



OICS NEWSLETTER

APRIL, 2019



SPRING HAS SPRUNG!

Spring has arrived at O’Gorman Intermediate and we look forward to seeing an end to the snow! This month brings exciting new opportunities for our students and we wait in anticipation of the resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday. We remain committed to supporting each of our students to reach their potential, each and every day. We believe in them and their achievements big or small. This means that they must be partners in their learning. They need to be at school consistently and on-time. They need to be engaged and present to interact with their peers and staff in positive ways and do their best when completing work assignments and tasks. We do need parents to be partners as well. The best way you can help your child be successful is to ensure they are at school daily, on-time and ready to learn.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Grade 8 Trip Deposit (Apr.5)
- DChef Lunch Club (Apr.1,12,15,23,29)
- NHL Jersey Day (Apr.10th)
- Reconciliation (Apr 11)
- Lenten Mass (Apr 16)
- Good Friday –No School (Apr 19)
- Easter Monday –No School (Apr 22)
- Earth Day (Apr 22)
- OICS Orientation Day (Apr 30)
- Balance due for the Grade 8 Trip (May 1)

EASTER 2019

Lent is not all about sacrifice. Will giving up sweets or junk food help us to see and love Christ in the people who stand in front of us everyday? Everything depends on the attitudes in our hearts. God only wants us to change the things we do if it will make our hearts, souls and minds overflow with love for him. All of our work during Lent leads us to Easter, when we will join in celebrating the Resurrection on Easter Sunday. Lent is not an unhappy time, but it is a serious time. It is an opportunity to think about how much God means to us and how we are living up to God’s law of love. We choose actions that help us become more prayerful, live more simply and teach us to share what we have with those in need. We have many activities planned in the weeks leading up to Easter to help our students know and understand the importance of this most important season in the liturgical calendar.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION AND MASS

Father John Lemire will be at the school on **Thursday, April 11th** beginning at 9am to engage in Reconciliation for those who wish to receive it. As Catholics, it is an important step as we prepare for Easter. We will also attend a Lenten Mass at 10am on **Tuesday, April 16th**. Please join us in prayer.

MILK FORMS

Milk forms for April until the end of the year were distributed today.

Forms and money are due on **Friday, April 5th, 2019**

DCHEF COOKING WITH KIDS

We are very excited to announce a new partnership with DChef. Diane Rochefort is a locally known chef who offers learning experiences relating to food preparation. She will be at the school once a week to engage with students in Grades 7 and 8 over the lunch hour. The students will learn to make a variety of foods and perhaps try new items. She will also offer workshops to students in Grades 5 and 6 in afternoon alongside their classroom teachers. We look forward to seeing and tasting the culinary creations!

GRADE 8 TRIP LAST DEPOSIT DUE

Virtue of the month: FORTITUDE

In order to assist our children in practicing what is good and just, we need to provide them with opportunities to do things that require an effort and model situations that allow them to take a stand. Parents, guardians, loved ones and teachers must never forget that they are models to their children. If we are living a life of fortitude, our children will learn by our example.

- + Encourage your child to undertake activities that will improve themselves or others
- + Foster in your child, the ability to take up a position, to look out for one another, to protect a classmate, and defend another person's dignity even when others do not
- + Discuss with your child, the struggles they are facing at home, school and with friends. Give them strategies and language needed to say "yes" and "no" bravely to others.

A reminder that the April deposit is due this week and the final payment for any remaining balance owing for the Toronto Trip is due **May 1st.**



FUNDRAISING

We will be starting our last fundraiser of the year this month. We will be selling pepperettes again. Each package will be sold for \$20 and \$6 from each sale goes towards your child's fundraising total. This is a perfect opportunity for those students who still have a balance left owing on their Toronto Trip. Grade 7 students should also remember that they should start earning money towards their own grade 8 trip as it will definitely help them out for next year! All money left in the grade 7's fundraising account will go towards their grade 8 trip. On behalf everyone at OICS, we would like thank you for your efforts with our fundraising venture.

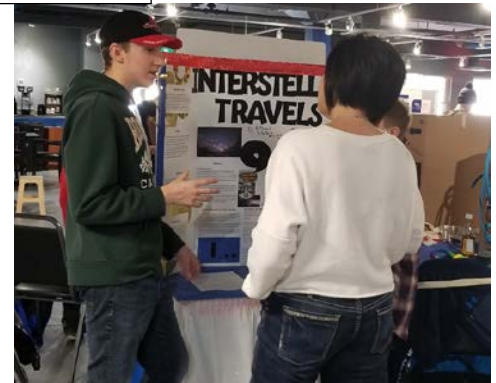


Left:
Tyler Gagnon and Avery Roussy earned a second place finish at the regional science fair last Friday with their project on Aerodynamics



Right:
Nathaniel Debastos and Landon Monette also had strong finishes with their project on Interstellar Travel

We are so proud of all of our Grade 8 students who participated!



*On behalf of the Staff and Students of O'Gorman
Intermediate School:*

May the glory of the Lord's miracle strengthen your faith and renew your hope. We wish you all a blessed Easter!

