



# St. Catherine Catholic Elementary School

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## March 2011 Newsletter

### March is Catholic Virtue of Forgiveness

**“It is by forgiving that one is forgiven.”** Mother Teresa

During March, our school is 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 school, we work to honour and model forgiveness. Many of our students will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this Spring.

We join together to pray for God’s forgiveness and continue to model it for our children. We teach them the steps to forgiveness. 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.

#### Spiritual Theme:

*Believe, Love, Act: “The greatest among you will be your servant.”*

Matthew 23:11



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### Assessment for Learning

#### 1. What is Assessment for Learning (AFL)?

1. Assessment for Learning involves the students knowing what the learning objectives are, and what they have to do to be successful (success criteria.)
2. Assessment for Learning involves students assessing themselves and knowing what they have to do to improve. This ensures that students are actively involved in their learning.
3. Assessment for Learning involves teachers making focused assessments and giving focused feedback rather than commenting on surface features such as neatness and quantity.

#### BOOK CLUB NEWS

The Silver Birch Book Club continues to meet every Friday at lunch recess in the Library. We are getting to the point now where we can tally the numbers of thumbs up and thumbs down for the books we are reading as more and more students read more and more of the books on our lists. Our Grade Six students are certainly setting the pace, often reading TWO books in a week! Many of our Grade Three and Four students are trying out the Grade Five and Six books as well, expanding their reading experiences. There truly is nothing like a good book!

#### BOOK YOUR CALENDARS!

Our 5th Annual Math Fair will take place on May 4, 2011 at 1:10 p.m. in our School Gym.

More information to follow.



### Who We are for 2010/11

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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

## THANK YOU STUDENTS

### Office Helpers

Thanks to our office helpers during the month of February:

Joshua Vo, Kyle Morton,  
Jaden Schaap, Emma Keat,  
Ceilah Acherman,  
Amelia Payne,  
Michaela Fallis,  
Alyssa DiLauro &  
Hannah Trylinski.

### Kindergarten Helpers

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

Maria Conlin, Alysson Kehoe,  
Briar O'Keefe,  
Mykelti Stevens, Olivia Whan,  
Victoria Heffernan,  
Emma Keat, Emma Dimock,  
Maria Conlin, Alyson Kehoe,  
Miranda Stevers,  
Hannah Collins,  
Samantha Grims,  
Mallory Oettinger,  
Carissa Hickson,  
Hannah Webb, Carter Shields,  
Hannah Trylinski,  
Alyssa DiLauro, Aidyn Baily,  
Tom Keat, Kyle Morton,  
Sarah Berthelot,  
Carter Sheilds, Jaden Schaap,  
Mark Gulyas-Doy &  
Jacob Higgins,

# Merci

... to Mr. Shawn Wilson, from Price Chopper, on Lansdowne, for donating the hot dog buns for our hot dog day of February 18, 2011. The fundraiser was very successful due to the donation, and the help of Mme. Bombala's and Ms. Seeley's class.

... to all who donated items for the Peterborough Youth Emergency Shelter. Your donations will go a long way to help our youth in need.

... to our Catholic School Council for funding the Scientists in the Classroom Program. This program has been very successful in sparking our students' interests in Science through hands-on learning opportunities and students report that it is fun! Thank you for the great opportunity!

### Extra Clothes for Spring

Spring is a wonderful time of year. Spring often means warmer weather, warm breezes and WATER.

At times our yard has a lot of puddles. As every parent knows, KIDS LOVE PUDDLES. Please send extra socks to school for all of your children. Parents of primary children, please send an extra set of clothes for those "just in case" times. Items can be kept in your child's back pack.

Please send a plastic bag for the wet ones to be sent home.

Thank you.



Want to learn all about Eating for ages 4 to 12 Years? Get Help to have your Child become a Competent Eater? Join this workshop on:

Thursday, April 7, 2011 from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Peterborough Public Library at 345 Aylmer Street North

Admission is Free, no registration required. For more information you can contact: (705) 742-3803 or 1-800-386-6561 or [www.peterboroughhealthyfamilies.ca](http://www.peterboroughhealthyfamilies.ca)

### DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

The attached Solidarity Calendar (page 3) introduces your family to the work of DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE partners in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Middle East.

**SUNDAY**

**MONDAY**

**TUESDAY**

**WEDNESDAY**

**THURSDAY**

**FRIDAY**

**SATURDAY**

**DISCOVER A WORLD OF JUSTICE ! READY, SET, GO !**

1. Pick up a copy of this year's Share Lent Magazine.
2. Stick a world map on your fridge or wall. (or use the back of this calendar)
3. Locate the partners in this Calendar and the Magazine on your map.

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**  
 Pray for the people of Africa in their many countries.

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**  
 Pray for the poor of Latin America struggling for land, livelihoods and dignity.

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**  
 Pray for our partners in the Middle East on their hopeful journey to peace.

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
 Pray for our partners in Asia, building compassionate democracies.

**SOLIDARITY SUNDAY**  
 Pray for our partners in the world, able to help during emergencies.

**PALM SUNDAY**  
 Pray for all our partners as they work for justice.

**REJOICE He is risen. EASTER SUNDAY**

**"JESUS BEGAN TO WEEP."**  
 How would Jesus express compassion today?  
 John 11:35

Brazil's MST has helped 33,000 landless families develop farming communities on unused land.

NSAN in Iraq helps those made homeless by war. Give **\$2**

Cambodia's Youth Resource Development Program teaches non-violent action to communities losing their land.

Haitian partners learned lessons from Salvadoran partners on how best to rebuild their country after the 2010 earthquake.

Extend your giving throughout the year. Join Share Year-Round, our monthly giving program. Visit our website to find out more: [www.devp.org](http://www.devp.org)

**Share Year Round**

**ASH WEDNESDAY MARCH 9**  
 Madagascar's Catholic Bishops support TARA TRA a project which helps miners' achieve safer working conditions.

**GAMPO** in Mexico has helped 300 women create small businesses and earn their first income.

Friendship Village helps young Israeli and Palestinian leaders learn to build peace through dialogue in Jerusalem.

The Philippine Educational Theatre Association uses theatre to encourage people to vote in elections.

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Sierra Leone's Network Movement for Justice and Development has helped 6,000 families feed themselves and manage their communities for the common good.

Timor-Leste's Justice and Peace Commission used peace-building skills to turn youth away from violent gang activities.

Share Lent blog <http://sharelent.devp.org>

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**12 BOTTLED WATER FREE DAY!**

On your map, mark the African countries where Development and Peace has partners. **50¢** for each country

In Peru, the 1,500 kitchens belonging to the *Federación de Kitchens* feed 100,000 people every day. **\$1** to help

Check the Just Youth website ([www.devp.org](http://www.devp.org)) for youth activities, including **THINKFAST.**

donate **50¢** for each one

PLEASE DONATE **\$5**

Give generously in compassion. **HOLY SATURDAY**

Indonesia's KRUIHA helps rural communities manage local water instead of seeing it bottled and sold afar.

donate **\$1**

How many countries can you find in Latin America where our partners work?

**APRIL**

How many Asian partners can you find in the Development and Peace Magazine?

A portion of all Share Lent donations will help people suffering from emergencies this coming year.

I am the resurrection and the life, **GOOD FRIDAY** John 11:25, 26

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**EXPRESS YOUR COMPASSION AND SOLIDARITY!**  
 Donate to DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE at the end of Lent!

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**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.

**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](mailto:summerschool@pvnccdsb.on.ca)

# Catholic School Council News

## Did You Know?

Every year we are always looking for parents who would like to be involved with School Council. If you think you would like to learn more about what Council does for the school, attend the next meeting. It's never too late to join.

## Pizza Day Volunteers needed.

Can you give 30-40 minutes of your time to help distribute pizzas to our school community? If you can help on one or two of the following pizza days, please call the school (705) 742-6109. The kids love saying hi to Mom or Dad during pizza pickup time. We are looking for help between the hours of 11:30-12:15 on the following dates:

April 15, 29 AND/OR May 13, 27.

## Upcoming Events

**Skating** – Grades 1-8 will be skating on Monday, March 4. Volunteers will be needed to help out in the morning and the afternoon to lace up some skates.

**Pizza Days** – There is only one Pizza Day in March. It is Friday March 11.

**Lunch Lady** – The Lunch Lady will run every Wednesday in March. For additions or changes please contact the Lunch Lady at (705) 750-0222 or [aileen@thelunchlady.ca](mailto: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 8:00 a.m. to receive a credit.

**QSP** – Want to order a magazine? Just go to [www.QSP.com](http://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 11 at 6:30 p.m.** All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. Babysitting is provided in the gym.

## **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.

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](http://www.pcchu.ca).

# Healthy smiles Ontario

## **Lost and Found**

Please check the buckets and the tables in the front hallway for any lost items.

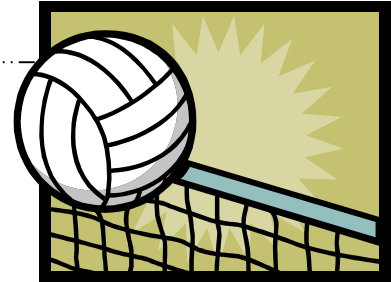
During the Friday of March Break, items will be taken to St. Vincent De Paul.



### **Heather Hamilton 2011 RBC Olympian**

Special thanks to RBC who has made it possible to have Heather Hamilton speak to us on March 3 at 1:00 p.m. Parents are welcome. Heather is a Pole Vaulter who has won silver medals in the 2008 Olympic trials and the 2008 NACAC. She is the Champion and holds the Canadian Record for Canadian University Athletes in the Pole Vault.

Heather will share her message of learning from and overcoming failure. Please consider coming to experience Heather's message with us.



### **Volleyball Results**

The Senior Boys' Volleyball Team won the Holy Cross Feeder School Tournament on January 31.

Congratulations to: Nick Blundell, Dawson Shields, Logan DeNoble, Cole Robbins,

Jared Foxon, Ethan Walker, Ryan Ahrens, Emmett Young, Jacob Scriver and Brody McBain.

Thank you to coaches Mr. DeMaeyer and Mrs. Harper for their contributions of knowledge, skills and time for the team.

The Boys continued to the Board level of play where they placed 3rd in the entire Board!

Congratulations Boys!

The Senior Girls' Volleyball Team were triumphant in their Family of Schools tournament winning all their games and coming out as champions allowing them participation in the Board Tournament where they placed 3rd. Thank you to all the Girls for their time, effort and participation.

Congratulations to: Isabel Caddick, Hannah Collins, Laura Condon, Osa Iginua, Emma Kennelly, Emily Lanigan, Jocelyne Lemay, Ashley Montgomery, Stacey O'Brien, Dana Paradis, Danielle Sullivan, Hannah Webb.

Your coaches: Mme. Chouinard and Ms. Callaghan.

### **Youth Resiliency Workshop**

***What can I do to help prepare my kids to face the tough decisions in life such as whether or not to use drugs and alcohol?***

The question is often asked; why do some youth seem to journey through life unscathed while others seem to falter? Resiliency is the ability to 'bounce-back' from challenges and changes, or having the skill and ability to make healthier lifestyle choices when coping with life's struggles. Research shows that a resilient youth is less likely to become involved in problems such as substance use, gang participation, gambling or other anti-social behaviors.

This workshop will provide parents with; an introduction to resiliency, practical resources to use in their parenting strategies, and tips for developing resilient family.

This workshop will be hosted by the St. Peter's Catholic School Council and Parent Action on Drugs and will be facilitated by Diane Buhler, Joanne Brown and Patricia Scott-Jeffroy.

All parents, guardians and interested community members are invited to attend this free workshop. If you require any further information please contact Kathy Ross, Principal St. Peter's Sec. 705-745-1358.

## ***Parish News***

***March 2 at 7:00p.m. in the church***

***Parish Session 2 for Confirmation. This is an evening for parents and students.***

***March 5 and 6 at all masses is Ritual 3 for Confirmation***

***Celebrating our Christian Witnesses.***

***The next First Eucharist Team meeting will be March 7 at 6:30 in the staff kitchen at St. Alphonsus church.***

***March 30 at 7:00p.m. in the church is Parish Session 2 for First Eucharist.***

***This is an evening for parents and students.***

### Me to We Leadership at St. Catherine

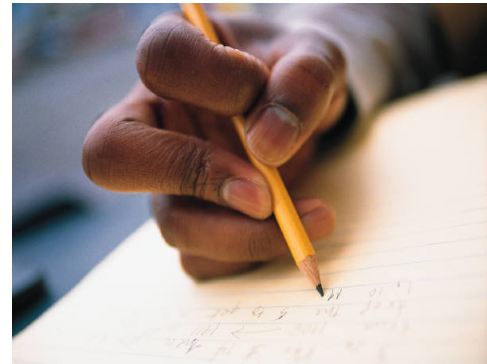
On February 1<sup>st</sup>, thirty St. Catherine students had the opportunity to take part in a workshop designed to promote leadership and motivate students to take action in our local and global community. The 'Me to We Leadership' program is part of the 'Me to We' family. It is a social enterprise that challenges traditional methods of doing business by providing people with daily choices that can truly change the world. All the students that took part showed a keen interest in making positive changes to our world. Stay tuned for another activity by our 'Youth in Action' team. We can all make a difference and they do make a difference!

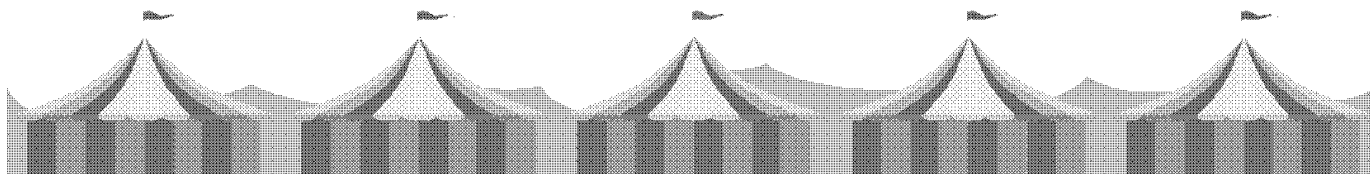


## 10 Tips to help your child with writing

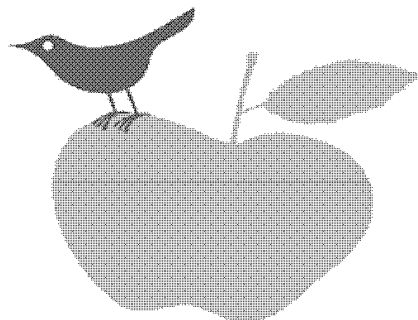
### Tips for kindergarten to grade 3

- 1. Read from a variety of sources.** Reading and writing are linked – success in one supports success in the other. Read stories, newspapers, advertisements, instructions, etc. to your child every day and then discuss what you have read.
- 2. Encourage your child to write.** Children love to make their own birthday cards, write thank you notes, make place cards for the table, or send an email to a friend. Save old cards from birthdays and holidays to recycle for homemade cards. Whenever possible, let your child see you writing – grocery lists, instructions on the family whiteboard, emails, etc. – and get them to help.
- 3. Writing can be done anywhere.** Have lots of magnetic letters or words on the fridge. Get a box of chalk and write your names on the driveway or sidewalk. Get a white board – it can be used again and again.
- 4. Play writing games.** Make a game of letter finding. Show them how to form a letter and then go letter hunting in your house or in a book – count the number of "Ds" on a page. Find a picture they like and have them write words or a sentence about it.
- 5. Help children build their vocabulary.** Try rhyming games starting with one word such as "mat". Say and write down all the words that rhyme, like "cat", "hat", "fat" and "splat". You'll be surprised how fast their word list grows.
- 6. Explore the meaning of words.** Create a word book at home and have your child add words as they're learned. Have them note the words they use the most and talk about why.
- 7. Write to each other.** Write notes to your child and leave them in interesting places, like the lunch box. Ask them to write a reply or come up with something new. If they have their own email, email each other. Have kids email jokes to family and friends.
- 8. Don't limit what you write with or what you write on.** The sky's the limit – pudding, sticks or fingers in mud, earth, snow and sand, sparklers, steamed up windows and mirrors, and bubble soap markers for some sudsy learning.
- 9. Writing comes in all shapes and sizes.** Point out different ways writing is used – letters, signs, advertisements, instructions – and explain why they are different. Also point out different ways letters are created – printed, cursive (written) and fancy variations. Let them be inspired to create their own letter art.
- 10. Start writing at an early age.** Children often learn to write before they can read. Encourage this by showing them how to print their name or the names of friends and other family members. Buy them notebooks with lines so they can learn to make their letters correctly or a practice book with letters they can trace.





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The Peterborough Victoria  
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is pleased to invite you to the...

# French Book Fair

THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2011 - 12:00 PM TO 7:00 PM  
ST. CATHERINE CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM  
1575 GLENFOREST BLVD, PETERBOROUGH, ON, K9K2J6

The following vendors/publishers will be selling/displaying their books and resources.

**THE FRENCH LIBRARY FOR KIDS**

1-416-434-1136  
www.kidslearnfrench.com  
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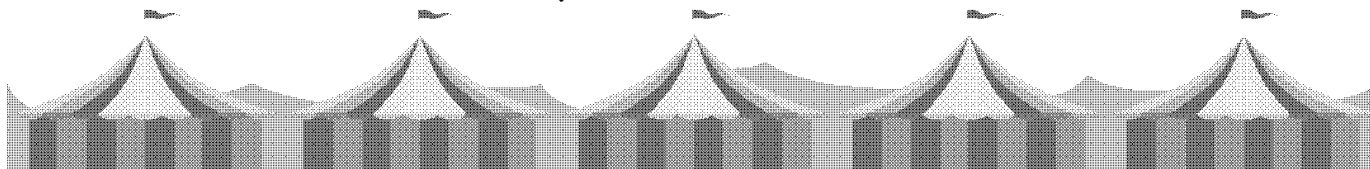
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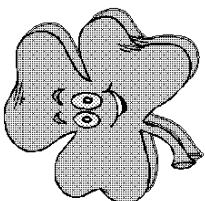
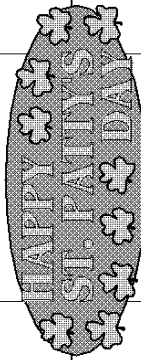
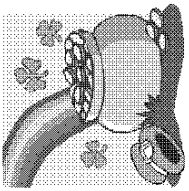
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Everyone is welcome!



# March 2011

| Sun   | Mon | Tue          | Wed   | Thu  | Fri   | Sat   |
|---|-----|--------------|---|--|---|---|
|  |     | 1<br>Tribes  | 2   | 3<br>Class Mass Gr. 4 E<br>French Speeches at<br>9:00 a.m.<br>6 p.m. confirmation Par-<br>ish Session 2<br>2011 RBC Olympian | 4<br>Skating                                    | 5<br>Ritual #3 for<br>Confirmation  |
| 6<br>Ritual #3 for<br>Confirmation  | 7   | 8<br>Tribes  | 9<br>Ash Wednesday<br>School Mass at the<br>Parish                | 10<br>Class Mass for<br>Gr. 4/5 E  | 11<br>Pizza Day<br><br>1:00 p.m. Talent<br>Show | 12  |
| 13<br>March Break   | 14  | 15           | 16  | 17<br>                                     | 18  | 19  |
| 20  | 21  | 22<br>Tribes | 23<br>Gr. 3 SIC   | 24<br>Gr. 3 SIC<br>Priest Visit for<br>Gr. 1E  | 25  | 26  |
| 27  | 28  | 29<br>Tribes | 30<br>Session #2<br>First Eucharist<br>6:00 p.m. at the<br>Church | 31<br>French Book Sale<br>In Gym<br>Priest Visit for<br>Gr. 1 F<br>SIC SK French   | April 1<br>Pizza Day                            |  |