



UPCOMING EVENTS

- ★ Stations of the Cross Service—April 5 1:15 in the gym
- ★ School Council Meeting April 10th at 6:30
- ★ PD Day April 16th—NO SCHOOL



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THE ALL-STAR GAZETTE

APRIL 2012

ST. PAUL SCHOOL—TIMMINS

A Message from the Principal



With Holy Week having begun on Monday, we are called to remember the sacrifice made by Jesus for our salvation. Before he suffered and died for us, Jesus described quite clearly how his followers will behave in Heaven. He did not speak in parables; there was nothing confusing about his words. How we love others is the way we express our love for him.

The Meaning Behind Holy Week

Palm Sunday
Palm Sunday is the first day of Holy Week. It is the day we commemorate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The branches we receive on Palm Sunday remind us of the willingness with which Jesus went to Jerusalem, even though it meant death for him. Families place these palms in prominent places at home, for example, behind a crucifix or a framed picture of Christ. The palms are kept until the following year, when they are returned to church to be burned for ashes that will be used on Ash Wednesday.

Holy Thursday

On Holy Thursday we remember that Jesus washed the feet of his disciples as a sign of loving service. He told his followers to remember his actions and care for others as he did. Many families begin their observance of Holy Thursday by beginning with an evening meal of lamb to represent Jesus, Lamb of God, who died for our sins; unsliced bread, and grape juice which symbolizes the Eucharist. This special meal symbolizes the Last Supper where Jesus gave us the sacrament of his body and blood.

Good Friday

Good Friday is the day of Christ's suffering and death. It is a day of quiet reflection and prayer, especially between the hours of noon and three in the afternoon. During this somber time we contemplate Christ's ultimate sacrifice of love.

Holy Saturday

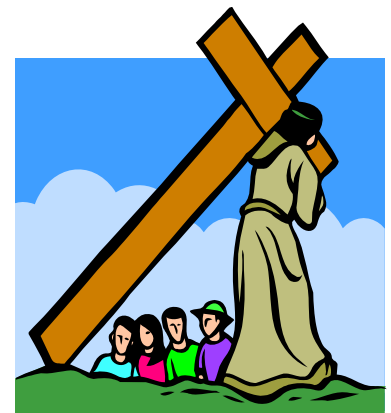
Holy Saturday is a vigil for Jesus, our Saviour and Lord who is hidden in the tomb. His followers

long for his return. On this day of waiting, many families spend the day preparing for the glorious day of resurrection. Children enjoy colouring and decorating eggs on Holy Saturday to represent the rebirth of life through the resurrection.

Easter Sunday

Christ our Lord has risen today! The parish church and the family home are made festive with brightly coloured eggs and with flowers from a world made beautiful with new life. We embrace, share a feast, we rejoice with many alleluias!

Happy Easter to all our Families!



HOLY THURSDAY
Thursday, April 5th

Stations of the Cross Service
School Gym
1:15 pm

Please come and join us for this very moving service honoring Jesus' sacrifice for us.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Kick-Off Assembly
Wednesday, April 25th at
1:15 in the gym

Canvassing
April 25 to May 11th

Event
Friday, May 11th in pm





Are your children on time for school each day?

Have your children missed more than 10 days of school this year so far?

REGULAR ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT TO YOUR CHILD'S SUCCESS IN SCHOOL!



OUR SCHOOL

VISION...

Parents, Students

and Staff

Promoting

Achievement,

Understanding &

Spirituality



WANTED: ABORIGINAL ARTISANS

We are very excited to share that our school has been provided with special funds to engage our students in a project that will allow us to learn about, and celebrate the Aboriginal culture within our school. This project will allow us to hire facilitators to teach our students a skill, artform or form of music related to Aboriginal culture. This instruction would take place on Thursday afternoon from 1 :30-3 :00 pm over a 4-week period beginning April 26th and ending May 17th.

We are looking for any parent, guardian , friend or family member who might have expertise they could share with our students. A per diem of \$200 will be provided to each facilitator hired for this period of time.

Here is a list of the activities we were thinking might be appropriate—Beadwork on Moosehide; Jewellery Making; Traditional Dance; Traditional Drumming; Aboriginal Painting; Sketching; Photography; Guitar; Creation of a Dreamcatcher; Outdoor Education; Traditional Cooking.

We are also open to any other ideas anyone might have.

If you have a talent or skill you are willing to share, WE NEED YOU! Please call Mrs. Brumwell at your earliest convenience to discuss this.

ACADEMIC UPDATE

Our staff and students have been hard at work all year on improving reading, writing and mathematics achievement school-wide. Just like our students, our teachers are always learning as well! Here are a few of the Ministry of Education & School projects we have been involved in that is having a direct impact on the teaching and learning happening in your child's classroom:

- ★ **Collaborative Inquiry for Learning in Mathematics**—All Grade 3 to 6 Teachers and Classrooms Involved. Students are learning math through problem solving and how to make their thinking more visible when they talk and write about math.
- ★ **Ontario Focused Intervention Program**—Our primary goal this year is to raise the number of students who are reading with accuracy and understanding at year-end benchmarks. Teachers have been hard at work consolidating their teaching practices in guided reading to ensure consistency in practice and a focus on critical thinking skills.
- ★ **Catholic Learning Community Meetings**—Supports our School Improvement Plan and has focused on teachers working together to help our students make their thinking more visible. We have been working on helping students tell us what they know when speaking and writing by asking them What do you think? How do you know? This strategy is being used across all curriculum subjects.

CELEBRATING OUR FAITH



The Cardinal virtue of **Justice** is evident in our Catholic Schools whenever we see people striving to meet their obligations to God and neighbour.

The Goals of the virtue are:

- † To base our actions on truth and justice
- † To help our students seek what is good in every situation
- † To help our students recognize that their decisions affect the lives of others (fair trade products)
- † To practice living in relationship with God and neighbour

Exemplifying Justice means:

- † Respecting the dignity of everyone
- † Standing up for what is right and what we know God wants
- † Treating others fairly and with dignity
- † Making decisions based on what is best for others (including animals and the environment)