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Theme: Justice

April, with its celebration of Easter, has been assigned the virtue of JUSTICE. At this time we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus who is the Just One who died for the sake of the unjust, that He might lead people back to God. But justice is also an important part of Catholic teaching beyond Christ's Death and Resurrection. The need to do justice comes from the obligation to respect the dignity of every human person. This dignity comes from being created in God's image. Failing to respect human dignity, including failing to do justice, is a failure to respect the image of God in others. As in this month's quote, "Let justice flow like a stream, and righteousness like a river that never goes dry." Amos 5:24

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents:

With April upon us, we see the end of the Lenten season and our Easter celebrations, marking the great sacrifice that our Lord Jesus bore for us and our sins. He suffered willingly for us and died on the cross, and to show us that there is life everlasting, He rose again. April is a time of renewal, of being reborn out of the darkness and into the light of Christ. It is a time or renewal for our spirits to be cleansed and reborn, as well as our minds and our relationship with God.

Our virtue of the month is Justice, which is a virtue that is given high praise in many parts of the gospel and God's teachings to us. "If you listen to me, you will know what is right, just and fair" Proverbs 2:9 Justice is a vital component in our everyday lives and one that has wide repercussions when it is not met. Teaching our students what is just and fair will help them to understand how and why it is important to treat others with the utmost respect at all times. In treating others justly and fairly we ensure that we are treated the same, and in doing so, we spread the word of the Lord.

April also brings with it another renewal, that of the season of spring. Our environment is renewed for another season with more sunshine, flowers, fresh air and water. It is a time to enjoy the blessings of the earth that God gave us, and treat our planet with the respect it deserves. In following with this theme, Earth Day takes place this month, celebrated all over the world. On this day people all over the world celebrate the planet we were given, and look to educate our upcoming generations of the importance of taking great care of it, and preserving its incredible biodiversity with all the gifts it provides us with. Lastly the month of April brings us the year's first hunting season, and I would like to wish everyone a safe and successful hunt on the water

Hunter's Prayer

O God, thank you for your creation,

and on the land. On that note I

would offer a hunter's prayer:

for the land that sustains us, the game that feeds us, and the hunt that blesses us. Grant us wisdom to be safe. Grant us the patience for a clean shot, so that we might be good stewards of every life you give.

Amen.

- Rev. Eldon Reich

In closing may God bless you and your family, and may we always remember to be grateful and thankful to the Lord for his sacrifice and all of the blessings he gives us.

"With God we make a Difference"

Sincerely,

Heath Hough

Heath Hough, Principal



Easter Prayer Contest Winners!

Gabriel Jardino 3rd Prize Sebastian Tippeneskum 2nd Prize Dyran Nakogee 1st Prize

Safety Reminder: Students are not supervised before 8:30 each morning or before 12:40 each day. Please do not send your children to school before these times as nobody is scheduled to supervise before these times. I know that students want to come earlier but it is a <u>real</u> safety concern if they are here unsupervised. We ask for your cooperation in this important safety concern.



Reggie Leach, a former NHL player, signing autographs for students from BBS and MPS.



The NHL trophies on display at the Northern College-JBEC gym.





Students of the Month—March 2012

Principal's Award to:

Sebastian Tippeneskum, SK

For working very hard on his letters and learning them all! Great work!

Anna Blueboy, SK

Anna loves to write in class. She works hard and tries not to disturb those around her. Keep it up, Anna!

Jyceah Nakogee, SK

Jyceah has been really working hard to sound out words in her Guided Reading group. Good job, Jyceah!

Rayden Solomon, Gr. 2

Rayden was chosen as student of the month because of his effort in class and his willingness to help others.

Angel Peruelo, Gr. 6

Angel demonstrates the virtue of forgiveness in being patient with other students that need extra attention. She also is a strong leader and assists others in their struggles in class.

R J. Sutherland, Gr. 8

He has greatly improved his attendance and has been working very hard to complete his work.

Jonah Tippeneskum, SK, French-as- a-Second Language

Jonah loves to speak in French. He is very good at it. Trés bien, Jonah!

Chelsea Kirk, JK, Native-as-a-Second Language

For her excellent behavior and atti-

Self Portraits Piscasso Style

Gr. 7/8 Class



Catholic Education Week **May 6 - May 11, 2012**









THE MEANING OF EASTER Three days after his death on the cross, "Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, 'Peace be with you'. They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my

feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see" (Luke 24:36b-39a) After Jesus rose from the dead, the Bible tells us that he stayed with his friends for a little while to teach them: "Then Jesus said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you-that everything written about me in the

law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.'

Even with Jesus' help, it took time for the disciples to understand what the Resurrection meant. In fact, with the help of the Holy Spirit, we are still studying and growing in our understanding of this amazing wonder, even today!



-from Children's Daily Prayer 2010-2011

1st Prize: Dyran Nakogee, Gr. 3; 2nd Prize: Sebastian Tippeneskum, Gr. 2, and 3rd Prize: Gabriel Jardino, Gr. 1.

April 6-Good Friday & April 9-Easter Monday: no

April 26- School Mass at 10:00 a.m. at Christ the King Church. Everyone welcome.





St. Patrick's Day activities went well and treats were given to each

Easter Prayer Contest was run by Ms. Martis, Resource Teacher. Over 30 entries were received from Kindergarten to Gr. 3.





