



St. Jerome Journal

May 2016

Catholic Education Week

This year, Education Week is May 1 – 6th, 2016. *The Theme is Opening Doors of Mercy.*

CATHOLIC EDUCATION
OPENING DOORS OF MERCY



Pope Francis has declared 2016 a “Holy Year of Mercy” as a way for the Catholic church to “make more evident, its mission to be a witness of mercy”. The Holy Year began on December 8, 2015 and will be celebrated until November 20, 2016. Throughout the year, there will be a series of jubilee celebrations on the theme of mercy for teenagers, deacons, the sick and disabled, prisoners, catechists and clergy.

As well, Pope Francis opened the Vatican’s Holy Door on December 8th. The Holy Door is opened to evoke the concept of forgiveness which is the main focus of a Holy Year. The theme God’s mercy is illustrated in fifteen of the sixteen bronze panels that make up the Vatican Door. There are seven such Holy Doors in the world, including one in Quebec City.

Catholic Education Week 2016 combines both the theme of mercy and the act of opening doors of reconciliation, mercy and forgiveness to all around us.

There are five sub-themes for each day of Catholic Education Week:

Monday:	Mercy that Welcomes
Tuesday:	Mercy that Loves
Wednesday:	Mercy that Forgives
Thursday:	Mercy that Lives the Gospel
Friday:	Mercy that Rejoices

Every year, the Ontario Catholic School Trustees’ Association (OCSTA) provides our Catholic schools with a resource kit to help schools prepare for Catholic Education Week. Using these resources as well as our own developed activities we have prepared a series of activities which will highlight how our school is ‘Opening Doors of Mercy’.

We hope to see many of you during our school celebrations.

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Catholic Education Week—May 2-6th

Monday, May 2nd – Mercy that Welcomes

“Dress Your Best” Day

† 9:45 a.m. Catholic Education Week **Mass** at Holy Name Church

† **Jump Rope for Heart** kick-off assembly

Tuesday, May 3rd - Mercy that Loves

“Pyjama” Day

† In class **Prayer Service**.

Book Fair –Room 207 – All Day

† 5:30 p.m. – **JK Pyjama & Pizza Party** and information session for current JK students and NEW registrants of 2016-2017.

Wednesday, May 4th – Mercy that Forgives

“Blue & Gold” Day

† In class **Prayer Service**.

Book Fair – Room 207 – All Day

Thursday, May 5th - Mercy that Lives the Gospel

“Wacky Hair / Hat ” Day

† In class **Prayer Service**.

Book Fair – Room 207 – All Day

† **FDK & Grade 3 FI students to visit Sacred Heart FI classes for a classroom activity.**

† **Art Night** – 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. – Gymnasium

Friday, May 6th – Mercy that Rejoices

“Jersey” Day

† **Prayer Service** in the gym at 9:15 a.m.

† **Faith Play Day** beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Jump Rope for Heart

We will be having our kick-off assembly for our Jump Rope for Heart activity in support of the Heart & Stroke Foundation on Monday, May 2nd, 2016 during the afternoon.



GRADE 3 SWIM PROGRAM



Grade 3 students will be participating in the Swim to Survive program. Students from Mrs. Shannon Culhane's class along with the Gr. 3 Immersion students will swim on May 9th, May 11th & 13th from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Mrs. Orth's Grade 3 class will swim on May 16, 17 & 18th from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

MacMillan's Spring Fund-raiser



Thank you to everyone who participated in our spring campaign. Our school raised \$ 1,304.50 towards student activities.

McDonald's FREE Lunch



On Tuesday, May 17th we will be offering a FREE McDonald's Happy Meal Lunch. Please watch for order information.

Subway

Our next Subway lunch will take place on Wednesday, May 25th, 2016. Orders are due on May 18th. Please ensure that you have completed an order form.

EQAO – Grade 3 Parents

EQAO begins on May 25th and students will be writing language and math assessments every morning until and including June 2nd. Please ensure that your child arrives to school on time. More information to come...