



Home of the **PANTHERS!**

May 2016 Newsletter

Principal's Message

Catholic Education Week is a special week in our school, as we continue to celebrate not only the gifts that God has given us, but the Gift of Catholic Education. Our Catholic school and our Catholic teachers support parents in the sacred task of calling forth the fullest human growth of our children including, very importantly, their spiritual growth.

As a Catholic Community, one thing we need to rely on for support and strength - is the triad of Home, School and Parish. Building community is at the heart of our Christian faith. With these pillars working together, your child has the best opportunity to be prepared to meet the challenges of life.

In closing, it is my hope and prayer that the Sacred Heart School community will invite the Holy Spirit to strengthen our pillars of Home, School and Church. With your prayers and participation, we are sure to succeed together in instilling Catholic Gospel Values in our children. They are the future ambassadors of Christ in the world. We should not understate the importance of this and of Catholic Education in Ontario.

Our doors are open and you are all welcome to attend any of the scheduled activities in our school during Catholic Education Week. Please feel free to call our school or check our website for further details.

Yours in faith and education,

Mr. Berthier
Principal

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School Updates

Our 4 to 6 students will be attending a special presentation from Shannon Thunderbird on Thursday, May 19th. This presentation will take place at 1:30 at O’Gorman Intermediate School.

As a friendly reminder, Mrs. Belisle is at lunch from 11:45 to 12:45. During this time the office is closed, therefore the phones and door are not monitored regularly. If you need to drop something off or you have to pick up your child, please do so before 11: 40. Your understanding to this request will be appreciated.

Registrations for our Full Day Junior/Senior Kindergarten are ongoing. If you have a child that is eligible for JK (must be 4 years old by December 31, 2015), please come by the office to pick up a registration package.

Important Dates

May 2nd to May 6th – Catholic Education Week and Mental Health Week.

May 5th – 80th Birthday, Student Led Conference and Art Auction

May 6th – School Mass at Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish beginning at 9:30.

May 8th – Mother’s Day

May 12th – Forms and money due for Dabrowski’s School Fundraiser

May 12th – Jump Rope for Heart

May 19th – Shannon Thunderbird Presentation

May 23rd – Victoria Day

May 25th to May 31st – EQAO Provincial testing for all Grade 3 students

June 1st to June 7th - EQAO Provincial testing for all Grade 6 students

Reminders:

Monthly Virtue: PRUDENCE

The Importance of Prudence:

Prudence, the ability to make good decisions or choices is one of the four cardinal virtues. A prudent person takes the time to think of the consequences of their actions. They will stop and ask themselves what is the right and most loving thing to do. A prudent person would pray and think things through, then act in truth and love. In this way practicing prudence brings us closer to God and our neighbours.

HOME AND SCHOOL - WORKING TOGETHER FOR SCHOOL SUCCESS

Building Understanding – EQAO is getting closer!

The primary division assessment tests the reading, writing and mathematics skills students are expected to have learned by the end of Grade 3. The junior division assessment tests the reading, writing and mathematics skills students are expected to have learned by the end of Grade 6. Both assessments are based on the *Ontario Curriculum*. The dates for these assessments will take place from May 25 to June 8th. Students are expected to be at school on these dates. Please plan trips, etc. outside of these times.

Parent and student resources are available at the EQAO website. These resources include information about this year's test; sample tests from previous years; and tips on how to prepare for the test. To access the website, go to <http://www.eqao.com> and click on "Student Resources" or "Parent Resources" at the top of the page.

If you have any questions regarding the Grade 3 or 6 test, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

A Message from the Spirit Team.....

After another heart breaking loss to the staff members, the students will be taking on the staff at Chinese Baseball. Stay tuned for the date!

Catholic School Council

2015-16 Catholic Parent Council members;

Co-Chairs – Mrs. Taylor and Mr. Dupont

Members – Mrs. Oliver, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Fenton, Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Bird, Mrs. Lauziere, Mrs. Savard, Mr. Corbett, Mr. Chenier and Mr. Westerling

Our next meeting will be held on May 16th at Sacred Heart. The meeting will take place after the parent meeting which begins at 6:30.

Kids and Mental Health

Please see the attached "Quick Facts for Parents – Learning about Mental Health"

For more information on kids and mental health please visit www.kidsmentalhealth.ca.

OUR SCHOOL DAY

8:50 - Entry & Opening Exercises

10:10-10:25 - Morning Recess

11:45-12:15 - Lunch Recess

12:15-12:45 - Lunch Inside

2:05-2:20 - Afternoon Recess

3:20 – Dismissal

OFFICE HOURS

Open from 8:00 am to 11:45 am

Closed from 11:45 am to 12:45 pm

Open from 12:45 pm to 4:00 pm

As a safety issue, we would like to remind you that the supervision of the school yard does not begin until 8:30 a.m. It would be best if students who walk or are dropped off at school do not arrive to school before then.

If you are coming into the school, you are reminded that you must report to the office and not go to your child's classroom or locker. We appreciate your support on this.

Breakfast Snack Program

The Breakfast Snack Program runs from 8:30 to 8:45 every morning in the Library. If you would like to support this amazing program by volunteering or making a donation, please contact the school and speak to Mrs. Belisle or Mr. Berthier.