



St. Catherine Catholic Elementary School

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April 2011 Newsletter

April is Catholic Virtue of Stewardship

As Catholics, we are encouraged to share what we have with others, to respect our neighbours as ourselves and to assist those less fortunate. By sharing of ourselves and helping those around us, we are, in essence, practicing Christian STEWARDSHIP.

In fact, “STEWARDSHIP” reaches far beyond financial contributions and encourages Catholics to live their lives as disciples of Jesus. Equipped with this knowledge, we have the power to change how we understand and live out our lives, beginning a life-long process of sharing our gifts of time, talent and treasure out of gratitude, not out of obligation. Living our baptismal promises becomes the motivational force behind our actions.

In our school community, we encounter many examples of STEWARDSHIP as students, staff and parents volunteer to help others achieve their dreams. In April, we especially look towards our role as stewards of the environment. Students show their understanding and need to care for our fragile planet and use our resources wisely through lessons, projects and practical activities. We will grow in our capacity to be responsible citizens. We invite you to join us on this journey.

Grade 8 Graduation Pictures

DATE: Thursday, April 21, 2011

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

GOWN: Students will be given a gown for the photo but must wear a white collared shirt.

EQAO AT ST. CATHERINE SCHOOL

GRADE 3 & 6

MAY 23—JUNE 3, 2011

PLEASE AVOID MAKING APPOINTMENTS DURING THESE ASSESSMENT DAYS.

Who We are for 2010/11

- ⇒ Sheila Piggott
Principal
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- ⇒ Catherine Voros
Interim CSC Chair
- ⇒ Fr. Rae & Fr. Craig
St. Alphonsus Parish Priest
- ⇒ Christine Dunn
Lorne Corkery
Trustees
- ⇒ John Mackle
Director of Education
- ⇒ Superintendent of Schools
Dale Godin
School Bell Times
Start Bell 8:55 a.m.
AM Recess 10:25—10:40 am
Lunch 12:05—1:05 pm
PM Recess 2:30—2:40 pm
Dismissal Bell 3:20 pm

Earth Day

Our school has been registered for the Earth Day Clean Up program on

Friday, April 22, 2011.

All of our students will take part in cleaning the school yard and the front of the school. They will be provided with the proper attire for cleaning. Let's work on making a difference for Mother Nature.



THANK YOU STUDENTS

Office Helpers

Thanks to our office helpers during the month of March:

Mitchell Healey,
Jaden Schaap, Matthew Smith,
Maria Conlin, Alyson Kehoe,

Kindergarten Helpers

Thank you to the following students for helping for the month of March.

Julia O'Connell,
Amelia Payne, Michaela Fallis,
Tom Keat, Kyle Morton,
Samantha Grims,
Sarah Berthelot,
Emma Dimock, Hannah Webb,
Isabella Francz, Julia Disbrow,
Alanna White, Miranda Stever,
Victoria Heffernan,
Jaden Schaap, Briar O'Keefe,
Carissa Hickson,
Mallory Oettinger
Olivia Whan, Aidyn Bailey
Carter English, Emma Keat
Alyson Kehoe, Maria Conlin
Hannah Collins,

Opening Night only 4 Weeks Away

The school production of 'After Hours' is getting closer. On April 27th after months of rehearsals, the actors and actresses are ready to dazzle you!

Imagine mannequins coming to life after hours, to the surprise of unsuspecting burglars. What will happen? Tickets will soon be going on sale. We hope to see you there!

WARM WEATHER DRESS CODE

Please remember our dress code expectations:

- ✓ no offensive language or offensive logos on clothing or caps
- ✓ caps are to be removed as one enters the building

Visitors please follow this rule as well

- ✓ tops must cover the waistband bottoms
- ✓ straps on tops must be two finger widths wide
- ✓ bottoms be at least fingertip length when hands are held at the side

Students who are dressed inappropriately will be given alternate clothing to wear from the school supply of articles.

Thank you Mrs. Dafeo

With regret, we are announcing the departure of Mrs. Sue Dafeo as Chairperson of St. Catherine School Council. Mrs. Dafeo joined our School Community two years ago and quickly began to significantly contribute.

Mrs. Dafeo enthusiastically accepted the role as Chairperson of St. Catherine School Council this year. One of her many contributions included her arrangement of the speaking engagement of Olympian Heather Hamilton.

Heather's speech inspired our students and our staff with her message of goal setting and persistence.

The Dafeo family has moved to Whitby, Ontario for new employment opportunities and to be closer to extended family members.

Sue, we thank you for your leadership. We will miss you, Andrew and Jenna. God Bless,

St. Catherine Staff and Students

Do you know how to train a Dragon?

Come and join us at the 5th Annual Math Fair at:

St. Catherine School

May 4, 2011,

Gymnasium at 1:15 p.m.

This year's theme: How to Train a Dragon. Your child will challenge you to solve his/her "How to Train a Dragon math puzzle!

Enjoy!



2011 SUMMER SCHOOL - APRIL 18TH REGISTRATION KICK-OFF!!

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.

SECONDARY SUMMER SCHOOL COURSES

Grades 9 to 12

Full Credit – E-learning - Credit Recovery - Upgrading Credit Course

Registration deadline is Tuesday, June 28, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.

Session #1 - Monday, July 4 to Friday, July 15, 2011

Session #2 - Monday, July 18 to Friday, July 29, 2011

For full credits, Secondary students must attend Sessions #1 and #2.

Time: 8:15 a.m. - 2:15 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

Catholic School Council News

Important Note: The date for our next council meeting has changed from Monday, April 4th to Monday, April 11th.

Upcoming Events

Pizza Days –The following days are the pizza days for April: Friday April 1st, April 15th and Friday April 29th.

Lunch Lady – The Lunch Lady will run every Wednesday in April. For additions or changes please contact the Lunch Lady at 750-0222 or aileen@thelunchlady.ca. Orders can be placed on-line. REMEMBER if your child will be away from school on a Wednesday contact the Lunch Lady by 8am to receive a credit.

QSP – Want to order a magazine? Just go to www.QSP.com to place your order. Don't forget our group number: 10648.

Next Meeting

The next School Council meeting will be held on **Monday, April 11th at 6:30pm**. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. Babysitting is provided in the gym.

PARISH NEWS

St. Alphonsus presents a viewing of the movie *The Robe* (1953) starring Richard Burton, Jean Simmons and Victor Mature - Sunday, April 3, 3:00 p.m. in the Redemptorist Room

Ritual 3 for First Eucharist at all masses April 9 and 10.

Our spring dance will be Friday, April 15 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. for grades 5-7. Admission is \$3:00 - remember your indoor shoes if it rains!

First Eucharist Retreat - Wednesday, April 27 from 9:30a.m. - 1:00 p.m. The children will be required to bring a lunch and snack.

The first weekend for the children to receive First Eucharist is April 30 at 5:00 P.M. mass and May 1st 10:00 mass, If your child would like to do a reading or help out during mass, please contact Sheri at the church - 745-8623 x34.



Mrs. Fisher and the Grade 5/6 Class would like to thank everyone who generously gave to the Peterborough Pete's Draw or the Cake Sale. Your contribution/ donations will go directly to a Building Brigade that is traveling to Honduras in May. Thank You so much for all of your support!!

The Pedal for Hope team is coming to our school on April 20, 2011. We need to do our part by helping them raise money and awareness for their great cause. Last year they raised a record amount of money and through our efforts we helped them surpass the \$1 million mark. Let's show our school spirit and help the team toward their second million dollars.



In 2005, the Peterborough Chapter of Cops for Cancer took on a new identity. The Pedal For Hope Cycling Team was born and local children fighting cancer had a new support team behind them! Local police personnel, a retired N.H.L. hockey player and a great crew of support personnel have been dedicating time to this worthy cause.

Starting in late April for 3 weeks, the Pedal for Hope Team cycles over 1,000 kilometers, visiting local schools and delivering a message about kids living with cancer.

A presentation in each school takes on a serious side about how important it is to support paediatric cancer research. They show a team video, shave a few heads, cut a few ponytails and then turn on the fun.

Students are involved in ice cream eating contests against their favourite police officer, showing the lighter side of police officers in their community.

Permission Forms and Pledge envelopes are available at the Office.

The Team



What is Healthy Smiles Ontario?

Healthy Smiles Ontario is a new program for kids 17 years and under who do not have access to any form of dental coverage. Eligible kids will receive basic dental care, such as cleaning, x-rays and fillings at no cost.

Healthy smiles Ontario

Dental services can be provided either by your dentist or by the Peterborough County-City Health Unit through its new clinics (ready by spring 2011).

To find out if your child qualifies, please contact the Peterborough County-City Health Unit at (705) 743-1000 or visit www.pcchu.ca.

Speech, Language and Hearing Association of Peterborough

The Speech Language and Hearing Association of Peterborough is pleased to announce an upcoming workshop presented by:

Janice Greenberg
from The Hanen Centre

This workshop will cover strategies for promoting early literacy skills in preschool and young school aged children. The workshop will be targeted toward parents, teachers, resource teachers, early childhood educators, educational assistants, speech-language pathologists, communicative disorders assistants and infant-toddler development workers.

The following topics will be discussed:

- ⇒ Strategies for interactive book reading
- ⇒ Promoting vocabulary development
- ⇒ Supporting children's understanding of stories
- ⇒ Developing print knowledge
- ⇒ Developing phonological awareness skills

A brief overview of research into why it is important to promote these skills in the early years

French Public Speaking Competition

Our school held a French Public Speaking contest for students in the Junior and Intermediate divisions on March 3rd. The following students were chosen by their classroom teachers to participate in this competition:

Junior FSL +	Intermediate Imm.	Intermediate FSL +
Danielle Campbell	Rachel Krauss	Maira O'Hagan
Megan Piche	Jared Foxon	Ben St. Onge
Alex Fass	Maggie Lee	
Aidyn Bailey	Abby Neville	
Junior Immersion		
Alyssa Bartholomew	Michaela Konopaski	Tara Paget
Tristen Jones	Olivia Nie	Isabella Rudolf-Ferreira
Mallory Oettinger	Alexandra Konopaski	Victoria Heffernan
Amy Leigh	Emma Lanciault	



Our school level winners were Alyssa Batholomew, Isabella Rudolf-Ferreira, Alexandra Konopaski, Amy Leigh, Megan Piche, Rachel Kraus, Abby Neville and Maire O'Hagan. These students participated in the Board Final at St. Michael's Catholic Elementary School in Cobourg on March 29th.

Congratulations to all participants!

["There are three things to aim at in public speaking: first, to get into your subject, then to get your subject into yourself, and lastly, to get your subject into the heart of your audience"](#)

~ Alexander Gregg

Learning goals

- ⇒ Learning is easier when students understand what goal they are trying to achieve, the purpose of achieving the goal, and what success looks like.
- ⇒ Learning goals are brief, concise statements that describe what students are to know or are able to do at the end of a period of instruction.
- ⇒ Learning goals are written in language that students understand and are clarified before, during and after the learning period.

What are success criteria?

- ⇒ Success criteria are a list of what students need to do to be successful at a task or behaviour.
- ⇒ Success criteria are created by the students in conjunction with the teacher by looking at examples of successful work and listing important features.
- ⇒ The teacher lists students' ideas and when the list is complete, the ideas are sorted and posted.
- ⇒ Success criteria allow students to develop a common language when discussing work.
- ⇒ The list of criteria is used by the students to help them self-assess, give descriptive feedback, and to assess their peer's work.



Vs Detroit Tigers

Our 6th Annual, St. Catherine Day with the Jays is well underway. This year we will be watching the Jays take on the Detroit Tigers. Game Day is Saturday, May 7, @ 1:07 at the Roger's Centre. Remember the two ticket options. First option- regular seats — Field Levels 100s on the 3rd base side for \$45.00 or option 2, in the 200s outfield for \$30.00. Hurry and get your tickets now.

5 tips to help choose books for your child

Here are some tips to help you choose books that will keep your children enthusiastic about reading.

1. Select books that match your children's skill level

The *Five Finger Rule* can help you find out if a book is easy, just right or too hard. Ask your children to hold up a finger for every word they do not understand on a page. If there are more than 4 or 5 words on a page they do not know, the book is probably too hard and may prove frustrating. Try suggesting another book or reading the book together.

2. Rhymes, repetition, humour and pictures

Younger children enjoy books that use word repetition, rhymes and familiar words. Most children also like books that are funny. Look for books with colourful pictures and simple words.

3. Use books to learn about life events

Reading books about events affecting your children's lives (new brother or sister, moving, new school) can help them deal with fears and feelings. Choose books that relate to what's happening in your family.

4. Find favourite authors and popular books

If your child has a favourite book, try to find other books written by the same author. Ask friends, family, and teachers what books their children have enjoyed and try a book swap. The children's librarian at your local library can also be a great source for popular book suggestions.

5. Read languages other than English or French

Any kind of reading can help your children develop their skills, so encourage them to read books in languages besides English. If your children know how to read in their first language, they will find it easier to learn English.



5 Tips for sharing family stories

1. Bring your child into the story

Choose stories about interesting things that happened to you or to members of your family, including your child. Include your child in the storytelling by making links to him/her. For example, "You know how you like to ride your bike? Well this story is about a time when I was your age and I rode my bike to get bread for dinner..."

2. What kind of story to tell

Stories do not have to have a clear beginning, middle and end with a problem and solution. They could simply describe an event that happened. Try to keep the stories brief and simple, especially for younger ones. Children's attention spans become longer as they get older.

3. Bring in all five senses

Use words that will relate to your child's five senses – sight, hearing, touch, smell and taste. These words help to bring the story to life and make it more real for your child. Use physical gestures like hand movements to show action, and facial expressions to show emotion.

4. Introduce new words

Including one or two new words will add detail to the story and help expand your child's vocabulary. These could be words that relate to the story that help to paint a better picture in your child's mind, e.g. invitation, guests, celebration, etc.

5. Tell stories anytime

Share family stories throughout the day –it doesn't have to happen only at bedtime. You could tell stories at meal time, on walks through the community, while riding on a bus or subway, while driving in a car or waiting for appointments.

April 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Pizza Day	2
3	4 Gr. 4/5 F & E & Gr. 5/6 F going to Ganaraska	5 Tribes—Liturgy of the Word Heb B shot #2 HPV #3 for Gr. 8 girls	6 Board Thinkbowl	7 Priest visit in BEST Bus Evacuation 9:30 a.m.	8 Bus Evacuation 9:30 a.m.	9 Ritual #3 First Eucharist
10 Ritual #3 for First Eucharist	11 Kiwanis Festival Gr. 1F & 2F in a.m. Gr. 4 in p.m. Grade 2 F going to OFAH School Council Mtg. at 6:30 p.m.	12 Tribes	13 FOS Basketball Tournament for Boys	14 FOS Basketball Tournament for Girls Priest visit Gr. 1F	15 Pizza Day FOS Basketball Tournament Alt. date	16
17 Palm Sunday	18 Scientists in the Classroom Gr. SKF in a.m. and SKE in p.m. Gr. 1E going to OFAH	19 Tribes	20 Pedal for Hope Presentation at 1:00 p.m.	21 Holy Thursday Gr. 8 Grad Pictures at 9:00 a.m. Stations of the Cross in afternoon	22 Good Friday No School	23 Easter Weekend
24 Easter	25 Easter Monday No School	26 Tribes Scientists in the Class Gr. SKF Dairy Farmer Presentation at 1 p.m.	27 School Play at 1:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. First Eucharist Retreat Board Basketball Tournament Boys at SPSS Girls at HC	28 Alt: Board Basketball Tournament Gr. 4 going to Medieval Times	29 Pizza Day	30 First Eucharist at 5:00 p.m.