



BLESSED JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL JUNE 2013



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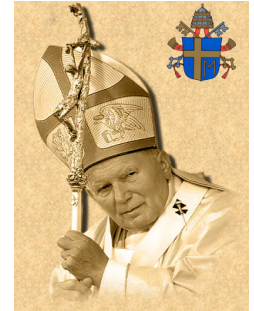
Weekend Mass Times:
Saturday 5:15 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Reconciliation:
Saturdays 4:15-4:45 p.m.

Before and After 905 518-4694

Should you have questions contact the Before and After Staff

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In all that we do we are called to be "Salt of the Earth" and "Light of the World"

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



"Teach your children to choose the right path, and when they are older, they will remain upon it." (Proverbs 22:6)

We are now into our last month of school together here at Blessed John Paul II Catholic Elementary School. Another year, my number five at BJP II, has reached the last month of the school year. We continue to be called to be "Salt of the Earth and Light of the World."

During this last month we will still concentrate on our studies in all subjects. But, because we know that we teach the whole child we are also looking forward to:

- ◆ Our Grade 8 Graduation Mass on Thursday, June 20, 2013 at 1:00 pm at Corpus Christi
- ◆ Our Grade 8 Graduation ceremony on Thursday, June 20, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. at Marquis Gardens on Rymal Road (Hwy. #53). The dance will finish at 11:00 p.m.
- ◆ Our Closing School Liturgy and Awards Assembly on Thursday June 27, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.
- ◆ Various end-of-the-year trips for our classes to enjoy to celebrate the year

Please take time now to reflect on the successes you and your children have enjoyed throughout this year.

Our report cards speak to Strengths, Weaknesses and Next Steps. Be open to all suggestions and celebrate.

PRINCIPAL APPROVES THE FINAL LIST TO BE SHARED WITH STAFF AND FAMILIES. June marks an ending but with a view to a new beginning in September. Parents and Guardians may wish to submit any written requests for their children for consideration for next year's classes. There are wishes you have for your child that you hope to have heard. As Principal I cannot promise all requests from home can be granted. Trust us.

We do have some classes with staff not yet placed for the next school year. (see Page 3)
Comments should outline needs for your child.
Comments should not name other children or teachers.

Staffing changes are not always finalized before we head off on Summer vacation. This year's Staff will take time in June reviewing class lists.

(NEW) Class lists will be presented to all students on the first day of school, September 3, 2013.

Trust that we always seek to make the best decisions for the children.

P.A. DAYS

Friday, June 7 and Friday, June 21, 2013 are P.A. Days.
There will be no school for students.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Friday, June 28, 2013 is the last day of school for students. No Lunch.
Dismissal time FOR ALL is 12:25 p.m.



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, please contact the School Office, in writing.

Also, if your family is going on an early family vacation, please let the school know. Report Cards cannot be given ahead of time. They will be available for pick up in the School Office on the first day of School, Tuesday, September 3, 2013.

If you plan be on vacation when school starts in September, please notify the school office, in writing, before the end of June 2013.

BUS QUESTIONS



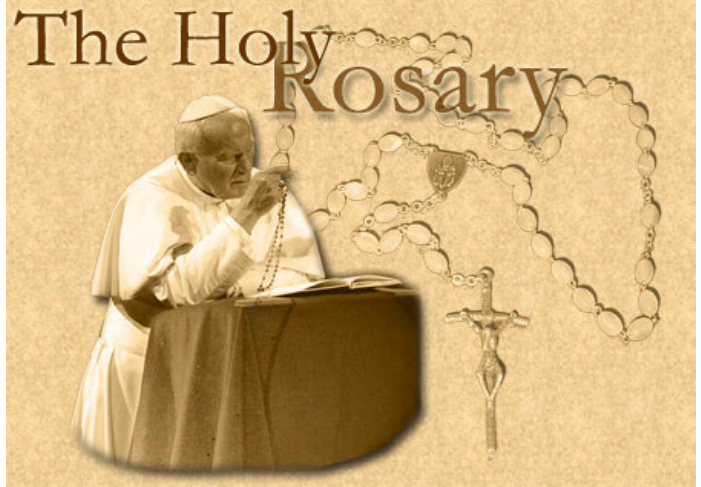
Families that have questions about Bussing and transportation matters (ex. Late times) are invited to check out the following web sites;

www.hamilton School Bus. ca and follow the link for the HWCDSB policy

School Uniform — Warm Weather

Throughout the year we have reminded students to follow the dress code. With the warmer weather, there are more questions arising as to what students should wear. As parents, we ask that you support the School (and each other) by ensuring that students follow the dress code. For example:

- ◆ Our colours remain **blue and white.**
 - ◆ **Shoes should be safe** for the activity at school. Running shoes preferred.
- No sandals, flip-flops or "Crocs".**



The rosary is my favorite prayer,
marvellous in its simplicity
and its depth.
Blessed John Paul II

“The Pope always saw the young as the future and hope of the church and wanted to, in spirit, pass the rosary beads on to them.” Robert Feeney



We celebrated a beautiful May Crowning Ceremony held in the school gym on Friday, May 31, 2013. Our Grade 2 First Communicants and Grade 7 and 8 Confirmandi were chosen to lead this liturgy and crown the statue of Mary. Members of the School Council Executive gave the Grade 2 and Grade 7 and 8 students special gifts to commemorate this occasion.

Thank you to all who helped out to make this a special May Crowning. Come see our garden which the students and staff planted with flowers you donated.



Blessed John Paul II had a very special place for devotions to our Blessed Virgin Mary. Continue to pray to Her all months of the year.

International Language Program

Current educational research indicated that learning or maintaining a second or third language has a positive effect of all aspects of a child's educational development. The focus of the summer International Language Program for elementary school students is to offer an opportunity to develop and/or maintain the ability to read, write, listen and speak a new language or the language of the home or heritage.

The Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District School Board offers free summer classes to elementary school students in the city. To see what is available in your area please check our website: www.stcharles.ca.

Italian Language Classes will be held at St. Marguerite D'Youville Catholic Elementary School,

Classes run for the month of JULY
Monday to Friday—9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
for students in JK to Grade 8.

Registrations begin on Tuesday, July 2, 2013

9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
at St. Marguerite D'Youville Catholic Elementary



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.

Staffing for 2013-2014 (as of June 3, 2013)

As we begin our last month together here at Blessed John Paul II Catholic Elementary School we note the following staff changes that have taken place for next year;

Mrs. Cino, Secretary will finish in June to be replaced by Mrs. Barkovich (from Holy Spirit Catholic Elementary School)

FDELKP: **Mrs. Hepburn** will be moving from Grade 6 to FDELKP for 2013-2014.

Mrs. Salccicioli remains. More T.B.A.

Mrs. Greenwood is retiring.

*We are one class less as of June 3, 2013

Gr. 2 ; **Mrs. Lovasic** and **Mrs. Palmieri** will be moving to different schools

Gr. 4 **Mrs. Harold** will be moving to a different school. (No new Assistant to the Principal has been named.)

Gr. 6 **Mrs. Eaton** is moving to a new school. **Mr. Fonseca** is returning to Gr. 6 and **Mrs. DeSantis-Romanelli** moves from Gr. 7 to Gr. 6

Gr. 7, 7/8 and 8 (All new staff)
Not all named as of June 3, 2013

We wish all staff moving on the very best as they will always be a part of our Blessed John Paul II Catholic School family.

Prayers for all those involved with still more changes to come.