces. We have a big raffle planned and tickets go home May 1. This raffle is the main part of our fundraiser. We also have a wonderful cake or bake raffle in the library to win and I must say, it is getting bigger every year. Make sure to save the date...Wednesday May 17 from 5-7:30.

We hope to see all of you out spending time as a family and meeting new people.

This past month, school council has also agreed to purchase 15 new folding tables as well as made a donation to Antonci.

With year end school trips and activities coming up, council has also agreed to subsidize all student trips/activities.

Tracey Jeror, Co-Chair



Mark your calendars! Mayfest will be held on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 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 23rd— SK Moving On Ceremony (PM), June 27th — Reports Home and June 28th—Grade Six Leave Taking (AM) & Dance (PM).

MASC Performance—Sultans of String

On Tuesday, May 2 our students will have the opportunity to experience a performance by the Sultans of String. The Sultans of String are composed of Chris McKhool (violin) and Kevin Laliberte (guitar) and they will take us on a musical journey around the world through their song writing and musical talent. They mix Spanish flamenco, Arabic folk, East Coast Celtic and Gypsy-jazz in their concerts. They believe that “music has the ability to bring people and cultures together in a way that emulates what we love to see in the world. It creates a collaboration that breaks down the barriers that divide us, helps us to see our common humanity and provides a model for peace” (masconline, 2017).

Thank you to TD Canada for the subsidy for this event and for school council for paying the remaining balance.

Please check out the following websites for further information: www.masconline.ca/artists/directory/sultans-of-string.aspx and/or <http://sultansofstring.com/>



Congratulations April Super Students

The following students were recognized for being “community builders” during the month of April:

Lucas Mulvihill, Jayden Duff, Claire Gallagher, Eliza Perreault, Sasha Prentice, Jacsen Dolan, Pyper Davis, Evelyn Morsink, Hudson Toner, Nevaeh Delorme, Kendall Grant, Abigaile Blair, and Rachel Robertson







Construction Begins....A New Learning Commons

St. John XXIII is creating a “learning commons” in our current library space. Construction will begin this month. New furniture has been ordered and technology will be added next year.

What is a learning commons? The learning commons is the physical and virtual collaborative learning hub of the school. It is designed to engineer and drive future oriented learning and teaching throughout the whole school. Inquiry, problem based learning experiences which are designed for intellectual engagement will be at the forefront in this space. Everyone is a learner, everyone is a teacher working collaboratively toward excellence. For more information visit:

<http://llsop.canadianschoollibraries.ca/>

St. John XXIII May 2017 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Catholic Education Week Begins	1	2 Sultans of String—MASC performance—1:30	3 Catholic Education Week Mass with SJA @ St. John Chrysostom @ 10 Art Show & Book Fair 5:30-7 gym/library	4 SJHS Coffee House—all gr. 4 students attending 	5	6
7	8 Dental Screening for JK, SK & Gr. 2 students	9 Dental Screening for JK, SK & Gr. 2 students	10 Dental Screening for JK, SK & Gr. 2 students School Council-Work Bee— 6PM	11 St. John XXIII Track & Field day—ADHS track (all junior classes) 	12 St. John XXIII Track & Field day—rain date Leaps & Bounds Closed	13
14 Mother's Day	15	16 St. Joseph's High School Track & Field Meet—selected students	17 McNab Track & Field Meet—selected students MAYFEST 5-7:30 PM	18 McNab & SJHS track & field rain dates 	19 PA Day - no school	20
21	22 Victoria Day—Holiday—no school	23	24 EQAO	25 EQAO Cross Country Meet—Fitzroy 	26 EQAO	27
28 The Ascension of the Lord	29	30 EQAO	31 EQAO Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	June 1 EQAO	June 2 EQAO	