

## CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2005

During the week of May 1 to May 6, the Northeastern Catholic District School Board will be celebrating Catholic Education Week.

Director of Education Paul Toffanello believes that yearly celebrations are in order as Catholic education is central to our students' academic and spiritual learning journey. "The foundational belief of Catholic Education is that spiritual and moral formation are critical to the formation of the whole person and to the realization of the fullness of life," explained Toffanello. "Catholic education always aims at forming students in the life-affirming Christian values that give life its true freedom, meaning and joy. In this way, Catholic education makes a distinctive difference not only to the lives of our students, but also to our communities, our province and our country."

Catholic Education Week

May 1-6, 2005

Chair of the Board Colleen Landers sees Catholic Education Week as a community-wide event, which brings together all members of the triad, including family, school and parish. "Catholic Education Week begins on a Sunday to highlight the partnership that remains the foundation of Catholic education," noted Landers. "We particularly want to underline the relationship of Catholic schools with the broader Church community, especially with the parishes that remain the centre of the worshipping faith community. Throughout Catholic Education Week, we hope that everyone in our school community will reflect on the significance of Catholic Education's presence in and contribution to our Church and our society. We also encourage all members of our community, especially parents, to participate in the prayer celebrations and activities that will mark the celebration of Catholic Education Week."

The planned schedule of events includes open houses and barbeques at several schools to welcome our stakeholders. Others will focus on the beauty of diversity, with presentations by various groups which will help them gain a greater understanding of the cultural heritage and pluralism of our community. Many students will showcase their God-given talent through recitals and art galas. In Kirkland Lake, new Junior Kindergarten students for September have been invited to a Literacy Tea with their parents. A trivia challenge on the history of Catholic Education in our communities will also be launched this week on the Board's web site.

One of the highlights of the week will be a Board-sponsored Writing Forum, which will feature northern Ontario author Glenda Lynn Sonier as keynote speaker. The winners of the 2005 NCDSB Writing Contest, as well as some additional randomly selected participants have been invited to this forum, which will take place at the new Timmins Public Library on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Students will take part in workshops and put their pencil to paper to explore their creative side. The winners of the contest which took place earlier this year will be announced during the awards ceremony at the end of the day.

The theme for the week is "Being the Body of Christ", a theme that is particularly appropriate in this "Year of the Eucharist". Through our intimate participation in the life of Christ as Christ's body, we "keep God present to humanity and to the world". This theme reminds us of the ultimate reality of an education rooted in Christ; namely, through the body of believers and the communion of the Eucharist, the divine is made "just as real and as radically physical as when Jesus of Nazareth, in the flesh, walked the dirt roads of Palestine."

The media is invited to visit our school during this special week and to participate in our activities as we celebrate Catholic Education Week 2005. A complete list of activities is attached. Please contact your local Catholic school to confirm your attendance at any of these events.

**For more information, please contact Mélanie Bidal-Mainville, Community Relations Officer**



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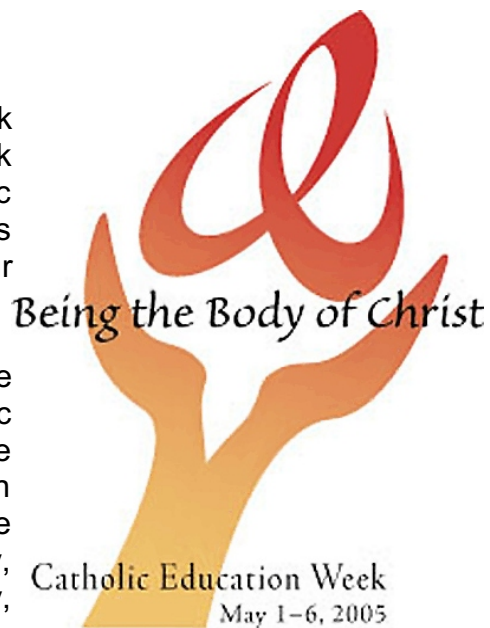
P. Toffanello, Director of Education  
C. Landers, Chair of the Board

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## BEING THE BODY OF CHRIST

Each year, the Ministry of Education designates a week to celebrate education in Ontario. During the same week the Catholic education community celebrates Catholic Education Week highlighting the distinctive contributions that Catholic schools make to our students, our community and our society.

As always, Catholic Education Week 2005 highlights the partnership that remains the foundation of Catholic education. We particularly want to underline the relationship of Catholic schools with the broader Church community, especially with the parishes that remain the center of the worshipping faith community. Accordingly, this year's Catholic Education Week begins on Sunday, May 1, and extends through the first week of May.



This year, the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association selected the theme "Being the Body of Christ" which is particularly appropriate in this "Year of the Eucharist."

The mystery of Christ and the implications of the incarnation have been the themes of OCSTA's Catholic Education Week resources for the last two years. Catholic Education Week 2003 celebrated the theme of "Rooted in Christ". In 2004, the image was extended with the theme "Fully Alive in Christ." This year's theme, "Being the Body of Christ," reminds us of the ultimate reality of an education rooted in Christ; namely, through the body of believers and the communion of the Eucharist, the divine in our contemporary world are made "just as real and as radically physical as when Jesus of Nazareth, in the flesh, walked the dirt roads of Palestine." Through our intimate participation in the life of Christ as Christ's body, we "keep God present to humanity and to the world." We are Christ's Body physically present on this earth! In this way, the Incarnation continues to happen now!

And so, we thank you for continuing to witness to Christ through your support for Catholic education. May this year be filled with God's grace for you and for the students you serve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Toffanello'.

Paul Toffanello  
Director of Education

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen Landers'.

Colleen Landers  
Chair of the Board

# CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

## SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

### May 2005

#### KIRKLAND LAKE

**Sacred Heart School**  
**63 Churchill**  
**567-7444**

- May 3 Catholic Education Week mass 9:30 am
- May 4 Book Fair in library 12:45 to 3:00 pm  
 Open House 5:30 pm to 7 pm
- May 5 Book Fair in library from 9:30 to 11:45 am
- May 6 Cumulative Story read in the gym (pm)

#### KIRKLAND LAKE

**St. Jerome School**  
**128 Woods St.**  
**567-5800**

- May 2 School Colours Day  
 Chuck Roberts, a musician from Ottawa will be conducting a music workshop with the Grade 3 students from 1 pm to 2 pm  
 Music Concert by Chuck Roberts 2:15 pm.
- May 3 Dress-Up Day  
 Mass in gym 1:30 pm  
 Junior Kindergarten "*Literacy Tea*" to welcome new registrants of the 2005-2006 school year 10 am to 11 am
- May 3-5 Book Fair
- May 4 Hat Day  
 Hot Dog Day
- May 5 Pyjama Day  
 Jo Ellen Bogart, a Canadian author, will be conducting three, one hour presentations throughout the day to the students. She will return in the evening for a short presentation and book signing. The evening, begins at 6:30 and the school is inviting you to "*Parent & Child Pyjama Storytelling*". Students and their parents are encouraged to attend in their "Jammy's" and enjoy some excellent literature. The *Book Fair* will be open for business from 6:30 8 pm
- May 6 Wacky Hairdo Day  
 Math Activities in the afternoon

#### TIMMINS

**O'Gorman High School**  
**150 George St.**  
**268-4501**

- May 2 Scottish Highland Dancers and Piper 11:30 am
- May 3 Mass and Social Justice Activity supporting the hope that more children in the world will one day have access to basic education
- May 4 Writing Forum at Timmins Public Library 10 am to 2 pm  
 Native Drummers 11:30 am to 12:30 pm
- May 5 Cooking and serving food at Lord's Kitchen

#### TIMMINS

**O'Gorman Intermediate Catholic School**  
**490 Maclean Drive**  
**264-6555**

- May 2 Prayer Service in gym at 9 am  
 Gum Licence Day - proceeds to Easter Seals
- May 4 Academic Olympics all day
- Week Class visits to cultural centres and local businesses  
 .m. Catholic Education

#### TIMMINS

**Sacred Heart School**  
**401 Cedar St. South**  
**264-5869**

- May 2 CEW Mass at Sacred Heart Church at 9:30 am
- May 3 Peregrine Foundation Presentation (Gr 4 & 6) 1:10 pm
- May 5 Shania Twain Centre Tour (Gr 4) 12:45 pm
- May 6 Panthers' Pride Art Gala 9:30 am to 11:30 a.m.  
 Principal's Challenge Cup for art projects

#### TIMMINS

**St. Paul School**  
**387 Balsam St. North**  
**264-5620**

- May 2 Respect Assembly - 9 am  
 Living Rosary Group "A" - 1:30 pm
- May 3 Gr. 4 Workshop with Chuck Roberts 1:15 to 2:15 pm  
 Chuck Robert Concert 2:15 pm to 3:15 pm
- May 4 Living Rosary Group "B" - 1:30 pm
- May 5 Education Week Mass at St. Anthony's 9:30 am  
 Scholastic Book Fair 9 am to 3 pm
- May 6 Scholastic Book Fair 9 am to 12 pm  
 Academic Play Day 1:30 pm

#### SOUTH PORCUPINE

**St. Joseph School**  
**207 Huot St**  
**235-4622**

- 2 Easter Writing Challenge Presentations by Knights of Columbus - 1:15 pm
- 3 School Mass - St. Joachim Parish - 9:30 am
- 5 NCDSB Writing Challenge Presentations - 3 pm
- 6 Pizza Day  
 Spring Tea - school gym - 1:15 pm  
 Spirit Day "wear a hat during school" - collect \$1 for the Hearing Society

## **NEW LISKEARD**

**English Catholic Central School**  
**245 SHEPHERDSON ST.**  
**647-4301**

- May 3 Mass in Gymnasium with class banners 1:15 pm
- May 4 Hoops for Heart 1:00 p.m.
- May 4-6 Book Fair in Library a.m.
- May 5 BBQ, Open House, Risk Watch Fair 5 pm to 7 pm  
Sacrament of Confirmation at OMPH Parish 7:30 pm
- May 6 Presentation of Bibles by Catholic Women's League to grade 4 students 11:30 am  
Jump Rope for Heart 1 pm to 3 pm

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## **ENGLEHART**

**Holy Family School**  
**4<sup>TH</sup> ST.**  
**544-2397**

- May 2 "80's" Day  
School Assembly in gymnasium 2:30 pm
- May 3 BBQ Open House 4 pm to 6 pm  
"Nerd" Day
- May 4 D.A.R.E. Graduation (Grade 5 & 6) 10:45 am  
"Inside-Out" Day  
Sacrament of First Reconciliation at Holy Trinity 7 p.m.
- May 5 Education Week Mass at Holy Trinity 10:45 am  
Spring Recital 1 pm to 2 pm  
"Hawaiian" Day
- May 6 Kids on the Block Presentation (Gr 3 & 4) 9:30 am  
Hot Dog Day  
Movie & Popcorn Day

## **COBALT**

**St. Patrick School - COBALT**  
**119 Lang**  
**679-5575**

- May 2 - 6 Book Fair in library 9 am - 12 p m and 1 pm - 3:30pm and May 5 until 5 p.m.
- May 3 Breakfast Program 8:25 a.m.
- May 4 Mass - St. Patrick Church - 10 am  
Writing Forum at Timmins Public Library 10 am
- May 5 Breakfast Program 8:25 am  
Interlink in Library 11 am  
Yard & Bake Sale in Gym 1 to 5 pm
- May 6 Volunteer Appreciation Lunch 12 pm

## **KAPUSKASING**

**St. Patrick School**  
**6 Cedar St**  
**(705) 335-3241**

- May 1 First Communion at St. Patrick's Parish 10:30 a.m.  
Reception to follow
- May 2 First Communion Class Celebration 10 a.m.
- May 2-5 Mrs. McCrae's Storytime for primary classes
- May 2-5 Placemat decorating blitz for Parish's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet - all classes (p.m.)
- May 2-6 Religious Skits (Gr. 7&8 Immersion) pm
- May 4-5 Earth Day presentations (Gr. 3&4) pm
- May 5 School Mass (Gr. 1-8) St. Patrick Parish 10 am  
White Elephant Table fundraiser - science lab  
Buddy Reading (Gr 2-6) pm
- May 6 Foods of the World (JK-Gr.8), Customs/culture am  
Food Testing pm

## **COCHRANE**

**Aileen Wright English Catholic School**  
**73 Sixth Avenue**  
**272-4707**

- May 4 Writing Forum - Timmins Public Library 10 am to 2 pm
- May 5 Book Fair  
Spaghetti Supper  
(proceeds to family affected by house fire)
- May 6 Open House 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm  
Book Fair

## **IROQUOIS FALLS**

**St. Anne English Catholic School**  
**200 Church St.**  
**232-5355**

- May 2-6 Special Readings, prayers and songs  
Spelling Bee, Math games, Alphabet Poetry,
- Crafts
- May 3 Readers' Theatre  
Badminton Challenge
- May 4 Math Challenge
- May 6 Mother's Day Project  
Martial Arts Demonstration  
DARE Graduation 10:30 am