



OICS NEWSLETTER

MAY, 2019



SPRING OPEN HOUSE

We are excited to be hosting our annual spring open house to welcome new families to the school. With the recently announced change in our school's grade complement (Grade 6 to 8) we will have the space to continue to grow and to offer our students and families the very best education possible. Our Open House will be on **May 8th**. We welcome students going into Grade 6 and 7 from 9:30am – 11:00am. We have exciting activities planned to introduce them to the school. Parents are invited to join us for an Information Night at 6:30pm.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK AT OICS

The theme for 2019 is "Living as Joyful Disciples." Every year, the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association provides schools with resources to help support Catholic education week. This year we highlight how the students and staff at our school are Living as Joyful Disciples. In the Pastoral Letter on Catholic Education by the Bishops of Ontario, we read that "Our Catholic schools help to form joyful disciples as hearts and minds are opened to the transforming love of God and to the flame of faith in action. On a daily basis, Catholic schools demonstrate the joy of believing and witness the Good News to the communities that they serve." In this spirit, we have planned many special activities over the week to celebrate.

On **Tuesday, May 7th**, our school will enjoy **lunch at the Lord's Kitchen** to raise funds for them to feed our community's poor. We are asking every child to donate \$5.00 to cover the cost of the lunch and to provide a donation for the Lord's Kitchen. We have always been very successful at making a meaningful donation and we hope to continue to do so.

GRADE 6 EQAO

The grade 6 provincial assessment will take place over five days beginning **Wednesday, May 22nd** and finishing on **Tuesday, May 28th**. All grade 6 students will be writing this assessment. Further information will go home to parents of these students but we cannot stress enough the **importance of being on time, having a healthy breakfast and being well rested during this week.** We wish all our Grade 6 students the best as they demonstrate all their knowledge from their junior years.

YEAR END GRADE 8 CELEBRATION

We are currently planning our year end celebration for our grade 8 students which will take place on **Tuesday, June 25**. Our school Mass will be held in the morning to which you are all invited. The grade 8 celebration will take place at St. Anthony's at 6:30 pm followed by a dance for the grade 8 OICS students. **We do need parent volunteers to assist in supervising the dance.** If you are able to volunteer for the dance, please contact the school. **We require a minimum of three parent volunteers for the dance to go ahead as planned.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Balance due for the **Grade 8 Trip** (May 3)
- Catholic Education Week** (May 6th to 10th)
- Lord's Kitchen** fundraiser lunch (May 7th)
- Book Fair** (May 8th – 10th)
- Volleyball Team play (May)
- Grade 8 OHS **Uniform Fittings** coming up at the end of May
- EQAO** May 22nd to May 28th



The Graduation Mass on **June 25th** in the morning is mandatory for all grade 8 students. Parents are welcome to join us!

Should appointments for hair, etc.. be required, please ensure that they are scheduled in the afternoon.

**Virtue of the month:
TEMPERANCE**

The goal of this virtue:

- Being in control of your thoughts and actions
- Communicating in a calm and strong voice
- Knowing your limits
- Having a sense of accomplishment when reaching a goal
- Practicing balance in living responsibly
- Being honest about who you are

Before you act	listen
Before you react	think
Before you spend	earn
Before you criticize	wait
Before you pray	forgive
Before you quit	try

We live in a world that constantly sends us messages that if it feels good, it must be good for us. Instead of consuming too much or focusing on things that give us immediate gratification for only brief moments, we should practice temperance.



Mrs. Harkins' Grade 7 French Immersion class hosted a Bake Sale during Holy Week to support a local organization who provides hygiene supplies for women in need. We are so proud of their efforts!



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Over the last few months, we have been focussing on goal setting in Literacy. We want students to discover a love of reading and the knowledge and understanding that comes with good reading comprehension. We have set a goal of revitalizing classroom libraries to ensure that we have the texts and materials on hand to motivate students to read. Having books in classrooms is just the beginning. Inspiring our students to keep reading, and comprehend what they read will help them develop the ability to think creatively and critically. We will be hosting a **Scholastic Book Fair** during Catholic Education Week. It will be open for students to purchase books from **2:00pm to 3:30pm, May 8th 10th**. We will also host an evening Family Event during our Open House on May 8th.



Students in Ms. Salvati's Grade 6 class enjoyed an engineering challenge in science class to build the tallest, most solid structure using only toothpicks and jelly beans!

