

St. Pat's Pulse

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Upcoming St. Patrick School Events:

May 5

-Catholic Education Week Chocolates sent home

-Bring your parent to school 10:30-11:30 OR 12:45-1:45

-McHappy Day—come see some of your favourite staff from 4-5pm

May 6

-Community Service Challenge—Tree of Hope

-Move-a-thon money due to office by 3:15 to be eligible for prizes

May 7

-4th Annual Move-a-thon 10:15-11:30

-BBQ 11:30-12:30 & prize assembly

May 10

-Grade 3/4 immersion students to KDHS to see francophone group "Swing" 1pm

May 12

-Avgen orders due

May 18

-Grade 7 & 8 immunizations

-Grade 7 & 8 fundraising steering committee meeting @ 6

May 19

Final Catholic School Council meeting of the year @ 6pm



Catholic Education Week

In a world that often fixates on the negative, divisive and cynical, the goodness and giftedness that comes from our school and other Catholic schools can be overlooked. This year's Catholic Education Week (May 2-7) celebrates our schools with this theme: Catholic Education: Rejoicing in Hope. The scriptural text comes from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians where he writes, "Rejoice in the Lord always....and the God of peace will be with you," (Phil 4:4, 9). We have accomplished many wonderful things this year; let's take some time during Catholic Education Week to celebrate them!

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

Monday—Hope in our hearts

Tuesday—Hope in our homes

Wed.—Hope in our schools

Thursday—Hope in our communities

Friday—Hope in our World
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 school developed activities we have prepared a series of activities to highlight why our school should "Rejoice in Hope".

Here are a few highlights:

- Classroom activities
- Daily Prayer Services
- Tuesday—School Mass at 9:00
- Wednesday—Bring your parent to school 10:30-11:30 and/or 12:45-1:45
- Wednesday—Come see staff members at McDonald's from 4-5 p.m. for McHappy Day
- Wednesday—Catholic Education Week Chocolates sent home

- Thursday—Community service challenge—Tree of Hope
- Friday—4th Annual Move-a-thon 10:15-11:30
- Friday—BBQ from 11:30-12:30

Volunteers are needed for these events—contact the school at [335-3241](tel:335-3241)

Throughout Catholic Education Week, we ask you to reflect on the significance of Catholic Education's presence and contributions in our Church and in our society. We invite all members of our community, especially our parents, to participate in the celebrations and activities that will mark the celebration of Catholic Education Week 2010 at our school.

"Once you choose hope, anything is possible"

Move-a-thon Prizes

The Catholic School Council is very pleased to offer an amazing assortment of prizes for this year's move-a-thon—our big school fundraiser. All prizes will be on display next week in the lobby—come check them out.

This year, we have a GRAND PRIZE for the student who raises the most money: a Nintendo Wii. Also, every student that raises \$50

or more, their name will be put into a draw for a cool door prize. There are also prizes for each division:

JK, K, Grade 1

- Bike, kite, summer fun kit, pool pass

Grade 2, 3, 4

- Bike, kite, summer fun kit, pool pass, sports equipment

Grade 5, 6

- bike, kite, sport equipment, pool pass, sports equipment

Grade 7, 8

- Bike, kite, sport equipment.

Be sure to get those pledges to win these amazing prizes. All pledges & money must be returned to the school on Thursday May 6 by 3:15 to be eligible for prizes.



Anti-bullying poetry winners



Our anti-bullying committee held a poetry contest during the month of April. Special thanks to Mrs. Rusnak and the anti-bullying committee. There were nearly 100 entries for this contest. Here are the winners: Primary—Mr. Caruso’s Class, Junior—Jazzy W., Intermediate Cody B. Honourable mentions to: Kathryn, Schuyler, Liam, Brooke, Breanna, Sebastien.

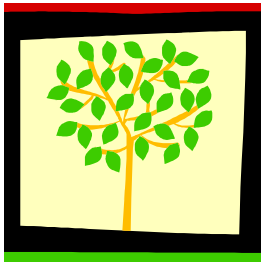
We will showcase some of these winning poems during upcoming editions of the St. Pat’s Pulse. Here is a poem from one of our Grade 7 students, Brooke.

It’s not alright, it’s not OK

Trying to do something innocent—and everything goes wrong.
You hit me, you hurt me—but I’ve got to stay strong.
You say that you like me—but I know that you don’t.
I told myself I’d tell someone—but I know that I won’t.
Why does it have to be this way—It’s not alright, and it’s not OK.



Tree of HOPE



The theme for Catholic Education Week for Thursday May 6 is “hope in our community”. We have always had a strong tradition of community outreach at St. Patrick School. I am formally challenging staff and students to get involved in their community during the month of May

by: giving back, completing a random act of kindness or completing an act of charity. For each act or activity individuals or classes can complete they will earn a leaf on our tree of hope which is in the lobby. We are hoping that by the end of May, our entire lobby will be full of leaves

showing that people can have hope in our students and in our community. So think about ways that you can help make your home, school and community a better place. *“Be the change you want to see in the world”*

Are you ready for the talent show?



Our annual Spaghetti Supper and Talent Show is coming to St. Patrick School on Thursday, May 27th. This special event will take place during our week-long 50th anniversary celebrations. This year, we will jump into a time machine and journey through the decades; each number will need to fit into one of the following categories: 1960’s, 1970’s, 1980’s, 1990’s and the present. There will be a maximum number of acts for each decade, so put on your thinking caps—auditions start on Monday May 10th. Make sure you sign up on the music door this week.

Some possible acts for the talent show could include:

- Playing a musical instrument
- Magic tricks
- Comedy number/jokes
- Singing
- Dancing
- Your creative

