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"Live Christ Every Minute Every Day"



MARCH 2017 NEWSLETTER

A Prayer for Our Families

God, Our Father, help us to recognize and create love in our families. Teach us gentleness. Families need tender moments. Teach us to be merry. Families need laughter. Teach us forgiveness. Family members can hurt each other. Teach us honesty. Family members do not need to hide from each other. Teach us to be faithful. Family members cannot give up on each other. Teach us to believe in each other. If we have faith in each other, we can do anything. Teach us to be open to your plan for us. Families need your love and help to find their way.

Principal's Message

We are now in the Liturgical Season of Lent. Lent offers us all a very special opportunity to change our hearts and to grow in our relationship with God. In our busy world, Lent is an opportunity to slow down, reflect upon our way of life, to pray more deeply, to experience sorrow for our sins and to be generous to those in need. We are called to deepen our commitment to a way of life, which is rooted in Christ. Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It is a beautiful season of returning to God, embracing His love and forgiveness.

At St. Peter the Apostle we are constantly striving to help our students become more concerned for each other and more attentive of others' needs. We talk about effective conflict resolution with the goal of being able to be aware of and concerned for others through thoughts and feelings. We remind our students to ask themselves in every situation, "What would Jesus do?" and we encourage them to try to act with compassion and respect, as we know Jesus would.

Just a reminder you can utilize e-blast by signing up for notifications on our SPE Website spe.schools.smcdsb.on.ca It is on the right hand side near upcoming events.

Yours in Catholic Education,
Mrs. J. Pender

Trustee's Message

"Go out into the world today and love the people you meet. Let your presence light new light in the hearts of people."

Mother Theresa

I know I have said this before, but one of my favourite parts of being a Trustee is having the opportunity to meet the students, staff and families who are a part of Simcoe Muskoka Catholic schools. There are so many examples

of people who are spreading love and light and I am thrilled that as a Board, we are "Celebrating God's Family" this year.

This past week, I talked with students, staff and families who are interested in improving the mental wellness in their community at St. Peter's, then I saw how the social justice club at MMO organized students to record their thoughts on bullying on pink shirts that were decorating the school. I got to watch students at Saint Mary's sit quietly and support their classmates who were chosen to make speeches in the gym, and then I got to enjoy a fabulous spaghetti dinner at a fundraiser at St. Dom's in support of a local nonprofit, charitable organization. There is certainly much to celebrate in our SMCD SB family this week!

Speeches at Saint Mary's began with two Grade 8 girls who got up to speak together about the similarities and differences between life in Ontario and life in Syria. One of those students just arrived in Huntsville from Syria this past summer. They talked about differences in language, time zones, food and school. But in spite of those differences, they are 13-year olds who love their families, shopping, books and social media. WOW! I wish we could broadcast their speech far and wide; it was a true example of how our schools are safe places where each member of God's family is accepted, welcomed and celebrated.

Thank you to all who share their gifts every day!

God Bless!

Carol Corriveau-Truchon

School Mass

Our school Ash Wednesday Mass will be held on WEDNESDAY MARCH 1, @ 9:30 in our School gymnasium. Come celebrate with us!



LOST AND FOUND

Please label all clothing items so that we can easily identify and send home, our Lost and Found bin is over flowing please take a look when you are in the school.

School Skating

Our next school skating session will be held on THURSDAY MARCH 9, at the BOCC. It is wonderful to see so many parents/guardians at the rink. We appreciate your help with tying skates. JK – Grade 2 @ 1 pm and Grades 3 – 8 @ 1:50 pm





Inclement Weather

Bus cancellation announcements can be heard on 103.3 Moose FM or viewed on our board website at www.smcdsb.on.ca. We are in the West Parry Sound Region. When buses are cancelled in other regions of our Board because of inclement weather, they may not be cancelled for us! In the coming months, please remember to listen for when buses are cancelled. In the event that the buses are cancelled, the school is open for learning. Drop off time is 8:35 a.m. and pick up time is 3:10 pm. If the inclement weather day is a pizza or sub day, **the food is cancelled and delivered the following day**. Milk will continue as usual but your child will need to bring a lunch. If you have the app below all you need to do is click on the bus tab and touch Parry Sound - all busing information will be listed letting parents know of any cancellations and or delays. This app also takes you to our web site for St. Peter The Apostle and lists all events on our calendar. A quick and easy app that will give you the information you need.



Communication of School Events

Keeping parents informed is of the utmost importance to us at St. Peter The Apostle. Our website has our calendar listed with all the activities that happen during the month

and can be found at spe.schools.smcdsb.on.ca. If you would like to follow us on Twitter, please follow us at [@SMCDSB_SPE](https://twitter.com/SMCDSB_SPE)

Catholic School Community Council (CSCC)

Our next meeting will take place on THURSDAY MARCH 2 @ 6pm - 7pm in our staff room. We look forward to seeing you there! New members are always welcome to join!



Health News

Help stop the spread of sickness. If your child/ren are experiencing any of the following symptoms, fever, vomiting, diarrhea, or flu it is recommended that the child should be 24 hours free of symptoms before returning to school. Sending your child back too soon only infects others in the school.



2017-2018

Kindergarten

**We will be holding our JK Information night on:
THURSDAY APRIL 27 @ 5PM**

Starting Kindergarten is an exciting and special time for parents and children. Our entire Catholic school community looks forward to welcoming our youngest students as they begin a lifelong journey of faith-filled learning. We believe there is something truly unique and special about learning that is rooted in faith and spiritual growth. By choosing a faith-filled education, we know you will share that belief with us.

All the Information You Need

To help parents and students get ready for this important milestone, our board has developed an award-winning package. We encourage parents who are looking to register their child for Kindergarten to drop by the office to pick up their copy of the package, which includes a parent booklet, child's activity book. You can also find all of the information on our board's website at www.smcdsb.on.ca/families/kindergarten

English as a Second Language (ESL)

We have resources and information available for families whose first language is not English. Please inquire about the ESL version of our Kindergarten package. We are here to answer questions and help you prepare. Please contact the office for more information (705) 746-7196.

THANKS TO ALL
WHO HELP
MAKE OUR SCHOOL
A SPECIAL PLACE TO BE.

