



# St. Jerome Journal

May 2012

## **Catholic Education Week: Walking in the Light of Christ**



Each year, the Catholic community of Ontario engages in a week-long celebration of the unique identity and distinctive contributions of Catholic education during Catholic Education Week. This year's celebration entitled **Catholic Education: Walking in the Light of Christ** is scheduled for the week of May 6 – May 11. The scriptural theme is **'Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path'** taken from the book of Psalms (119:105). In John's gospel, Jesus proclaims, **"I am the Light of the World"** (John 8:12). Our Catholic schools rejoice to walk in that Light, **'a Light which overcomes the darkness with its radiance'** (Matthew 4:16).

The five sub-themes for *Catholic Education: Walking in the Light of Christ* are:

- Monday – Listening ... in the Light of Christ*
- Tuesday – Learning ... in the Light of Christ*
- Wednesday – Living ... in the Light of Christ*
- Thursday – Loving ... in the Light of Christ*
- Friday - Leading ... in the Light of Christ*

Please see our May calendar for all the activities that will be taking place during Catholic Education Week. We hope to see many of you during our festivities.

### **May's virtue is Humility**

**Humility** is standing before God with an awareness of gratitude for the gifts given. I show when I am myself. I don't worry about impressing other people. I am aware of my ability and I desire to be a better person. When I do something wonderful, humility reminds me to be thankful rather than boastful.

- is experiencing the richness of life through God.
- is more interested in others than self.
- is about being humble about the right things in the right way.
- is "poverty of spirit".
- has no arrogance or self-righteousness.
- is living your life in total dependence on God.

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## **Catholic Education Week—May 6-11<sup>th</sup>**

**May 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Formal Dress Day** - Wear your “Sunday Best” to school.

9:15 a.m. Catholic Education Week **Mass** at Holy Name

**Open House** – PM

**Scholastic Book Fair** – PM

**May 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Pyjama Day**

**National Teachers Day**

**Author visit** – Welcome Jo Ellen Bogart - AM

**Book Fair** – Stage – All Day

5:00 – 7:00 – **Pyjama Party** for JK Registrants and JK students.

**May 9<sup>th</sup>**

**School Colours Day** – Wear yellow and blue.

**Faith Play Day** - PM

11:00 a.m. – Gr. 1 / 2 Immersion **Mother’s Day Tea**

**Book Fair** – Stage – All Day

**May 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Wacky Hair Day**

8:45 – 11:40 a.m. - **Jump Rope for Heart** – Gym

1:00 p.m. – **Walk in the Light of Christ** with Sacred Heart School students. Walk begins on the corner of Main Street & Government Road and ends at the Royal Canadian Legion.

**Book Fair** – Stage – All Day

**May 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Hat Day & Bubble Gum Day**

9:00 a.m. – **Camp Quality Puppet Show** about Bullying in the gym.

1:00 p.m. – **Living Rosary** with Sacred Heart School in our gymnasium.

**School Assembly** to follow...

## **Holy Childhood**

Our school has raised \$ 197.08 towards this worldly cause.

## **National Denim Day**



Will take place on Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Students can participate to wear denim and receive a Cure Breast Cancer Ribbon in exchange for a coin donation to the Cure Foundation.

## **Welcome !**

A big St. Jerome welcome goes out to Miss Kayley Sinclair to our staff. Kayley is working as a Tutor in the classroom. We are very glad to have you. We are saddened to say goodbye to Cora-Lee Sullivan who has worked with us on a student placement as a Child & Youth Worker. We will miss you!

## **E. Q. A. O. Testing**

From May 23<sup>rd</sup> to May 30<sup>th</sup>, the Grade 3 students will be

taking part in the provincial assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics. The Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) is responsible for developing the assessments which give the students the opportunity to demonstrate what they have learned up to the end of the grade 3 school year. The best way to prepare your child is to make sure they get a good night’s sleep and are at school on time.



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### **Subway Lunch**

As part of our Healthy Foods awareness program we are offering a Subway Lunch to our students on Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure that you have completed and turned in your order form.

### **Vesey's Fund-raiser**

The product has arrived from Vesey's and can be picked-up anytime. Total sales amounted to \$ 1,680.00 which in turn gives our school 50% in profit, giving us \$ 840.00 in profit. Thanks for your fundraising efforts!

### **School Lunches**

It has been brought to our attention by our lunchtime supervisors that there is a lot of food being thrown out by our students. There are many children making complaints that they do not like their lunches and therefore, we have decided to send home any uneaten items, so that parents can see what their children are eating at school. Also, please be reminded that our school offers your child a healthy morning snack on a daily basis, therefore keep this in mind when packing snacks for your child.



### **Attendance and Lates**

We are noticing many families arriving late at school. Please remember the bell rings at 8:45 a.m. and students should be in their desk ready to begin work at that time. Being on time for school sets the stage for good work habits for the future. Students that are late interrupt the learning that is taking place in the classroom and creates anxiety in the students as they are forced to catch up on what they have missed. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

### **Driveway**

A reminder that parking/stopping in the driveway by the front door is **prohibited**. We have three busses that use the lane way but often the access is blocked and they cannot make the turn safely.

### **Easter Draw**

The lucky winner of our Easter Basket draw was Nicholas Murphy. Our school raised \$ 63.16 towards our general student funds.

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