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May Newsletter 2018

Prayer for May

Good and gracious God,

This time of year we think of all the things
we should be thankful for.

We take a moment today to give thanks for
the blessings you have given us.

Thank you for our friends, our families, for
laughter, for sunshine, for the gentle rains,
and the beautiful skies.

May we always see the blessings in our lives
and take time to appreciate them all.

Amen

Principal's Message

The school year is quickly flying by. We cannot believe that we are already entering into May! Welcome to May and another jam-packed month at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic School!

We are extremely proud of our students and the manner in which they involve themselves in a positive way at St. Peter the Apostle. Our St. Peter the Apostle Choir, sports/club team members, student council leaders, announcers, ukulele members, chess players, eco commandos, classroom helpers, and many other groups that make our school extra special. Students and parents help make our school extra special and enjoyable everyday. We enjoy

seeing our students grow both academically and socially as they participate in school life at St. Peter the Apostle. With continued parent and staff support we can ensure that our students gain from these great opportunities. Thank you to the many parents and staff who give of their own time to organize these opportunities.

During the second week in May we will be celebrating our Catholic Education Week. A list of all of the events is included in the May calendar. Please plan on joining us during our Catholic Education Week as we celebrate with a Living rosary presentation on Wednesday May 9th at 12:45 pm in the gym.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mrs. J. Pender and the Staff of St. Peter the Apostle

Trustee's Message:

"For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him."

Acts 2:39

Last week, trustees began the Board Meeting with a prayer that highlighted the theme and daily activities of Catholic Education Week, *Renewing the Promise*. We are looking forward to the celebrations that will take place in

Catholic schools across the province to commemorate the amazing gift of fully-funded Catholic education. This year we are also awaiting a letter from the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario as they reflect on the future of Catholic Education in Ontario.

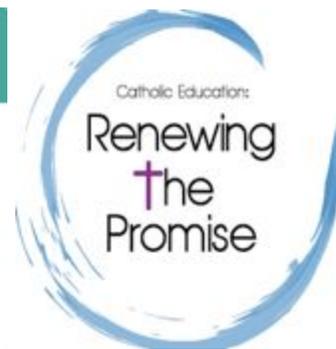
Once again this year the theme song is beautiful! I hope that you will hear your children singing it throughout the week. The chorus is:

*Renew, renew the promise,
Renew, renew the flame;
Renew, renew the promise
To be light for the world
For the glory of God's name.*

In April, trustees gathered for the Ontario Catholic School Trustee Association Conference and Annual General Meeting. One of the highlights was a presentation by Craig Kielburger, who gave a wonderful presentation about the roots of Me to We, and how they are working to meet the vision of *making doing good, doable*. The work they do is such a good fit with our Board's vision of *nurturing faith, illuminating minds, inspiring hearts, and empowering hands ~ we are working together to transform our world*. I am so proud of everything that staff and students are doing to achieve that vision.

God Bless!

Carol Corriveau-Truchon



Catholic Education Week:

This year, Catholic Education week will be celebrated from **May 7 – May 11** and the theme is Renewing the Promise. As is our tradition, St. Peter the Apostle will have events planned each day in which parents are welcome to join us and participate. Please watch for a schedule to be sent home and plan to come to the school to celebrate Catholic Education here at our school.



Mother's Day/Family Potluck Lunch

We are planning on having a very special Mother's Day / Family potluck lunch on Friday May 11th. Please call the office for more information. Families are welcome to join us and celebrate!



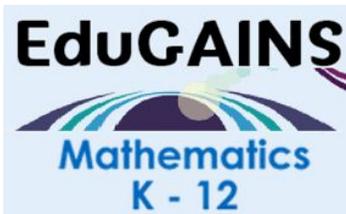
Welcome to Kindergarten:

On Wednesday, April 25th our kindergarten staff hosted a very informative, welcoming evening to our new JK parents. The evening was well attended and many new registrations packages were given out. If you know of any parents who have children who will be 4 by the end of 2018, please direct them to our office where Mrs. Hill will be happy to help them complete the registration package for JK in Sept. 2018.



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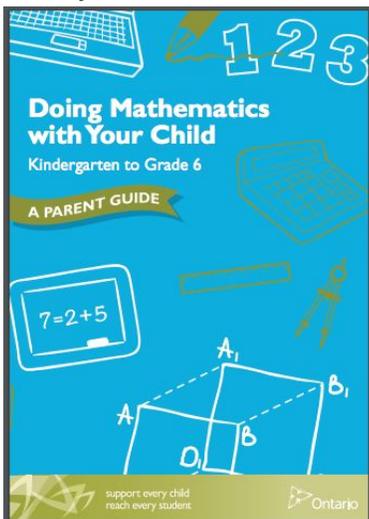
Students in grades three and six will participate in the provincial assessment May 23, 24, 25, 26, 29, 30 and June 1st. More detailed information will be sent home within the next couple of weeks. Please ensure that students have sufficient sleep and that appointments are not booked during this time, allowing for students to demonstrate their learning without interruptions. Thanks for your support.



Math tips to help your child at Home:

Doing Mathematics with your Child (K-6) - Parent booklet has lots of great ideas. Please click on the link below (translations available) to be directed to fun math ideas to help your child at home.

Many [translations available](#) . Please click on the English link for great ideas. It will bring you directly to Edu Gains website! for parents.



Secret Life Of Riley K Play:



On May 7th at 9:15 am students in Grade 4-8 will learn about managing anxiety while watching a family musical play that deals about anxiety, mental health and courage. Parents are welcome to join us in the gym for the one hour play.



NED SHOW:

It's is coming back again! Students will enjoy a NED Show on Monday May 14th at 9:15 am. The NED Show is a character education program that centers around three important messages that have life long relevance.

Never give up!

Encourage others!

Do our best!

During the assembly, students will learn about NED's three messages while enjoying storytelling, magic, humor and yo-yo tricks! Students will be able to purchase various NED items after the show during lunch recess from May 15-May 23. Parents are welcome to join us for the show!

Catholic School Community Council (CSCC):

Welcome to the
Parent Council

The Catholic School Community Council meets regularly to discuss school issues. Our objective is to provide a caring, nurturing, educational environment steeped in the Catholic tradition. All parents are welcome to attend. Our next CSCC meeting is Tuesday, May 1st @ 6:00 pm.

For more information, please email Karina Lapping, our Chair, at karinalaping@hotmail.com or call Mrs. Hill in the office for more information. New Parents are always welcome to join us! Children are also welcome to come read a book or on the computers in the library while parents meet and discuss various items.



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 as well, please follow us at [@SMCDSB_SPE](https://twitter.com/SMCDSB_SPE)



Mass at St. Peter the Apostle School:

Our next school Mass will be held on Monday, May 7th at **1:00 pm with Father Roy** in the gymnasium. Everyone is always welcome to come and celebrate with us!



Caverhill Run:

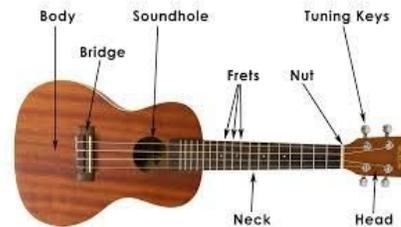
The annual Caverhill Run is taking place this Saturday May 5th in Nobel. Good luck to those that participate on May 5th
Please come out and cheer our team on!

Lunch Clubs Happening at SPE



Robotics Coding Club:

Students in Mrs. Bunker's Grade 8 class are now invited to join the Coding Club and learn how to Code with Dash & Dots. The Coding Club meets every Wednesday in the library for the month of May and June.



Ukulele Club:

Ukulele Club is happening every Friday in the Music room with Mr. Howard at 12:05 pm. Students are asked to bring in their own Ukulele, so that they can practice each night at home!



Ball Hockey:

Students in Grade 7&8 are invited on Fridays to come out and play Ball Hockey with Mr. Kidd in the gymnasium at 12:05 pm. Students must wear protective eye wear equipment.

St. Peter the Apostle Hockey Team:



It was a great year for the St. Peter the Apostle Hockey Team players! A Big Thank you to Mr. Kidd, Mr. Ball & Kristen Penfold and all of our wonderful parents for helping out this year. We really do appreciate all the support that you give our school and our hockey team. We are all so proud of you!