

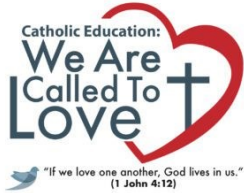
A Mother's Day Blessing



*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.
- We launch the month with Catholic Education Week with the Folk Dance Festive, a Chris Bray Concert and Literacy, Math & Muchies (for parents)
- We will also 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 13th and our Spring Confirmation will take place on Saturday May 25th.
- 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.
- **Last but not least, a Very Happy Mother's Day!**
- **Mr. Petrella & Miss Luis**



CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK: May 5 - 10, 2024

This year's Catholic Education Week theme is, "We are called to love."

The theme for Catholic Education Week 2024 was inspired by the following considerations:

With joyful anticipation of the Jubilee Year of 2025, we are inspired by Pope Francis announcing the theme of "Pilgrims of Hope." With open hearts of love, we can continue to "fan the flame of hope" for a bright future. On the fifth anniversary of Renewing the Promise, we celebrate that Catholic Education is centred on our Christian call to love. This love permeates how we live in the world and as we act with love, we build a better future. As Pope Francis stated in 2023, "He wants us to be artisans of a new history, weavers of hope, builders of the future, peacemakers." The theme of the synod, "Enlarge the Space of Your Tent," invites us to listen in love, to be a healing presence to one another and to strengthen relationships. In his visit to Canada last summer, Pope Francis gave us hope for our continued work for Truth and Reconciliation. Through prayer and a commitment to love, stronger bonds are forming and a new way forward is emerging. Catholic Education Week comes at the same time as Mental Health Awareness Week. Through love and compassion, we continue to support each other's wellbeing. God is love and we are always called to live out this love. In our continued work for Equity and Inclusion in Catholic schools, a focus on love reminds us that all God's children are loved unconditionally.

There are five sub-themes for each day of Catholic Education Week: As people of hope; As people of faith; As people of mercy; As people of justice; As people of joy. Every year, the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) provides our Catholic schools 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 being Called to love together.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK SCHOOL WIDE EVENTS:

Tuesday May 7th: Annual Cambridge Schools Folk Dance Festival

Wednesday May 8th: Chris Bray Concert! Catholic Speaker and Musician. Chris Bray is a full-time travelling Catholic Speaker & Musician. Gospel Music Association Covenant Award Winner, Songwriter of Canadian Christian radio #1 hit songs, "Called" and "Finally Let Go". Seen on EWTN, Shalom, 100 Huntley St. & events such as World Youth Day, Steubenville Toronto, NCYC and more!

There are many class and/or grade specific events and trips also planned for this week.

MISSION FUND DAY

FRIDAY MAY 24TH: 1:00—3:00 P.M.

Once again we look forward to this annual event to raise funds for charity. The Charities we wish to support this year are: Kidsability, Nutrition 4 Learning, and other if necessary.

Families are most welcome to attend to bring their child or children around to the events. This day is like a Fun Fair. Events will include games, bake table, candy table, food booth, white elephant table and more!

Unfortunately, we are no longer permitted to run basket raffles as per AP Memo APB004. Raffles and the like, requires a lottery license from the City of Cambridge. Staff is working to ensure that this popular activity will be replaced with another fun activity.

Please look to School CashOnline this month to purchase your tickets in advance.

FUN FAIR



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)
- Mission Day
- Cross Country (Grades 4—8)
- Intermediate Soccer
- Junior Three—Pitch
- Ultimate Frisbee (Intermediates)
- Horticulture Club
- Chess & Cards Club
- Eco Team (all grades)
- Primary Play Day (June)
- School Barbecue (June)
- Firefighter Visits (K, 1 & 3)

Are you moving before September 2024?



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.)

Know of a family moving into our boundary?

Please encourage them to inform the office of their intent. As noted above, 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.) This is to avoid classroom shifts in the fall.

Out of Bounds students must reapply each year to attend Holy Spirit. Each application is individually reviewed and considered. If these students encounter challenges attending school on time, have frequent absences or face behavioural difficulties, their situation will be addressed. This applications will be sent home at the beginning of the month of May.

BRAG TAGS!



We have initiated this school incentive program. Brag Tags are attached to a ring to your child's back pack. Look for them! We ask that you please do not remove them, we are seeing how many each student can collect! This will carry over to next school year.

Track AND Field

Thurs. May 16th!
Grades 4—8.
See Information sent home April 30th



MAY

2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 May Assembly	3	4
5 6th Sunday of Easter Catholic Education Week 	6 People of Hope	7 People of Faith Welcome to our International Students! Folk Dance Festival	8 People of Mercy Chris Bray Presentation	9 People of Justice Literacy, Math and Munchies	10 People of Joy Hat Day	11
12 Feast of the Ascension 	13 CSAC Meeting 6:00 p.m.	14	15	16 School Track and Field Meet	17	18
19 Holy Spirit Week!	20 No School	21 Wear Red & White	22 School Spirit Day	23 Mass at St. Ambrose	24 Mission Fund for Charity Day	25
26 Trinity	27 Grade 6 EQAO Writing Week Intermediate Soccer Tournament	28 Grade 6 EQAO Writing Week	29 Grade 6 EQAO Writing Week	30 Grade 6 EQAO Writing Week Welcome to Kindergarten Evening	31 PA Day	