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*Blessed are you, Lord,
for the glories of Spring.
The World bursts with the signs of resurrection:
Flowers stir in their winter beds,
poking through the last traces of snow.
The sun drenches us with its warmth,
stirring the hidden and waiting life
within the earth, within us.
The world awakening reflects
the movement of my heart
and I am touched in the depths of my spirit.
Art work is the power of your hands,
the spirit of drawing life
from things both old and new.
To be praised are you, Lord
for the blessings of Spring.*



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VIRTUE Of The MONTH

This month we celebrate the virtue of love.

God has given us many guidelines and examples of how to live our lives. He sent His Son Jesus to make sure that we could see what life could be like.

Jesus made one lesson clear above all other lessons- **the lesson to love**. Love is not about us-it is about forgetting ourselves and looking out for the good of others. That's what Jesus did- He forgot about Himself on purpose. He chose to give up His life for the good of others- us!!

Becoming a truly loving person is challenging. It takes prayer and concentration to get used to making little sacrifices for the good of others. Making little sacrifices on purpose so that others will have a bit of food, a bit of peace, a bit of quiet, a bit of fun, a bit of friendship.

Through prayer and concentration, we can get better at showing love to everyone we meet.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK- MAY 3 to MAY 9, 2010

Catholic Education Week, this year, takes place May 3 to May 9. The theme is, 'Rejoicing in Hope'. Of special note is our Education Week Mass scheduled for Tues., May 6 at 9:30a.m. Please try and join us. Also, on Wed., May 5 during the day we will be having a French Café. Also on May 5 at 7p.m. will be Welcome to Kindergarten for parents of new kindergarten children attending kindergarten for the first time.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Thank you to all students and parents for your participation in our celebration of "The Stations of the Cross". Former and present students spent the better part of last year painting and producing the beautiful artwork that now adorns our south hallway. They took time to return and participate in our celebration of their work. Mrs. Firhoj and Mrs. Pires' grade 5 extended French classes performed a moving presentation of Christ's suffering and crucifixion. It was an incredible effort by the students and staff. Thank you to Mrs. Firhoj, Mrs. Pires, Mrs. DaCosta, Mrs. Ramlogan, Mrs. Abbott for all their work in preparing the students. Thank you to Father Abraham for his blessing, our trustee Mrs. O'Toole, our superintendent Mrs. Oude-Reimerink for taking time out of their busy schedules to join us. Our ribbon cutting and reception afterwards was a warm community event and thank you to all parents for attending. A special thank you to our

School Council for the funding the lovely plaques that give our artwork the finishing touch.



GRADE TWO COMMUNION RETREAT

On Thursday April 15th the grade two students in Ms. Dell'Anno's and Mrs. Viola's classes will be participating in a full day in-school retreat to celebrate the student's First Holy Communion. Students will bake bread, sing songs, participate in crafts and pray together as we reflect on and celebrate this special sacrament. We will need a few volunteers, so please contact the grade two teachers if you are available.

FIRST COMMUNION

Our thoughts and prayers are with all our gr. 2 students who will be receiving the sacrament of First Communion between April 11 and May 2. Good luck and God bless.

**PLEASE NOTE DATE OF
NEXT SCHOOL COUNCIL
MEETING
ON Thurs., April 8
AT 7p.m. IN THE STAFF
ROOM**

LENTEN PERSONAL NEEDS DRIVE

Thank you for your generosity during our Personal Needs Drive. We are happy to report a total of 20 boxes of donations were delivered to St. Vincent de Paul. A special thank you to Ms. Viola for her coordination of this outreach project.

A Gift of Kindness, Twice as Nice...

You can double the impact of your generosity

Contributions to ShareLife can have a bigger impact than ever this year through the ShareLife Community Challenge! A generous donor has pledged to match all new and increased gifts to the 2010 ShareLife campaign, up to a total of \$500,000. This gift applies to

our school fundraising efforts as well.

If you are a new ShareLife donor, your gift will be doubled. If you have given in the past but didn't contribute in 2009, your gift will be doubled this year. If you're a regular ShareLife donor and you increase your gift from the amount contributed last year, the increase of your gift will be matched as well.

Whether you contribute at the parish, online, or through our school ShareLife fundraising activities, the impact of your gift will be maximized in a special way this year.

For more information, visit www.sharelife.org. You can work **WONDERS!**

**ARE YOU PLANNING
ON MOVING?
PLEASE CALL THE
SCHOOL OFFICE
AND LET US KNOW.**

P.A.L.S.

Now that the nice weather is just around the corner the program called Playground Activity Leaders in the School will begin again. Students have been recruited and are trained to work with primary students leading playground activities during lunch recesses.



JUNIOR BASKETBALL !

Both the Jr. girl's and boy's basketball teams have been picked and they are continually practicing hard for their first games at the end of April. We wish both teams success in their games. Go Thunder!!

Catholic Ratepayers - Check your Tax Bill to Ensure Proper Tax Support

If you are a Catholic ratepayer, we urge you to check your property tax bill to ensure that your support is directed to your local Catholic school board, in our case, the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board.

If you are a tenant, you can verify your support by contacting our Admissions Department at (905) 890-0708, ext. 24511, 24512, or 24519, or your local municipal office.

By ensuring that you are accurately recorded as a Catholic school supporter, you can help deliver a powerful message to the government about the level of support for publically-funded Catholic education in Ontario. In order to be eligible to vote for your local Catholic school board trustee, you must be registered as a separate school supporter.

SCENT AWARENESS

While the board does not have a formal Scent Awareness Policy we ask for your co-operation. As you can appreciate there are children and adults who are sensitive and may be allergic to scents and fragrances. It would be appreciated if students and parents could reduce their use of these strongly scented perfume and deodorant type products in the school building. We all share the air. Thanks.



SUMMER LITERACY CAMPS- INTERESTED?

Summer Literacy Camps for students in SK to 6 are being offered by the Department of Continuing Education July 5 - 30. The program runs 9a.m. to 12p.m. Monday to Friday for 4 weeks. The cost is \$200 for two weeks and \$380. for 4 weeks. The camp will be located at St. Simon Stock. This summer program is intended for students achieving at level 1 or 2. It is not intended for ESL (stage 1 or 2) or Special Education students. Teacher referral for admission to the Summer Literacy Camp is required. Applications are available from the school and are due June 4.

SUMMER SCHOOL

Summer school- remedial literacy and numeracy- for students in grades 7 and 8 is being offered by the Department of Continuing Education July 6 to 23 at St.

Faustina located at 3420 McDowell Dr. The program runs from 8:30a.m. to 12:30p.m., Monday to Friday and is intended for grade 7 and 8 students who are achieving at levels 1 and 2 in English and Mathematics. Students must be recommended by the principal to be eligible to attend. Transportation is provided. There is no cost for Gr. 7 & 8 Summer School. Speak to your child's teacher for more information. Deadline for applications is Friday June 4, 2010.

PARENT INPUT FOR CLASS PLACEMENT FORMS SEPTEMBER 2010

Just a reminder please make sure, if you have not already done so, to hand in your completed Parent Input for Class Placement Form for September 2010 by April 16. If you have misplaced this document and would like another copy please call Mrs. Lusk or Mrs. Williamson at the office and they will be happy to help. Also, please note, it's important for you to submit your written request for placement on an annual basis. **None are kept on file from year to year.** We start fresh each time. Please avoid disappointment. If in doubt, write it out!

MISSED REGISTRATION FOR JK IN 2010-11

Pre-registration for the 2010-11 school year was held in February. If you missed this opportunity to enroll your child, or know of someone who has moved into the area please contact the school for registration information.

GRADE THREE AND GRADE SIX EQAO/ PROVINCIAL ASSESSMENT

Each year grade three and grade six students in Ontario are assessed in reading, writing and mathematics. The Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) has developed the assessment that is used in all schools. This year at St. Therese of the Child Jesus School the dates for the Primary and Junior Division Assessments will take place between May 31 and June 11. Kindly avoid booking dental, doctor and other appointments, vacation or activities during the test period in order to support maximum participation by all students. The grade three's will be writing their EQAO on May 31 to June 2 and the grade six's will be writing June 7 to 9.

CCCSC

A conference for Catholic School Council Members, Volunteers, and School Administrators:

Saturday, April 10, 2010

At St. Joseph C.S.S.

Keynote Speaker is Lou Rocha

" The Importance of Catholic Schools: engaging Parents & the Catholic Community in the Discussion"

If you are interested please pick up a registration form at the school or ask your son/daughter to pick one up for you. These need to be returned ASAP.

SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESENTATION FOR PARENTS

The school council has invited Ken Dryfhout from " The Dam" Meadowvale Youth Drop In Centre to speak to our parent community. The topic will be " Understanding Youth Culture and Positive Parenting ." The presentation will be for an hour and a half and it will take place in the library on May 3 at 7:30 p.m. More information to follow.

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 1—Stations of the Cross

April 2—Good Friday

April 5—Easter Monday

April 7- Virtues Assembly @ 1:15

April 8—School Council Mtg. 7:00 p.m.

April 21 & 22 Dental Screening

April 28- Science Club

April 28—School Council Chairs Mtg.

May 3-7 Education Week

May 3- Parent Council Presentation with Ken Dryfhout

May 5—French Café

May 5- Welcome to Kindergarten @ 7pm

May 6- School Mass in the gym @ 9:30

May 24- Victoria Day

May 31—June 11—EQAO

June 2-4- Gr 8 Ottawa Trip

June 24-Gr 8 Graduation

Mass @ 10:30

Ceremony @ Gonzaga @ 7pm

ATTACHMENTS

April Calendar of Activities

Home & School Connection

Keeping our Kids Safe at School Act.