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"do ordinary things with extraordinary love"

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From the Principal's Desk



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"It is by forgiving that one is forgiven."
 Mother Teresa

During March our schools are recognizing the Catholic virtue of **FORGIVENESS**. This virtue is an important cornerstone of our faith as we reflect on the ultimate sacrifice Jesus made to forgive us all. In our Catholic schools we work to honour and model forgiveness. Our Grade 2 students recently received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time in preparation for the Sacrament of the Eucharist

We join together to pray for God's forgiveness and continue to model it for our children. We teach them the steps to forgiveness, most notably through our "Restorative Practice" initiative. While it is usually best not to 'force' an apology, as role models we as adults can offer suggestions and options for verbal, written or even reflective responses. Our children need to witness adults forgiving them and each other to learn the true depth of the freedom of this virtue. This freedom is achieved one step at a time.

As we approach the wonderful celebration of Easter, continue to model forgiveness for our children, and to pray for peace and forgiveness in our world.

ONTARIO CATHOLIC GRADUATE EXPECTATIONS

These are the distinctive expectations for Graduates of Catholic Schools.

A Graduate is expected to be:

- ◆ A DISCERNING BELIEVER FORMED IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH COMMUNITY
- ◆ AN EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATOR
- ◆ A RELECTIVE, CREATIVE AND HOLISTIC THINKER
- ◆ A SELF-DIRECTED, RESPONSIBLE, LIFE-LONG LEARNER
- ◆ A COLLABORATIVE CONTRIBUTOR
- ◆ A CARING FAMILY MEMBER
- ◆ A RESPONSIBLE CITIZEN

"Receive the Holy Spirit for those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven." John 20:23

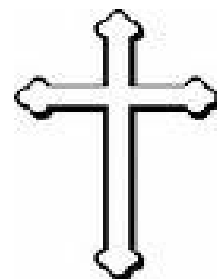
CATHOLIC VIRTUES INTO ACTION—Forgiveness

"Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."

It is the power to forgive and be forgiven that dwells in each of us. We remember that God our Father loves us unconditionally and forgives us for our mistakes, and that we grow more like Jesus by the way we love and forgive one another.

This month, we examine our hearts to see if we truly are able to forgive others, especially when we have been really hurt by their words or actions. We are reminded that forgiveness is a gift to ourselves as we let go of the burden of resentment when we forgive another person.

Catholic School Council Corner



As we move into the final term of the school year, we invite you to become involved in your Catholic School Council. We meet regularly throughout the school year and need your support and input to be truly successful.

We hope to see you there to help us plan and prepare for events and special initiatives, such as:

- ◆ Technology in our school;
- ◆ Graduation and Sacramental Preparation;
- ◆ 20th Anniversary Planning

OUR NEXT CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING TAKES PLACE

Thursday, April 14th
6:30 p.m.

Mother Teresa Catholic School
Library

PLEASE JOIN US!



SPIRIT DAYS CONTINUE AT M.T.

March 4	Wear your favourite team jersey
March 11	Tourist Day
March 25	Wear your school spirit wear or white/blue

Join WWF and over a billion people around the world as we unite to support solutions on climate change. Switch off your lights and join the movement towards clean energy on March 26 at 8:30 p.m. Learn more at www.earthhourcanada.org.

From the library

Scholastic Book Fair
May 10-17, 2011



Parent volunteers are needed to help in the library at the following times:

Wednesday, May 11	9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 12	1:00 p.m. to 3:35 p.m.
Friday, May 13	
Monday, May 16	

In order for our Book Fair to take place, we will need a minimum of 3 parent volunteers for each day. If you would like to help on any of these days please send a note with your child (an official letter will go home in April). Please respond by the end of March.

Thank you in advance
Mrs. White

2011 SUMMER SCHOOL!! REGISTRATION BEGINS MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2011

GRADES 5 AND 6 LITERACY AND NUMERACY CAMPS

Students who are presently in Grades 5 or 6 at a Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board Catholic School can attend Literacy or Numeracy camps at each of the Summer School sites listed below. These camps will run from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. daily for two sessions as noted below. Students can register for both sessions of the literacy and numeracy camps or choose one session. Registration deadline is Friday, June 10, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.

*Please note that parents are responsible for transportation for their children in Grades 5 and 6. There is no bussing provided. Campers will have a daily health and physical education break. For further information call the Peter L. Roach Catholic Education Centre at (705) 748-4861, ext. 172 or 174, or toll free at 1-800-461-8009, ext. 172 or 174

INTERMEDIATE SUMMER SCHOOL COURSES

Grades 7 and 8 students can attend Literacy or Numeracy Summer School at each of the Summer School Sites listed below. Intermediate Summer School will run from 8:15 a.m. – 2:15 p.m. daily. Students attending Intermediate Summer School will improve literacy and numeracy skills with reading, writing and math remediation programs. Students can register for both sessions, or choose one session.
Session #1 - Monday, July 4 to Friday, July 15, 2011
Session #2 - Monday, July 18 to Friday, July 29, 2011
Registration deadline is Friday, June 10, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.

Host Schools for Intermediate and Secondary Summer School 2011

- Monsignor O'Donoghue Catholic Elementary School, Peterborough
- St. Mary Catholic Secondary School, Cobourg
- St. Stephen Catholic Secondary School, Bowmanville
- St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School, Lindsay

Brochures are available at all Catholic schools or on the Board's website.

Registration for Camp and Summer School is on-line at: <http://www.pvnccdsb.on.ca/schools/summer-school.asp> beginning Monday, April 18, 2011.

For further information about Intermediate or Secondary Summer School, call the Peter L. Roach Catholic Education Centre at (705) 748-4861, ext. 350 – toll free at 1-800-461-8009, ext. 350, or email summerschool@pvnccdsb.on.ca

You raised \$2,027.75 in the MS READ-A-THON!

STORYTELLING FESTIVAL



Our Storytelling Festival Finalists will be reciting their stories in the gym on Wednesday, March 2nd. All students have been working hard on their storytelling talents. We would like to congratulate all the students who have worked so hard on their stories. Great Effort! The following finalists will be telling their stories on March 2: Eliza M., Foua'd S., Daniel W., Dianna T., Juliano M., Renee B., Reem A., Jessica L., Tori M., Allyssa K., Bailey K., Alexandra B., Katie R., Gabrielle D., Erin M., Olivia S., Anthony A., Emilia S., Luke K., Nicholas G., Aaron B., Sarah L., Julia P., Cassidy D., Brendan S., and Tori C.

Graduation Photos

Mrs. Walchuk and Mr. Hanley's Grade 8 classes will have their grad photos taken on Thursday, April 28th at 9:15 am in the school library. The SK grad photos will be taken on Wednesday, April 27th and Thursday, April 28th.

March Break

A reminder that the school will be closed for March Break. The last day of school will be Friday, March 11th. School will resume for students on Monday, March 21st. Happy Holidays!!

Kindergarten Registration

Registrations for Kindergarten are presently being accepted. We encourage families to register before the school year ends. The earlier students are registered, the better we are able to plan for the upcoming school year. Please contact Mrs. Reynen at (905)433-5512 to receive a registration package.



Welcome to JK—Information Night
Thursday, April 7, 2011
6:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.
For all new JK parents and students

Celebration of Excellence For February—Compassion

	Teacher's Award	Catholic Virtue - Compassion
JK/SK	Jordana S.	Brigid N.
SK	Christopher K., Garrett H., Sohpie G.	Evan J.
Gr. 1	Lucas D.	Samantha P.
Gr. 1/2	Rachel A.	Ashleigh K.
Gr. 2		Andrew P., Renee B.
Gr. 2/3		Emily B
Gr. 3	Marco C-G.	Carson V.
Gr.3/4		Alexandra B., Filip S., Jesse B., Olivia M-K
Gr. 4/5	Julian H.	Erin Mc.
Gr. 5/6		Sara H., Gabrielle D., Lucas L.
Gr. 6		Sarah B.
Gr. 7B		Nick G.
Gr. 7G	Tim S.	Chevonne W.
B.E.S.T.		David Henderson-Crooks

HONOUR ROLL—FIRST TERM INTERMEDIATE CLASSES

Mr. Hanley's Class

Tomas A.
Victoria C.
Britney C.
Alexis D.
Matthew L.
Samantha P.
Erin R.
Jessalyn M.

Mrs. Walchuk's Class

Mackenzie B.
Taylor B.
Cassidy D.
Nicole F.
Moriah G.
Sean H.
Brooke M.
Courtney M.
Julia P.
Eric Z.

Honour Roll for Miss Gibson and Mr. Burton's (Mrs. Bruce) classes will be recognized next month.

SWIMMING

Our students in grades 1 to 5/6 will be going swimming again this spring.

The sessions are as follows:

Tuesdays, March 29—April 26

1-2 p.m. Mrs. Murray
2-3 p.m. Mrs. Alexander

Thursdays, March 31—April 28

1-2 p.m. Mrs. Allain
2-3 p.m. Mrs. Derhak

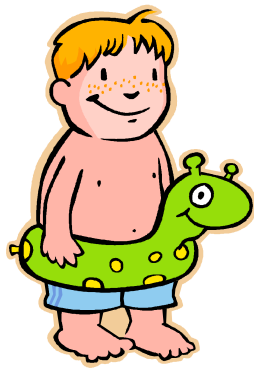
Tuesdays, May 3—31

1-2 p.m. Mrs. McKay &
B.E.S.T.

2-3 p.m. Mrs. Daly

Thursdays, May 5—June 2

1-2 p.m. Mr. Hickey
2-3 p.m. Miss Imray



First Reconciliation
March 26, 2011
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



First Reconciliation for **ALL** students preparing for First Communion (confessions will be heard in the order that the students arrive)

10:00—10:45 a.m.—Mrs. Allain & Mrs. McKay's classes
11:00—11:45 a.m.—Mrs. Daly's Class & Saturday Class

Sensory-Friendly showing of: Mars Needs Moms

Saturday, March 12, 2011 10:00 am



AMC Theatres® is bringing families affected by autism a special opportunity to enjoy their favourite films in a safe and accepting environment on a monthly basis.

Bullying

What is Cyber Bullying?

The Use of Communication Tools: E-mail; cell phones; text message; MSN or Facebook Messaging; Websites; Blogs.....to purposely harm a person with repeated and aggressive behaviour by a person or a group.

Quick Facts:

Cyber bullying is hidden from adults even more often than other types of bullying; Children being bullied may fear telling an adult because they fear losing their cell phone or internet privileges; The child may or may not know who the Cyber Bully is; The bullying can reach the student in all of their safe environments: home, school, the car, the mall, etc.

If Your Child Is Being Cyber-Bullied:

Do not reply to the message; Do not erase or delete message; this is your evidence, print all of the evidence if possible; Inform your internet, instant messaging to cell phone provider; Contact the child's school administrator to inform them of the issue; Contact the police; there are Canadian laws that protect your child from harassment and discrimination.

What Can Parents Do to Prevent Cyber-Bullying?

Parent should discuss the following with their children: Do not believe everything that is said online; Do not send messages to others when you

are angry; Do not open messages from someone you do not know; Trust your instincts or "inner voice". If something makes you feel uncomfortable, go immediately and tell an adult; Use the computer in a supervised area; Do not share personal information or post your picture on the Internet, even on MSN Messenger, Utube or Facebook; Tell an adult about the information you are looking at and the people you are talking to.

"What Can We Do?"

When Your Child Is Being Bullied:

Stay calm; Believe your child; Say encouraging words such as "I hear you", "I am here for you", "I believe you", "You are not alone"; Don't give excuses for the other child's actions; Reassure your child that they were right to tell you; Take note of what your child says; Contact the school.

Speaking To Your Child's School:

Meet with your child's classroom teacher or principal to explain your concern; Ask about what behaviours they have observed in regards to your child; Discuss what the plan will

be to help stop the bullying and ensure your child remains safe; Set up a follow up appointment or phone call.

What Will The School Do?

The school will investigate the claim of bullying and contact you when they have a plan; The School team will meet with the child who bullied and your child. The Bully and The Victim should never meet for mediation in a true bullying

incident; The School Team may ask to refer your child, with your permission to the Board Social Work to assist your child in developing proactive solutions and strategies to prevent further bullying.



YOU ARE A ROLE MODEL EVERY MINUTE

If the parent demonstrates ENTHUSIASM, the child will learn the JOY of working at a daily task.
If the parent demonstrates a SENSE OF HUMOUR, the child will learn to LAUGH while he works and plays.
If the parent demonstrates CREATIVITY, the child will learn to INQUIRE.
If the parent demonstrates FLEXIBILITY, the child will learn to ADAPT TO CHANGE.
If the parent demonstrates COMPASSION, the child will learn to CARE.
If the parent demonstrates a SENSE OF SECURITY, the child will learn to TRUST.
If the parent demonstrates SINCERITY, the child will learn to be HONEST and SINCERE.
If the parent demonstrates TOLERANCE and UNDERSTANDING, the child will learn to be PATIENT.
If the parent demonstrates TOTAL COMMITMENT, the child will learn RESPONSIBILITY and SELF-DISCIPLINE.
If the parent demonstrates PERCEPTION OF SELF AND OTHERS, the child will learn AWARENESS of himself and others.
If the parent demonstrates LOVE FOR PEOPLE AND LIFE, the child will REFLECT this love in his daily encounters.
Love is reflected in love.