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“Live Christ Every Minute Every Day”



May 2016

Principal's Message

Catholic Education Week Prayer

God of Love and compassion,
help us to open the door of mercy in our school
communities,
in our families and in the world.
Let mercy guide our living and bring us closer to
the heart of the gospel.
May we live as Jesus with mercy that welcomes,
loves, forgives
and calls us to live the gospel joyfully. Amen.
God bless,
L. Pokocky

Message from our Trustee

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
Matthew 5:7

Catholic schools throughout the province will be celebrating Catholic Education Week from May 1st – 6th. In keeping with Pope Francis' declaration of this as a Jubilee Year of Mercy, the theme is "Opening Doors of Mercy".

This past weekend, as the ending of a very successful Annual General Meeting and Conference in Blue Mountain, Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board hosted Trustees from across the province at Ste. Marie Among the Hurons and Martyr's Shrine in Midland. We had the opportunity to walk in the footsteps of the Canadian Martyrs, celebrate mass together and then be the first group to walk through the Door of Mercy that will stand there for the year.

Our Board's Student Trustee is the President of the Catholic student trustee association and they have once more arranged for the Province-Wide

mass to be celebrated at all Catholic secondary schools in the province on Tuesday.

Good luck to all the students who will be participating in EQAO testing this month. Remember to Keep Calm and Try Your Best – that's all that matters!

I am looking forward to visiting schools both during Catholic Education Week and throughout May and June; your children are truly inspiring! God Bless,
Carol Corriveau-Truchon

Reminder: Friday May 6 PA Day

Focus on numeracy for staff - no school for students

Catholic Education Week Mass: May 5

at 10:30 in the gazebo at the school. Please plan to join us.

Catholic School Community Council

Our next meeting is scheduled for May 10 at 5:30 PM in the staff room. Please mark your calendars so you are able to join us. We will be discussing a topic to submit for a PRO grant (Parents Reaching Out). Come with your ideas.

EQAO

Students in grades three and six will participate in the provincial assessment May 25,26 and 27. 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.

If you have any questions regarding this assessment, please call the office.

Math Conversation for Parents

Jonathan Rajalingam delivered a very informative presentation on Wed. Apr. 13 to a group of parents. Those in attendance appreciated his suggestions for assisting our children with math homework as well as his practical ideas about supporting math understandings in everyday life. Many thanks to Jonathan!

Mark the Date! Social Networking Safety Presentation



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On Thursday June 9th, our school community council has secured a guest speaker to present an age appropriate presentation to our gr. 5-8 students in the afternoon and then a 90 minute parent/guardian session in the evening. In this digital age of social media, it is tremendously important that we understand what our children are doing online and how to set boundaries and setting for / with them for their protection. Plan to join us for this important presentation and bring a friend!

See www.socialnetworkingsafety.net

Welcome to Kindergarten

On Thursday Apr. 28 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 2016, please direct them to our office where we will be happy to help them complete the registration package for JK in Sept. 2016.

First Holy Communion

Our students will be receiving the sacrament of First Communion on Sunday May 1 at the 10 AM mass. Please keep our students in your prayers as they grow closer to Jesus through this sacrament.

Confirmation

The sacrament of confirmation will be celebrated at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church on May 11 at 6 PM. Please keep our students in your prayers as they receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit to strengthen them.

Jump Rope for Heart

As an entire school we enjoyed a fun filled, healthy living driven afternoon on Thursday April 28. Students travelled to different activities as part of a team (JK – Gr. 8). As a community, we skipped and participated in healthy exercise options, to fulfill our fundraising commitment to the Heart and Stroke foundation. Students have brought in over \$2000.00 for this very worthy cause. This total amount translates to Mrs. Madden and Ms. McDowall being duct taped to the gym wall. Stay tuned for the date and time.
© If your child has yet to bring in his/her

collection envelope, please remind them to do so ASAP. Thanks so much for all your support.

Caverhill Training

Students are busy training for Caverhill – which is next Saturday May 7 from 9 AM – 12 noon. We wish all of our athletes the best of luck.

Catholic Education Week 2016

Pope Francis has declared 2016 a “Holy Year of Mercy” as a way for the Catholic church to “make more evident, its mission to be a witness of mercy”. The Holy Year began on December 8, 2015 and will be celebrated until November 20, 2016. Throughout the year, there will be a series of jubilee celebrations on the theme of mercy for teenagers, deacons, the sick and disabled, prisoners, catechists and clergy.

As well, Pope Francis opened the Vatican’s Holy Door on December 8th. The Holy Door is opened to evoke the concept of forgiveness, which is the main focus of a Holy Year. The theme God’s mercy is illustrated in fifteen of the sixteen bronze panels that make up the Vatican Door. There are seven such Holy Doors in the world, including one in Quebec City.

Catholic Education Week 2016 combines both the theme of mercy and the act of opening doors of reconciliation, mercy and forgiveness to all around us.

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

Monday:	Mercy that Welcomes
Tuesday:	Mercy that Loves
Wednesday:	Mercy that Forgives
Thursday:	Mercy that Lives the Gospel
Friday:	Mercy that Rejoices

Please see the boxed insert in our May Calendar of dates for events that we have planned in our St. Peter the Apostle community. We hope to see many of you during our school celebrations.