



St. Catherine Catholic School

May School Newsletter

Believe, Love, Act: Love Your Neighbour as Yourself Luke 10:27

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THE VIRTUE OF TOLERANCE

During the month of May, our school will reflect on the virtue of TOLERANCE. As a caring Catholic school community, our students thrive in an environment that stresses tolerance and acceptance of one another as an integral part of the daily life of our school. Tolerance is a belief that every person is sacred. It means more than "to put up with something or someone." It encompasses a set of values of fairness and personal responsibility that are the threshold to a peaceful and equitable society. Tolerance is learned and encompasses an array of values and principles related to respect, nonviolence and peace-making.

The staff and I would like to encourage parents during the month of May to talk to your child about tolerance. We sometimes label children's questions and observations about differences as impolite. Rather than seizing them as teachable moments, we ignore or discourage such remarks because they make us uneasy. We encourage you to seize these moments as learning opportunities and help your child get past stereotypes and prejudicial images and into a deeper understanding of the world around them. Together our Catholic graduates will show themselves to be responsible citizens who respect, understand and affirm the history, cultural heritage and pluralism of today's society. It all begins here in our school and homes.

Paul McManus

- Paul McManus
Principal
- Diane Mather
Vice-Principal
- Caroline Grady
School Council Chair
- John Mackle
Director of Education
- Dale Godin
Superintendent of Schools
- Christine Dunn
Lorne Corkery
Trustees
- Father Kenneth Ray
Father Christopher Reynolds
St. Alphonsus Priests

CATHOLIC SCHOOL LEADERSHIP AWARD

On Wednesday, May 6, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Catholic Leadership medals will be presented to students at a special ceremony to be held at Holy Cross Secondary School. The awards are presented to a student from each school across the system in recognition of his/her outstanding leadership abilities.

This year the winner of this award for St. Catherine school is Brianna Mackey, Gr. 8.



School Mass
Our school Mass will be held on Thursday, May 21 at 9:15 in the school gym for grades 1-8. Please join us!

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The next SEAC meeting will be held on Thursday, May 21 from 7:00-9:30 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Catholic Education Centre.



BLUE JAYS TICKETS

Last chance for Blue Jays tickets. The game will be held on May 30 at 1:07 p.m. Tickets are \$35.00 each. Contact Mrs. Donnelly or Mr. White by May 8, 2009.



EQAO AT ST. CATHERINE SCHOOL

GRADE 3: MAY 25-29, 2009

GRADE 6: JUNE 1-5, 2009

PLEASE AVOID MAKING APPOINTMENTS DURING THESE ASSESSMENT DAYS.



ST. CATHERINE SCHOOL - A GREAT PLACE TO BE - OUR CGE's IN ACTION

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A Reflective and Creative Thinker

At our school this is evident in our students as they work to solve problems and make responsible decisions for the common good.

Our students are aware of social justice issues and have been involved in fund-raising events for charities that include, United Way, Kenya Hope and Toonies for Autism.

Our families are very generous - thank you.

Our students also have an awareness of global issues and issues that effect the environment. Our students were active participants in Earth Day and Earth Hour activities. You make us proud!

Each day the students of St. Catherine school remind us what a privilege it is to share our Catholic Faith with them in our daily routines.



School Track and Field

Students from Grade 4 to 8 will be participating in Track and Field events on Friday, May 22, 2009 with a rain date of Monday, May 25 at St. Catherine School. Winners from these events will participate in the Family of Schools Track and Field Day on Wednesday, June 17 with a rain date of Friday, June 18 at Holy Cross Secondary School.



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 three 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.

BUS TRANSPORTATION

The Transportation Department is looking ahead to next year. An important deadline is quickly approaching. May 29, 2009 is the deadline for submission of Out of Boundary Transportation Requests for 2009/10 as well as Transportation from a Babysitter Requests.

If you are currently involved in Out of Boundary transportation or you need to try and access it for next year, the deadline date is May 29, 2009. Submit the forms to the school and we will ensure they get to the Transportation Department.



PLEASE BE AWARE

This is a reminder to all staff and parent community, that the handicap parking space is ONLY for those who have a handicap permit or have special permission from the school.

TOONIES FOR AUTISM WEEK

A great big " **THANK YOU** " goes out to the St. Catherine school community.

With a donation of 68 CAKES you helped to raise over \$1,700.00 for the Autism Society of Ontario. Mrs. Delaney and the CASA room are very touched by the generosity of both staff and students during this fundraising event.



CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL UPCOMING EVENTS

Pizza Days - May 1, 15 and 29 are the pizza days until the end of the year. Please write these dates on your calendars.

Next Meeting - Our next general meeting will take place on Monday, June 1, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. upstairs in the Staff Room. There is babysitting provided in the gym and all parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.



GIRLS AND BOYS BASKETBALL

Girls

Congratulations to the members of the Senior Girls Basketball Team who had a fantastic 08-09 season. The girls won the Family of Schools Basketball tournament on April 15 and won against St. Joseph's, Bowmanville in the board finals. Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. McDonald & Ms. Peckham applaud your efforts. Thanks for a great season girls!

Boys

On April 16, 2009 the Boys Basketball Team went to the Family of Schools Tournament at Holy Cross Secondary School. They played St. Patrick in the semi-final and lost by a basket. They played hard against St. Alphonsus in the bronze game and after losing at the half came back in the last seconds of the game to win. Mr. Racine and Mr. De Maeyer would like to thank the students for a great season. Thanks also to parents for their support.



PVNC CDSB Presents

Dr. Jean Clinton

Dr. Clinton is renowned locally, provincially, nationally, and more recently internationally as an advocate for children's issues. Her special interest lies in the crucial role relationship and connectedness play in brain development. She speaks to many groups on the importance of relationships, early child development and brain development, parenting and asset building. Jean champions the development of a system of early learning and child care for all young children which she believes plays a vital role in promoting healthy human development.

Dr. Clinton is an entertaining and engaging speaker. This presentation will be of particular interest to parents, kindergarten teachers, school administrators, ECE, day care personnel and supervisors.

7:00 - 9:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 27 at Holy Cross Sec. School, Peterborough

7:00 - 9:00 p.m., Thursday, May 28 at Holy Family Elem. School in Bowmanville

This **FREE** presentation is made possible through the partnership with Durham Best Start, Kawartha Child Care Services, Raising the Bar, Community Living Kawartha Lakes and PVNCCDSB.

