



Shamrock Times



St. Patrick Catholic School

May 2016



Jar Wars Begins May 4th!

Staff and students at St. Patrick School Celebrate Catholic Education Week May 2nd - May 6th 2016



It is hard to believe that we are now into the month of May! Many great things have taken place so far this year at St. Patrick Catholic School and we are hoping to share them with you! As part of our celebrations for Catholic Education Week, St. Patrick School will be hosting a **Day-Time Open House on Thursday, May 5th from 2:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.** Parents, grandparents, family and friends are welcome to come and tour the school and their child's classroom! Refreshments are also included! Come out and celebrate with us ... and see that Catholic Education does make a difference!



This year's theme for Catholic Education Week is "**Opening Doors of Mercy**". From May 2nd to May 6th, students will have the opportunity to reflect on the gift of Catholic Education and celebrate our uniqueness as a Catholic school. There are five sub-themes for each day of Catholic Education Week. In addition to the special events planned, your child will be engaged in activities and discussions which highlight how we are called to be a people of mercy. Catholic schools are faith communities. We - parents, students, teachers, administrative and support staff - walk and grow together in faith and are called to live and serve others with joy and mercy! We hope that you can join us for our school celebrations. For more information regarding Catholic Education Week, go to



www.goodnewsforall.ca

- As part of our Catholic Education Week celebrations, students at St. Patrick School will have the opportunity to participate in **JAR WARS: BOYS -vs- GIRLS!** Classes will be collecting small change to donate to the Development and Peace organization. The contest begins May 4th and will end with a **final tally on Star Wars Dress Up Day May 13th**. The grand prize ... bragging rights! See the attached flyer for contest rules!

- Our **Catholic Education Week Mass** will take place on **Monday, May 2nd at 1:00 p.m.** in the gym. All are welcome!



- Our next **Parent Council meeting** will take place on Tuesday, May 3rd at 6:00 p.m. in the Library!

- A reminder to parents of students in Grade 3 and Grade 6 that their children will be writing the **EQAO Provincial Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics**. The testing dates are as follows:

Education Quality and Accountability Office
EQAO
 Grade 3- **May 30th, June 1st and June 3rd**. Grade 6 - **May 31st, June 2nd and June 6th** More information is to follow!

- **COMING SOON ...** The St. Patrick School Parent Council is working on establishing a **Friends of St. Patrick School Facebook Page** to keep our parents, family and friends up to date regarding school events and activities! Stay tuned! More information is to follow!



Important Grade 8 Dates!

Graduation Photos will take place on May 10th at 9:30 a.m. The graduates will have their photos taken and then proofs will be sent home.

The **Grade 7/8 Trip to Eaglecrest** takes place on June 13th and 14th.

Grade 7/8 Yard Sale – Friday, May 20th!

iPad Ticket Sales ends on May 25th, 2016

This years' **Awards Celebration** will take place on Monday, June 20th at 1:00 in the gym! The entire school will honour our grade 8s!

The **Grade 8 Graduation** will take place on Tuesday, June 21st at 6:30 p.m. at St. Patrick's Church in Cobalt.

- A special thank you to all students who collected pledges and took part in the **Jump Rope for Heart and Hoops for Heart** event. Many thanks also to Mrs. Livingston and Mrs. Larocque for organizing the day! Altogether, students did a great job raising money for the **Heart and Stroke Foundation!**



- May 2nd – 6th is also **Children's Mental Health Week!** For more information about what is happening in our community, see the attached flyer regarding the **Be Kind and Pass It On** initiative.



National Week for Life and the Family May 8th - May 15th 2016

The family plays a vital role in our society - in our schools, in our work places and in our churches! In order to honour our families, throughout this week, the staff at St. Patrick School will pray **The Prayer for Family**. We invite you and your family to join us!

Prayer for Family

God of all times and places, we ask you to be with us as we pray.

For families who struggle to speak to one another in love,

For families who delight in being together,

For families who want to live with less in order that others might live with more,

For families who do not have enough, and struggle for the necessities of life,

For families who read your word together,

For families who find it hard to spend time together,

For my family,

For the families in my community,

For the families of our parish,

For the families around the world,

For all families, we pray that your love will grow in them so that your love will shine through them.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

L. Hurtubise, Principal



BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

AT ST. PATRICK SCHOOL – St. Patrick School would like to begin to offer a Before and After School Program for our students and their families! If you, or anyone you know, would like more information about the program, please contact Amber at Temiskaming Child Care (705-676-5670). Subsidies are available for those who qualify!

May Birthdays!

May 3 rd – Sabrina N.	May 6 th – Danielle L.
May 7 th – Emily B.	May 8 th – Tyson P.
May 9 th – Irelyn C.	May 10 th – Aiden L.
May 20 th - Astra P.	May 21 st - Liam Mc.
May 25 th – Makayla P.	May 27 th – Corey D.
	May 28 th – Abigail D.



MAY CURRICULUM FOCUS - In Mathematics, students will continue to focus on Geometry and Spatial Sense (3D shapes) and Measurement (time, temperature, mass, capacity). In Reading, students will focus on point of view, responding and evaluating texts and in Writing students will focus on the persuasive writing form (poster, letter, advertisement, editorial) and report writing.