



BLESSED JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL APRIL 2013 NEWS



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Saturday 5:15 p.m.

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***Before and After
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*On the Cross, Jesus died for each one of us.
The Cross, therefore, is the greatest and most
eloquent sign of his merciful love,
the one sign of salvation
for every generation and for all humanity.*

Homily by Pope John Paul II, April 4, 2004 (Palm Sunday)



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

On behalf of the staff we wish you a Happy Easter.

Easter is a time of great sorrow and celebration. The story of the Passion of Our Lord reminds us the depths of our human frailty (false accusation, betrayal, denial, loss of faith, fear that God is not there for us, and brutality in the beating and crucifixion of Jesus). Yet, there is more to celebrate in the acts of compassion (of Jesus to the Women of Israel, of Veronica, of Simon), courage (of Jesus facing death, of Joseph of Arimathea asking to allow Jesus to be buried in his tomb, of Mary Magdalene) and Faith. Jesus died for our sins so that we can be saved. Jesus is the example of how our humanity will lead us to Heaven. In death we have Eternal life with God in heaven.

(An excerpt of an Easter Reflection from Jerry Creedon, Faith Animator of the HWCDSBoard)

*Pope John Paul II died on the 2nd of April, 2005. It was Saturday in Easter Week. Six months before, he had written his last Apostolic Letter: Stay With Us Lord. It is a letter on the Eucharist, for the year of the Eucharist, and it is based on an Easter story, the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus. This is one of our favourite Easter stories and, obviously, one of his. We find the story only in Luke's Gospel (24: 13-35). Perhaps this Easter, we might ponder this story afresh, and draw from it **encouragement and hope**.*

*The first thing that strikes us about this story is that, for the two disciples on the road, the resurrection of Jesus meant nothing until **they met the Risen Christ**, walked with him, opened their hearts to him, listened to him. The second thing to ponder is that even having walked with Jesus and talked with him, the two disciples still did not recognize him until he **broke bread** with them. "As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. **Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him**" (Luke 24: 28-31).*

*Words are not enough on life's journey. The words must be pressed into action. The poor of the world will recognize the face of the Risen Christ in the Church not because of its social teachings, inspiring and powerful though they are, but because of how it cares for them and shares with them. Ask the victims of the recent earthquakes in Haiti or Chile or Turkey. The third message of the story is that the Risen Christ inevitably calls us to find him with one another in **community**. "That same hour, they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together" (Luke 24: 33).*

GLEE CONCERT AT BLESSED TERESA OF CALCUTTA THURSDAY APRIL 4, 2013

Please support Mrs. Harold and our GLEE CLUB who are singing to support the SJB Uganda Fund.BTOC, and St. Daniel CES communities for the eve of **Thurs. Apr. 4th from 6:30-8:30 pm** at BTOC in support of the SJB Uganda experience. Tickets are your chosen donation.



The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Wednesday April 10, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at Corpus Christi Church. God Bless the children and their families on this special day in their Faith life.

2013 Summer Children's Camps



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.



JK Registration for September 2013

Children born in 2009 are eligible to attend JK 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 in our school boundaries** (i.e. utility bill).

FIRE DRILLS and LOCKDOWNS

During the course of the school year we practice both Fire Drills and Lockdown Drills. Rehearsals take place at various times but always involve alternate days to ensure that all staff and students are able to go through training, review and active practice. Safety for all is the priority.

Fire Drills involve us exiting the building while Lockdowns are used to secure the building within (or to not allow others to enter from outside).

Should both events occur the following direction is provided by our Board in co-operation with both the Fire and Police Departments. It is important to note that each response involves clear communication and best judgement of staff and students. Staff are updated on these procedures yearly.

I am always impressed with the manner in which our school conducts these drills. Should you have any questions please speak with your child to ensure they understand their role.

Please contact Mr. Coons should you have any questions or concerns.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Take a break from sandwiches at least once a week. Try cutting up pitas and serve it with their favourite dip or salsa! Cut bread into slices or pieces and then roll up the lunch meat and slice up some cheese.

**Catholic School Council Meeting
Monday April 8, 2013**

6:30—9:00 p.m.

Please come out and support.



CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

MAY 5 –10, 2013



Catholic Education Week 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

Every year, the Ontario Catholic School Trustees’ Association (OCSTA) provides our Catholic schools with a resource kit to help schools prepare for Catholic Education Week. Using these resources as well as our own developed activities we have prepared a series of activities which will highlight how our school is ‘Growing Together in Faith’.

We hope to see many of you during our school celebration of 10 years since our opening. An open House and Faith Fair is scheduled for Wednesday May 8, 2013.