



St. Jerome Journal

May 2017

Catholic Education Week – April 30 – May 5th, 2017

This year’s Catholic Education Week theme is, *“Walking Forward Together.”* The 2017 CEW theme and its five sub-themes are drawn from three contemporary Catholic documents that address the need for reconciliation and renewal – in our lives, with our families, in our relationships with others and in our relationship with our environment and our common global future.

The first is the 2016 response of the Canadian Catholic Bishops to the Truth & Reconciliation Commission that we need to heal past injustices by *“Walking Forward Together.”* The second is the 2015 encyclical, *Laudato Si’: On Care for Our Common Home* by Pope Francis, that emphasizes the cultural roots of our ecological problems and advocates an urgent world collaboration for the care of our common global home. The third document, *Amoris Laetitia: The Joy of Love* is a 2016 Apostolic Exhortation by Pope Francis, which applauds our dedication and concern shown to children, families, migrants, the poor, the elderly, and to persons with special needs, as a sign of the Spirit. These supportive relationships are a test of our commitment to show mercy in welcoming others and to help the vulnerable, to be fully a part of our communities.

Our CEW biblical quote, *“Do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with your God”* (Micah 6:8), acknowledges the important role of justice and solidarity with our Indigenous peoples, our environment, the poor and marginalized, and all those who work to protect our common global future.

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

- CATHOLIC EDUCATION: **Monday: Walking Forward Together with God**
WALKING **Tuesday: Walking Forward Together with Our Families**
forward **Wednesday: Walking Forward Together with Others**
together **Thursday: Walking Forward Together with Creation**
Friday: Walking Forward Together in Hope

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 ‘Walking Forward Together.’

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

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Catholic Education Week: April 30–May 5th

Monday, May 1st

Walking Forward Together with God

“Blue & Gold Day” (School Colours)

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

† Classroom Door Decorating Contest

Tuesday, May 2nd

Walking Forward Together with Our Families

“Pyjama Day”

† In class **Prayer Service**.

† **Book Fair** –Room 207 – All Day

† **JK Pyjama & Pizza Party** for current JK students and NEW registrants of 2017-2018.

Wednesday, May 3rd

Walking Forward Together with Others

“Favourite Character Day”

† In class **Prayer Service**.

† **Book Fair** – Room 207 – All Day

† **Amazing Race Math Night** from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in the gym

Thursday, May 4th

Walking Forward Together with Creation

“Hawaiian Day”

† In class **Prayer Service**.

† **Book Fair** – Room 207 – All Day

Friday, May 5th

Walking Forward Together in Hope

“Jersey / Sports Day”

† **Living Rosary** in classrooms.

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

From the Principal’s Desk...

This year, Education Week will take place from Monday May 1 - Friday May 5. This is a week during which we celebrate the wonderful achievements of our students and staff. This year’s theme is “Walking Forward Together”. Dream big and work hard and we can do anything! We are so proud of the hard work that our school community does all year long and this week provides us with an opportunity to publicly celebrate. Make sure you take the time to visit the school and we can celebrate our accomplishments together.

Subway

Our next Subway lunch will take place on Wednesday, May 31st, 2017. Orders are due on May 24th. Please ensure that you have completed an order form.

EQAO – Grade 3 Parents

EQAO begins on May 24th and students will be writing language and math assessments every morning until and including May 31st. Please ensure that your child arrives to school on time. More information to come...