



ST. JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MAY 2015 NEWS



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**Before and After
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Should you have
questions contact
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.”

St. 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 4–8, 2015

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 18, 2015

MONDAY, MAY 19, 2015 IS VICTORIA DAY. THE SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED.



FDELKP Registration for September 2015

Children born in 2011 are eligible to attend FDK in September 2015. 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 FDK Students starting September 2015

All parents/guardians of new students registered for FDELKP starting September 2015 are invited to attend a Parent Information Night to be held on **Wednesday May 27, 2014** from 6:00—7:00 p.m. in the Library.

Parking Lot Safety Concerns



Parents/guardians who use our parking lot are reminded to make **SAFETY** their first priority. If you are bringing your vehicle to school, we ask that you park in the parking lot on the North side of the building closest to the playground. This is also an excellent site for a "Drop Off" area. Students can be dropped off on the sidewalk leading to the playground and parents can continue to follow the driveway as they exit. Do not double park beside the vehicles in the "Pick Up" lane. This lane is for moving vehicles only and must be kept clear at all times. Allowing your children to leave or enter your vehicle in this lane endangers their lives. Students need a safe exit out of the playground, so please do not block walkways. Be patient. We all need to set a good example by demonstrating that we are never too rushed to practise safety.



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 and 6 MORNINGS ONLY (May 26,27,28)

June 1,2,3,4

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" are not to be worn**



Are You Moving? Going on Vacation?



If your family is moving over the summer and your children will not be attending St. John Paul II School in September 2015, 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.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Talent Show May 5 at 6:00pm
First Communion May 9 at 10:30am
May Crowning May 14 at
Parent info night JK. May 27, 6:00pm
PA Days June 5th and June 19th
Family Fun Night June 4, 5:00 to 7:30pm
Graduation Grade 8 June 18th 5:00pm to
11:00pm (Carmen's)

SAFETY AND OUR SIDE DOORS

Here at St. 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 FDK class entrance door is busiest. 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 are reminded that we are a buzzer system. The Front door remains the preferred entrance. By respecting this 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. MacIsaac

Planning Classes for September 2015

As of this DATE we are looking at the following organization of our school's classes:

FDK A, FDK B and FDK C

Grade 1 A and Grade 1B

Grade 2A and Grade 2B

Grade 3A and Grade 3B

Grade 4

Grade 4/5

Grade 5/6

Grade 6

Grade 7 and Grade 7/8

Grade 8

(Classes will be given to students in June)

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

May 8, 2015

Thank you for your support

APRIL VIRTUE AWARD WINNERS VIRTUE OF THE MONTH IS LOVE

This month we learned what it means to display and show LOVE. The award winners for APRIL are Aliyah, Destiny, Byron, Aaliyah, Caleb, Laurissa, Julia, Matteo, Claudiu, Alexander, Nevaeh, Antonio, Savana, Mataeyah, Aidan, Elisha, Sierra, Emma, Julianna, Evan, Nolan, Christy, Nicholas, Justin, Jacob, Alyssa, Vanessa, Siera, Kelly, Daniella, Joshua, Elenora, Olivia, Paul, Gabe, Alaere, Matthew, Julia and Matteo

CONGRADULATIONS . During the month of May we are learning about **ACCEPTANCE**



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 4 –8, 2015



During the week of May 4 to May 8, 2015, the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board will celebrate the significant contribution that Catholic Education has made to the community, the province and to Canada.

The theme for this year's Catholic Education Week is "Catholic Education: Exploring Paths of Joy." The overall scriptural theme is taken from the Gospel of Luke (Luke 24:32), "Were not our hearts burning within us while He was talking to us on the road?"

There are five sub-themes, one for each day of Catholic Education Week and they are aimed at helping staff and students to reflect on where those "Paths of Joy" can be found:

- Day 1: Walking Together and Sharing our Story
- Day 2: Opening the Scriptures
- Day 3: Welcoming Others to the Table
- Day 4: Recognizing Jesus in the Breaking of the Bread
- Day 5: Proclaiming the Good News

The main theme is inspired by the work of Pope Francis and his "Joy of the Gospel" and the sub-themes are inspired by the biblical story of "The Road to Emmaus", namely that we are all on a life journey of faith where Jesus reveals himself to us.

CLASS PLACEMENTS FOR 2015 – 2016 SCHOOL YEAR

CLASS PLACEMENTS

We have begun preparing class placements for the 2015-2016 school year. In forming class groupings, the following issues are given due consideration:

- Equitable balance of boys and girls level. In each class of the classes at any grade
- A range of academic ability and potential in each class.
- A mix of previous classes (so students can for new friendships, meet different social/academic challenges)
- Children who are best kept together and children who are best kept apart.
- Number of years in a combined class (students is split grades the past year may be placed in a straight grade this year, where possible).

Keeping the above issues of class formation in mind, each teacher develops a profile for every student noting academic, social, behavioural and physical strengths /needs. Following this the divisions compile tentative groupings. These are reviewed by administration and returned for discussion and suggestions to the group of teachers at each grade with further changes made as needed. The class lists then remain tentative pending necessary changes because of increased / decreased enrolment. The objective of this organization process is to achieve the most workable heterogeneous combination of student groups. With your trust in our professional judgement, we will continue to provide all of our students with the best possible learning environment.

Finally, I ask, that should you have concerns or questions regarding the class placement, that these be directed [in writing] to myself rather than individual staff members. Thank you for your continued