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BISHOP BELLEAU SCHOOL



## Theme: Justice

*"Let justice flow like a stream, and righteousness like a river that never goes dry." Amos 5:24*

### Message from the Principal

Dear Parents & Guardians:

With April comes the beginning of spring, even though the current weather does not really seem like it. April is a time of change as it marks the end of our Lenten season and a change in the seasons. Spring brings with it new life and a new beginning just as Jesus did when he died for our sins. He was resurrected after 3 days and with this resurrection came a new beginning for each of us as we can have our sins forgiven and start a new life with Him.

Our virtue of the month is Justice, which is a theme that revisited and highlighted many times in the Gospel, and plays a central role in our lives today. Without justice, there can be no peace among people, no equity, and no progress. As it is stated in Zechariah 7:9

**"This is what the LORD Almighty says: 'Administer true justice; show mercy and compassion to one another.'"**

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.

This month we will be having a Professional Development Day on Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. Staff will attend a workshop on bullying presented by COPA, a non-profit organization working with the Ministry of Education. There will also be a presentation and diner for parents the same evening at 6:00pm. If you would like to attend, please return the notice sent home, or call the school. **Thank you**

Also this month we celebrate "Earth Day" on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 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 the Lord gave us through it.

In other news, I am very pleased to announce we now have a parent council, and we welcome any other parents, grandparents, and guardians to join. Our first official meeting will be next week on Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the school.

Finally, the month of April brings us the first hunting season of the year (if the weather cooperates), and we would like to wish everyone a safe and successful hunt on the water and the land. On that note I would like to offer a hunter's prayer:

#### Hunter's Prayer

*O God, thank you for your creation, 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*

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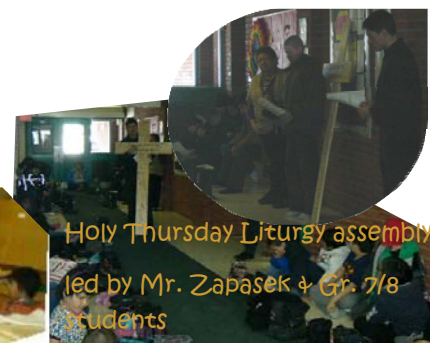
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Lunch on Holy Thursday - JK/1st & Gr. 1/2 students with their teachers & Fr. Maboe



Holy Thursday Liturgy assembly led by Mr. Zapasek & Gr. 7/8 students

**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 real safety concern if they are here unsupervised. We ask for your cooperation in this important safety concern.



## Students of the Month—March 2013

### Principal's Award to:

#### Tarael Sackaney, Gr. 1

For making great improvements in his class work!

#### Francine Goodwin, SK

Francine was given the award for her hard work and good behavior in class.

#### Xavier Wesley, Gr. 2

Xavier has made great improvements in his reading and writing abilities. Great work!

#### Tamiera Sutherland, Gr. 4

Tamiera is a very hard worker. She always completes her work on time and is willing to help others when asked.

#### Sharika Wesley, Gr. 5

She has been working really hard. She has brought her reading level up 7 levels so far, is doing great in math and always has a smile.

#### William Sutherland-Henry, Gr. 8

For his consistent efforts in keeping on track with his work and engaging in class discussion.

#### Sonja Koostachin, Gr. 6, French-as-a-Second Language

Sonja is always attentive and participates and works very hard in class.

#### Richard Carpenter, Gr. 8, Native-as-a-Second Language

Richard is doing good work in the Cree class. He is learning to read and write Cree syllabics. Very good, Richard!

 **Catholic Education Week**  
May 5 - May 10, 2013  
[www.goodnewsforall.ca](http://www.goodnewsforall.ca)

**Growing Together in Faith**



JK/SK students making marshmallow snowmen



JK/SK students making real snowmen!



### School News...

- First Communion— Congratulations to the four students who received their First Communion on Easter Sunday, March 31st; Gabriel



from our school; Anna and Jason from MPS and Madison from Ministik. Thank you to Miss Gaudreau, Mrs. Mundle, Ms. Tippeneskum, and Fr. Maboe.

at Christ the King Church. Everyone welcome.

### Gr. 5/6 & 7/8 students having fun sliding...

