



St. Jerome Journal

May 2013

Catholic Education Week: Growing Together in Faith



Catholic schools are Catholic communities. Catholic schools are faith communities. We – parents, students, teachers, administrative and support staff – walk and grow together in the faith which we received at our Baptism. And it is the

'together' that we grow. And as we learn from nature, growth relies on sun and water and nutrition. Otherwise, it may fade away and even die. Our growth is primarily a relationship with God, who at our Baptism, called us by name. But the response of each of us to that growth is both personal and communal. We grow in our faith in the nurturing atmosphere of our Catholic community be that of our local parish, our home, or our Catholic school community.

Our school community will celebrate Catholic Education Week 2013 in ways that are appropriate to our students' age. We invite you to participate in one or other of these activities as your personal time and work schedule may permit.

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

Monday – Faith that is Rooted

Tuesday – Faith that is Nurtured

Wednesday – Faith that is Discerned

Thursday – Faith that is Witnessed

Friday – Faith that is Celebrated

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 'Growing Together in Faith'.

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

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Catholic Education Week—May 5-10th

May 6th

School Colours Day – Wear yellow and blue.

9:30 a.m. Catholic Education Week **Mass** at Holy Name

1:00 p.m. Grade 1 / 2 and 2 / 3 English classrooms will visit the KL Food Bank.

May 7th

Pyjama Day

Prayer Service in classrooms.

Book Fair – Library – All Day

Open House for Theraplay from 8:55 a.m. – 9:25 a.m. in Mrs. Conrad’s Class and from 9:25 a.m. – 9:55 a.m. in Ms. Laporte’s Class.

Grade 2/3 Classrooms **Bake Sale** during the am.

6:00 – 7:00 – **Pyjama Party** for JK Registrants and JK students.

May 8th

Formal Dress Day - Wear your “Sunday Best” to school.

Open House for Theraplay from 8:55 a.m. – 9:25 a.m. in Mme Gagnon’s Class and from 9:25 a.m. – 9:55 a.m. in Mme Foy’s Class.

Book Fair – Library – All Day

Spring Concert – 1:00 p.m. – Gym.

Fudge and Candy Sale.

Spring Basket Draw

May 9th

Jersey and Hat Day

Prayer Service in classrooms.

Open House all day.

Jump Rope for Heart during gym classes.

Special Classroom activities with parents such as student portfolio sharing, tea parties, etc. (Parents please look for further information coming from your child’s teacher.)

Portfolio Morning – Grade 1 / 2 & 2 / 3 Parents are all welcomed to come in and discuss their child’s work with them and play math games.

Book Fair – Library – All Day

May 10th

Wacky Hair Day

Faith Play Day in the AM.

Living Rosary in the PM.

Holy Childhood

Our school has raised \$ 335.97 towards this worldly cause.

May’s virtue is Humility

Humility is standing before God with an awareness of gratitude for the gifts given. I show when I am myself. I don't worry about impressing other people.

I am aware of my ability and I desire to be a better person. When I do something wonderful, humility reminds me to be thankful rather than boastful.

- is experiencing the richness of life through God.
- is more interested in others than self.
- is about being humble about the right things in the right way.
- is “poverty of spirit”.
- has no arrogance or self-righteousness.
- is living your life in total dependence on God.

National Denim Day



Will take place on Tuesday, May 14th. Students can participate to wear denim and receive a Cure Breast Cancer Ribbon in exchange for a coin donation to the Cure Foundation.

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E. Q. A. O. Testing

From May 27th to June 3rd, the Grade 3 students will be

taking part in the provincial assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics. The Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) is responsible for developing the assessments which give the students the opportunity to demonstrate what they have learned up to the end of the grade 3 school year. The best way to prepare your child is to make sure they get a good night's sleep and are at school on time.



therefore, we have decided to send home any uneaten items, so that parents can see what their children are eating at school. Also, please be reminded that our school offers your child a healthy morning snack on a daily basis, therefore keep this in mind when packing snacks for your child.

Subway Lunch

As part of our Healthy Foods awareness program we are offering a Subway Lunch to our students on Wednesday, May 29th. Please make sure that you have completed and turned in your order form.

Vesey's Fund-raiser

The product has arrived from Vesey's and can be picked-up anytime. Total sales amounted to \$ 1,601.00 which in turn gives our school 50% in profit, giving us \$ 800.50 in profit. Thanks for your fundraising efforts!

School Lunches

It has been brought to our attention by our lunchtime supervisors that there is a lot of food being thrown out by our students. There are many children making complaints that they do not like their lunches and



Attendance and Lates

We are noticing many families arriving late at school. Please remember the bell rings at 8:45 a.m. and students should be in their desk ready to begin work at that time. Being on time for school sets the stage for good work habits for the future. Students that are late interrupt the learning that is taking place in the classroom and creates anxiety in the students as they are forced to catch up on what they have missed. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Driveway - Reminder

A reminder that parking/stopping in the driveway by the front door is **prohibited**. We have three busses that use the lane way but often the access is blocked and they cannot make the turn safely.