



St. Jerome Journal

May 2011

Catholic Education Week: Celebrating the Spirit

In our school the Spirit of God is alive!

When you next walk through the halls, stop and listen. You will hear the marvelous work of the

students and staff reflecting God's graciousness in their learning and teaching.

This year's Catholic Education Week (May 1-6) gives us an opportunity to shine a light on our schools with this theme: Catholic Education: Celebrating the Spirit.

The scriptural text comes from St. Paul's letter to the Romans: "All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God." (Romans 8:14) St. Luke also refers to the Spirit when He writes, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me." (Lk 4:18) The Psalmist calls on God's Spirit to renew the face of the earth. During this Catholic Education Week, let's open our doors to God's Spirit in a special way and celebrate how the Spirit is renewing the face of our schools!

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

Monday - The Spirit of Hospitality

Tuesday - The Spirit of Understanding

Wednesday - The Spirit of Wisdom

Thursday - The Spirit of Justice

Friday - The Spirit of Gratitude

Please see our May calendar for all the activities that will be taking place during Catholic Education Week. You are invited to join us whenever you can, but especially for our Open House and Arts Night, Thursday, May 5th. Our special guest, Mr. Graham Ghent will be leading workshops for parents and their children on enhancing learning through the Arts, especially music. We hope to see many of you during our festivities.

In our preparations for Easter and Catholic Education Week we pray:

God of our journey to Easter, with gratitude we move towards your deep love.

Strengthen us for these days of suffering and wonder.

We prepare to die with you, die to those unnecessary parts of ourselves at the crucifixion.

But we also rise. Rise into our true element. Leaving the land of fear and alienation and into your grace-filled embrace.

Your Spirit carries into pure thankfulness. For the miniscule and the magnificent; for seconds and the eons;

for the note and the symphony; for the single smile and a community of beauty.

May our thankful hearts continue to be open to your love, to celebrate your Spirit of gratitude.

Amen.



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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.

Soup Lunch

As part of our Healthy Foods awareness program we are offering a Soup Lunch to our students on Wednesday, May 11th. The soup of the day is: Chicken Noodle. Please make sure that you have completed and turned in your order form.

Subway Lunch

As part of our Healthy Foods awareness program we are offering a Subway Lunch to our students on Wednesday, May 25th. Please make sure that you have completed and turned in your order form.



Vesey's Fund-raiser

The product has been ordered from Vesey's and should arrive sometime in May. Total sales amounted to \$ 1,355.00 which in turn gives our school 50% in profit, giving us \$ 677.50 in profit. Thanks for your fundraising efforts!

Snack Program

A huge THANK YOU goes out to the following local organizations for their support:

Knights of Columbus – Council 2748 \$ 50.00 and the United Way – Kirkland Lake Chapter \$ 1,000.00

A reminder to parents that we suggest 0.50¢ per day, for a snack contribution if you are able to do so.

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 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.



Spring Concert

Our spring music concert will take place on Wednesday, May 4th. This concert will begin at 1:00 p.m. and will be held in the gymnasium. We hope that parents will be here to join us!



Easter Draw

The lucky winner of our Easter Basket draw was Dylan Labbe. Our school raised \$ 67.56 towards our general student funds. Thank you for your support!

We are on the web: <http://www.ncdsb.on.ca/>

Catholic Education Week—May 1-6th

Activities...

May 2nd

School Colours Day - Wear Blue & Yellow

8:45 – Opening Prayer Service followed by

Breakfast and Reading Buddies with Sacred Heart

10:30 – **Living Rosary** – outside (weather permitting)

1:00 – Music Monday

May 3rd

Hat Day

National Teachers Day

9:00 – Virtue Assembly (Humility) with Prayer Service

Book Fair - Stage

Grade 3 & 2/3 classes visit TPR to play Bingo

Grade 3 Immersion students working at the Food Bank

5:00 – 7:00 – Pyjama Party for JK Registrants and JK students.

May 4th

Concert Dress

Annual Spring Concert - 1:00 p.m.- Gymnasium

2:00 – NCDSB Strategic Plan Open House Session

Book Fair – Stage

May 5th

Formal Day

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

Book Fair - Stage

5:00 – 7:00 - Open House and Arts Night with special

guest Mr. Graham Ghent at 5:30 – Enhancing your child's education through the arts.

May 6th

Wacky Hair Day

1:00 – Culminating Assembly where each class showcases their week's activities

Grade 3 T-Shirts

A reminder to our Grade 3 students that T-Shirt orders are due to the office by Friday, May 13th.

Telephone Books

NorthernTel

Our school has collected 1000 books to date, towards the Northern Telephone Directory Recovery program. Northern Telephone is allowing us to collect books until the end of this week. Please keep those books coming.

Development & Peace

Our school has raised \$ 299.35 to date towards this worldly cause.

National Denim Day

Will take place on Tuesday, May 10th. Students can participate to wear denim and receive a Cure Breast Cancer Ribbon in exchange for a coin donation to the Cure Foundation.

Welcome !

A big St. Jerome welcome goes out to Miss Jaimee Roy & Miss Marlee Robazza who have joined our staff. Jaimee is on a student placement as a Child & Youth Worker while, Marlee is working as a Tutor in the classroom. We are very glad to have you.

E. Q. A. O. Testing

From May 30th to June 10th, 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.

Education Quality and
Accountability Office



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