

A Mother's Day Blessing



Blessed is the Mother,
Who lets the
Lord be her
guiding hand,
Whose faith brings
her family courage,
Whose wisdom
comes from God,
And whose children
still stand and
honor her.

Principals' Notes

- It is hard to believe that we are in the month of May already! The school year always seem to go by quickly.
- This month we will have our school Track & Field Meet for Grades 4 through 8. We will also be participating in the WCDSB Intermediate Soccer Tournament and Cross Country!
- Our Faith Life is alive and well at school! May Crowning will take place on May 12th and our Spring Confirmation will take place on Saturday May 27th.
- We have many fun theme days for students to participate in as a prelude to the festivities we will have in June!
- EQAO Testing will run at the end of May and beginning of June. For those Grade 3 & 6 students, please look for communication in regards to the testing.
- We also have a greeting card fundraiser, information has been sent home with a letter outlining the details. They are lovely cards that we have personally bought and used in the past. We thank you in advance for your support.
- **Last but not least, a Very Happy Mother's Day!**
- *Mr. Petrella & Mr Gordon*

Are you moving before September 2023?

Please inform the office of your new address and your moving date. Mrs. Lirusso will be happy to assist you with the registration process in changing schools. We are starting our planning for September and need to have the correct information for staffing. (i.e. number of teachers and classrooms for Sept.) Out of Bounds students must reapply each year to attend Holy Spirit, which are individually reviewed and decided upon. It is strongly recommended that your child attend the school in their new neighbourhood to build friendships within their new community which will follow them through to High School.



CATHOLIC EDUCATION:

**WE ARE
MANY,
WE ARE
ONE**



"We, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members, one of another."
(Romans 12:5)

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

May 1 - 5, 2023

This year's Catholic Education Week theme is, "Rebuild, Restore, Renew Together."

The theme for Catholic Education Week 2023 was inspired by the following considerations:

- The Church worldwide has embarked on a synodal process, "a synod on synodality," which centres on intentional listening: listening to each other and listening to the Holy Spirit. We have each been asked to actively reach out and listen to the voices and experiences of people where they are at and consider what steps the Holy Spirit is inviting us to take as we walk together. As the Catholic Bishops of Ontario highlighted in *Renewing the Promise*, "It is about taking the time to walk alongside one another, to listen and to teach, and in doing so, to transform."
- Ongoing recognition of the Truth & Reconciliation Commission and the importance of Indigenous culture and spirituality as we move forward together.
- The commitment of Catholic school boards to promote the dignity of the human person. Pope Francis' encyclical entitled, *Fratelli Tutti*, will guide us in this good work
- The challenges to personal and spiritual well-being exacerbated by the pandemic makes the timing and the concerns of Mental Health Week, which takes place during the same week as Catholic Education Week, all the more relevant.
- There are five sub-themes for each day of Catholic Education Week and they are listed in [teal](#) on the calendar.

Every year, the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) provides us with a resource kit to help schools prepare for Catholic Education Week. Using these resources, as well as our own developed activities, we have prepared a series of activities, which will highlight how the students and staff at our school are many and one.



BIG BOX OF CARDS Our School fundraiser started last week and runs until Monday May 15th. One box of cards came home with the youngest or only child from each family. Boxes are \$35.00 each. Please combine all your orders and submit the payment through School Cash online. No Cash or cheques please.

If you would like to purchase a box of cards you are welcome to keep the one that was sent home. If purchasing multiple boxes, you can also keep the box that was sent home and we will send the other boxes when they arrive. Multiple boxes can be purchased of either the *All Occasion Cards* or *The Big Box of Birthday Cards* as both are available. The additional boxes will be delivered 1 to 2 weeks after our fundraiser closes.

If you DO NOT wish to purchase the Big Box of Cards, please return the box with ALL 35 cards in it. Cards need to be either purchased or returned. The Birthday Card optioned is pictured to the left.



CLUBS, SPORTS AND EVENTS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY & JUNE

- Track and Field (Grade 4—8)
- Folk Dance (Juniors)
- Badminton Team and Club (Grades 6— 8)
- Cross Country (Grades 4—8)
- Intermediate Soccer
- Junior Three—Pitch
- Ultimate Frisbee (Intermediates)
- Eco Team (all grades)
- Paint Lunch (Grade 6)
- Maker Space during Library Time
- Kids Create (Primary)
- Craft Club (Grades 4—8)
- Mission Day (June)
- Primary Play Day (June)
- School Barbecue (June)
- Firefighter Visits (K, 1 & 3)

MAY THEME DAYS



May 4th



May 19th

TRACK & FIELD



Has been postponed from Thursday May 4th to Monday May 8th. Information sent home May 2nd.



MAY

2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>CATHOLIC EDUCATION: WE ARE MANY, WE ARE ONE</p>	<p>1 When We See</p>	<p>2 When We Listen Truth Assembly Folk Dance Festival</p>	<p>3 When We Reflect</p>	<p>4 When We Learn STAR WARS DAY MAY THE 4TH BE WITH YOU</p>	<p>5 When We Act</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7 5th Sunday of Easter</p>	<p>8 Welcome to our International Students! School Track and Field Meet</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 </p>	<p>13 </p>
<p>14 6th Sunday of Easter </p>	<p>15 Intermediate Soccer Tournament</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 Gr 7 Immunization</p>	<p>18 Welcome to Kindergarten Evening</p>	<p>19 Which Way to the Beach Theme Day</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21 </p>	<p>22  No School</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 </p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28  Holy Spirit Week!</p>	<p>29 Grade 3 EQAO Writing Week</p>	<p>30 Grade 3 EQAO Writing Week Cross Country</p>	<p>31 Grade 3 EQAO Writing Week</p>			