

# Pauline Vanier Catholic Elementary School

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## Spring Prayer



For flowers that bloom about our feet;  
For tender grass, so fresh, so sweet;  
For song of bird, and hum of bee;

For all things fair we hear or see,  
Father in Heaven, we thank Thee!

For blue of stream and blue of sky;  
For pleasant shade of branches high;  
For fragrant air and cooling breeze;  
For beauty of the blooming trees,  
Father in Heaven, we thank Thee!  
by Ralph Waldo Emerson

## EQAO Testing for Grades 3 & 6



Grade 3 and 6 students will participate in the Provincial Education, Quality and Accountability Office testing. The students will be tested between May 29 and June 2. Exact dates will be confirmed for students in those grades.

**Attendance is very important during the testing, and we ask that parents make every effort to have students at school, on time, for the testing dates.**

## Warm Weather Dress Code and Sun Protection

With warm weather arriving, it is important to review the dress code and appropriate dress for the school day. At all times clothing should be comfortable, tasteful and appropriate to our Catholic school environment. Here are the guidelines:

- students are allowed to wear sleeveless tops, provided they are tight to the underarm and do not reveal undergarments;
- shorts and skirts must reach the bottom of the student's fingertips when hands are relaxed at their side;
- tank top straps must have a minimum width of 5 cm (approx. the width of 3 adult fingers);
- inappropriate slogans/ads on clothing are strictly prohibited. Specifically not allowed are: bandanas, string tops, tube tops, halter tops or anything that exposes a bare midriff and/or undergarments, skin tight clothing, spandex shorts or pants, sheer materials, cut-off shorts, torn or ragged clothing and pants that sag below the waist.



Protective measures such as hats and sunglasses are strongly encouraged for protection against harmful UV rays. Students are reminded that hats need to be removed upon entering the building. Bottles for water are allowed in the classrooms only, not outside in the school yard.

Students who come to school in unacceptable attire may be asked to phone their parents to arrange for a change of clothing to be brought to the school and/or spend time in the office. Your cooperation is appreciated in the event that we need to contact you. Thank you in advance for helping your child(ren) make appropriate clothing choices.

## Junior Kindergarten

Parents can still stop by Pauline Vanier to register their children for the Junior Kindergarten program. Please bring the following: the child's Birth and Baptismal certificates, one parent's Baptismal certificate, the child's Health Card, the child's Immunization Records, and if applicable, Permanent Resident Card or Landed Immigrant Papers.

## First Holy Communion



Congratulations to our Grade 2 students who received the sacrament of First Holy Communion on April 29. Special thanks to Mrs. De Souza and Mrs. Passarelli for helping to prepare the students for this blessed occasion.

## Confirmation

Our Grade Eight students will receive the sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday, May 30, 2006 at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, at 7 p.m.



## Are you Planning to Move ?

We are in the process of planning staffing and organizing classes for the 2006-2007 school year. If you are planning on moving out of Pauline Vanier School area, please call the office to make arrangements for a student transfer form to be prepared and sent home. The transfer form will serve as an introduction to your new school and will enable the school to request student records from us. If your children are remaining at Pauline Vanier School, but you are simply changing address or babysitter please call the office with up to date information.

### **Indoor shoes**

To keep our hallways, classrooms and gym clean and safe, please ensure that your child has a pair of shoes to wear inside the school. **Children may not wear outside shoes and/or boots in their classrooms.** Many students come in from recess breaks with muddy and dirty shoes. For safety and hygiene, they are required to change their shoes when entering their classrooms. Please help us to maintain a clean healthy environment for everyone. Running shoes with non-marking soles are required for participation in the physical education programme.

### **Valuables at School**

Just a reminder that students are not to bring valuables or items of importance to school. This includes CDs, CD players, iPods, Mp3 players, Game Boys, Cell Phones, expensive sports equipment, etc. We cannot assume responsibility for lost or damaged valuables.

### **Catholic Education Week**

April 30 - May 6, 2006 is Catholic Education Week. The theme this year is 'And God Saw That It Was Good'.

**You are invited to visit Pauline Vanier from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and/or 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. on Friday, May 5, 2006 to participate in our Multicultural Festival.**

**The Talent Show will be held from 1:00-1:30 p.m. on Friday. All are welcome to attend.**

### **Traffic Safety Reminders**

Please help us to keep our students safe by adhering to the following safety rules:

- The 'Bus' Lane is reserved for buses only. Even when there are no buses loading or unloading in that lane, it also serves as our **Fire Emergency Route.** Cars should NEVER stop or park in the bus lane.
- The 'Kiss and Ride' Lane is strictly for drop-offs. This lane allows parents to drop-off their child without leaving their vehicle. Cars should not be left unattended in the Kiss and Ride lane.
- The 'Drive-Thru Lane' is for cars that wish to exit the school driveway. Cars that stop in this lane disrupt the flow of traffic.

### **Summer Advantage**

The Summer Advantage event is ready for take-off! Summer Advantage is a fully coloured, 200 page activity book designed to maintain and extend all Junior Kindergarten to Grade 7 students' academic learning over the summer months. **There is one activity book per grade level from JK to grade 7.** The activities are intended to keep students' thinking skills sharp over the summer months, to introduce themes and subject content for the upcoming school year and to provide an alternative to video games and television. When your child says, "I'm bored", Summer Advantage will provide that beneficial alternative. All books have parent information pages, evaluation forms, follow-up activities and a family focus. There is also a Summer Advantage website ([www.summeradvantage.ca](http://www.summeradvantage.ca)) which contains more detailed information. The cost of each activity book is \$20.00.

This in-school purchasing opportunity runs until **May 12, 2006.** Delivery of books will be in early June. Please make cheques available to Pauline Vanier Catholic Elementary School. There are sample units for SK-Grade 6 available for parent viewing in the school office.

### **Looking ahead:**

April 30<sup>th</sup> – May 6<sup>th</sup> – Catholic Education Week

May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Grade 6 classes to Crawford Lake

May 4<sup>th</sup> – Grade 7 and 8 classes to St. Augustine Secondary to see drama production]

May 5<sup>th</sup> – Multicultural Festival in Pauline Vanier School gym, 10:30 to 11:30 and 12:30 to 1:30.

May 12<sup>th</sup> – Last day to order Summer Advantage Books

May 23<sup>rd</sup> – Grade 5 and 5/6 classes to the Peel Heritage Museum

May 23<sup>rd</sup> to June 9<sup>th</sup> – EQAO testing for Grades 3 and 6

May 24<sup>th</sup> – Dental Screening for students in JK, SK, Grades 2 and 8

May 30<sup>th</sup> - Confirmation at St. Jerome's Parish, 7 p.m.

May 31<sup>st</sup> – Crowning of Mary Celebration in school gym, 10:15 a.m.

