



BLESSED JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MAY 2013 NEWS



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Confessions:
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**Before and After
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Should you have
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Before and After

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"I invite you to pray together. We are going to turn to Mary, our Mother. I am sure that the children pray to her often. And you parents, you set great store by training them, from the earliest age, to prayer, to religious acts, to the Good News of the Gospel. Even better, you deepen your faith with them and pray with them. Let us ask Mary to lead you to full knowledge of her Son, Jesus, to be his disciples and his apostles."



Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen."

Pope John Paul II, Address, Rome, November 10, 1980

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY. WE TAKE THIS TIME TO HONOR HER IN MANY SPECIAL WAYS AND RECALL OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR OWN MOTHER. THE CHRISTMAS AND EASTER STORIES OFFER GLIMPSES INTO THE LIFE OF JESUS AS THESE STORIES WERE RELATED BY MARY. WE HEAR THE STORY OF THE ANGEL GABRIEL SHARING TO MARY THAT SHE WAS TO GIVE BIRTH TO JESUS. THAT SAME JOY AND ANTICIPATION IS SHARED BY MOTHERS, AND MOTHERS-TO-BE, IN OUR FAMILIES TODAY.

A FAVORITE STORY FOR MOTHERS, AND FATHERS, IS TOLD WHEN JESUS WENT OFF BY HIMSELF AND SPOKE TO THE ELDERS IN THE TEMPLE. MARY AND JOSEPH SEARCHED FOR HIM AND WHEN THEY FOUND HIM THEY WERE TOLD THAT HE WAS DOING HIS FATHER'S WORK. YET, WHEN HE WAS SPOKEN TO BY MARY HE DID AS HE WAS TOLD. FINALLY, IT IS MARY WHO HOLDS HER SON IN HER ARMS BEFORE HE IS TAKEN TO THE TOMB. SHE HOLDS HIM CLOSE, AS SHE PROVIDES COMFORT FOR US IN TIMES OF LOSS. THE RISEN JESUS ASCENDS INTO HEAVEN TO JOIN HIS FATHER. IT IS OUR FAITH THAT AT THE END OF HER LIFE, OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION JOINED HIM, BODY AND SOUL, IN HEAVEN. THIS MONTH, IF YOUR MOTHER IS NEAR, GIVE HER A HUG. IF NOT, KNOW THAT THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY IS THERE FOR YOU.

**FOOD DRIVE
MAY 7-11, 2013**

DURING CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK, OUR SCHOOL WILL BE COLLECTING CANNED GOODS TO SUPPORT CHS OUTREACH PROGRAM. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OTHERS IN NEED.

**VICTORIA DAY
MONDAY, MAY 20, 2013**

MONDAY, MAY 20, 2012 IS VICTORIA DAY. THE SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED.



FDELKP Registration for September 2013

Children born in 2009 are eligible to attend FDELKP in September 2013. Please phone the school at 905-525-1300 to make a registration appointment. The following information is required to register your child: **Birth Certificate, Baptismal Certificate, Immunization Card** and **proof of residency within our school boundaries** (i.e. utility bill).

Parent Info Night for FDELKP Students starting September

All parents/guardians of new students registered for FDELKP starting September 2013 are invited to attend a Parent Information Night to be held on **Thursday June 6, 2013** from 6:00—7:00 p.m. in the Learning Commons. Families to visit classes after.



Before and After Program

Any parents who have placed their names on the waiting list for September 2013, please be patient with us. We will let you know as soon as we know anything. We are currently asking our presently enrolled parents for their surveys to determine how many spaces will be available for September. We will get in touch with you as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience in this matter.



Spring Photos By Lifetouch Photography

Spring photos for students and their in-school siblings are scheduled for the entire school on Friday May 3, 2013. Students do not have to wear uniforms for these photos and family photos with in-school siblings in other Grades can be requested.



E.Q.A.O. Assessments

Our Grade 3 and Grade 6 students will be participating in the E.Q.A.O. Reading, Writing and Mathematics assessments on the dates below:

Grade 3: MORNINGS ONLY (May 28—30) June 3-5

**Grade 6: ALL DAY — May 30 May 31 (pm only)
ALL DAY — June 3, 4, 5**

Parents are asked to keep these days free of appointments so that all students can participate. We congratulate these students and teachers on the hard work they have done in preparing for these assessments and wish them good luck in demonstrating their learning. The Catholic School Council will be providing treats and snacks for these students on the days of the assessments.

Warm Weather Clothing Per Uniform Policy



As the warmer weather approaches, please note the rules regarding uniforms:

- Shirts must be white or navy, collared, crested, with "golf" length sleeves. **(No lace or coloured shirts underneath.)**
- Skirts and shorts should not be any shorter than just above the knee
- Socks should be white or navy **(no anklet socks)**
- All pants/shorts must be navy. **Cargo, sports pants and/or sports shorts are not uniform.**
- Shoes—Safety first priority. With DPA, (Daily Physical Activity) running shoes are preferred to dress shoes. Runners also protect toes from outdoor blacktop, as well as indoor slips and trips that may occur when improper footwear is worn. **Sandals and/or "cros" cannot be worn**



Are You Moving? Going on Vacation?



If your family is moving over the summer and your children will not be attending Blessed John Paul II School in September 2013, please contact the school office. As well, if your family will be taking an extended vacation and your children will not be back for the first week of September, please notify the school in writing.

HWCD SB REPORT TO CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCILS 2013

Our Board has prepared its APRIL 2013 Report to Catholic School Councils
Please click on the link to access a copy of the full Board report.

<http://www.hwcdsb.ca/parents/reportstocsc/>

SAFETY AND OUR SIDE DOORS

Here at Blessed John Paul II, as at any school we do our best to work as a team between the School and the Before and After program. The Before and After program uses the FDELKP class door from the hours 7 am – 8:45 am and from 3:25pm – 6 pm. That is when the FDELKP class entrance door is unlocked. At 8:45 am we take the children outside to join their peers to get ready for the school day so that way they can begin their day with their class, and that is when the door is locked. School staff are on duty with the children at this time.

Families and staff who wish to enter the school using that entrance need only ask a staff member on duty to let them in. This way as a team we are able to ensure the safety of the children, which is everyone's first priority.

We would like to thank everyone for their on-going cooperation in this matter.
Should you have questions please contact Mr. Coons.

SAFETY AND ANIMALS ON OUR PROPERTY

The School is asking that all members of our Blessed John Paul II School community come together to respect each other and rules about our school.

We do have families that are not comfortable around animals and we do have signs that do direct people about animals on our property.

Please contact the School to address concerns about animals on the property of BJP II.

Marriage and Parenting Tips From The Diocesan Office

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Tip #61 – Spring is a wonderful time to point out the gifts of nature, given by God, to our children. Help them see the beauty of new growth and life; remind them that what seemed lifeless, was really preparing for new growth; prompt them to recognize that with a little support, we can help nature reach its full potential. Our children too have unused potential given by God and with nurturing from loving parents, they will blossom and grow.

(From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

Tip #41 – The warmer days of spring prompt us to get outdoors to work and play at things we have not participated in during the colder days of winter. This is a great period to take the time to renew your commitment to work and play together as spouses. In the rush of everyday life, we can forget to take time to nurture, spend time with and connect more fully with the person we have committed to for life. Spring clean your relationship – you won't regret it!



C.Y.O. Camp Brebeuf, located in Rockwood, ON, is offering another life-changing summer of residential camping (Grades 1-8) and leadership programs (Grade 8-10). Camp Brebeuf provides a safe, welcoming Catholic community where campers learn new skills, make friends, celebrate their faith and explore the outdoors. Don't miss out on the excitement this summer! To find out more information on camp dates and rates or to register please go to our website: www.campbrebeuf.ca or call Camp Brebeuf at (519) 856-4671.



CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK MAY 6 TO 10, 2013

Growing Together in Faith

Catholic schools are Catholic communities. Catholic schools are faith communities. We – parents, students, teachers, administrative and support staff – walk and grow together in the faith which we received at our Baptism. And it is the ‘together’ that we grow. And as we learn from nature, growth relies on sun and water and nutrition. Otherwise, it may fade away and even die. Our growth is primarily a relationship with God, who at our Baptism, called us by name. But the response of each of us to that growth is both personal and communal. We grow in our faith in the nurturing atmosphere of our Catholic community be that of our local parish, our home, or our Catholic school community.

Our school community will celebrate Catholic Education Week 2013 in ways that are appropriate to our students’ age. We invite you to participate in one or other of these activities as your personal time and work schedule may permit.

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

Monday – Faith that is Rooted

Tuesday – Faith that is Nurtured

Wednesday – Faith that is Discerned

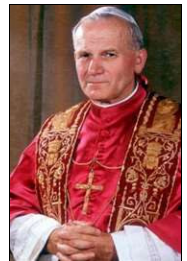
Thursday – Faith that is Witnessed

Friday – Faith that is Celebrated

10TH ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE WEDNESDAY MAY 8, 2013 FROM 6—8 P.M.

We begin our first of a few celebrations for our 10th Year Anniversary by hosting an Open House at Blessed John Paul II Catholic Elementary School.

We welcome back Principals, Teachers, Educational Assistants, Parents and Guardians, Graduates, family and friends to tour the school and share in the spirit of being called “Salt of the Earth” and “Light of the World.”



Throughout the evening there will be: Opening and Closing Liturgy

Performances by the BJP II Glee Club and SJB Vocal Ensemble

Cake and Refreshments courtesy of your Blessed John Paul II Catholic School Council