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## Catholic Education Week – May 6- 11, 2018

The theme for this year's Catholic Education Week is 'Catholic Education: **Renewing the Promise**. *“For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.”*  
Acts 2:39

### CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

The sub-themes for Catholic Education Week 2018 are as follows:

Overall Theme: “Renewing the Promise”

Monday: **Remembering the Promise**  
Tuesday: **The Promise is Within You**  
Wednesday: **Praying the Promise**  
Thursday: **Living the Promise**  
Friday: **Proclaiming the Promise**



### CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to the Grade 7 students from Mrs. Stayshyn & Mr. Welsh's classes who received their Confirmation on Wednesday, April 11 2018 at St. Thomas Church in Waterdown. Many thanks to Mrs. Stayshyn & Mr. Welsh for preparing the students for this special sacrament. Many thanks to the Catholic School Council for purchasing a Confirmation gift for all students being confirmed.



### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



The Grade 2 students will be receiving their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 5, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Thomas Church in Waterdown. Many thanks to Mrs. MacEachern and Mrs. Bury for preparing the students for this special sacrament. Please remember to pray for these students as they continue their spiritual journey. Parents, please ensure that these children attend Mass regularly to share in this most Holy Sacrament. Thank you to the Catholic School Council for purchasing Communion gifts as a remembrance for the students

## MAY CROWNING

*All early in the morning  
I rose to greet the day,  
And underneath my window  
I saw a Child at play.  
The robins were not fearful  
Of one so mild and meek;  
They lighted on His shoulder  
And nested at His cheek.  
He picked the clustering roses,  
The lily in its sheath,  
The long-stemmed purple violets,  
And wove them in a wreath.  
And then I saw a Lady  
Come walking in the dew;  
Her robe was white as starshine,  
Her mantle was deep blue.  
And as the Child approached her,  
All sweetly she knelt down  
And bent her head, receiving  
His fragrant, flowery crown.*



### MAY CROWNING

On Tuesday, May 8, 2018 the St. Augustine School community will be honouring our Mother Mary with a Crowning Celebration. The liturgy service will begin at 9:00 a.m. in St. Augustine Elementary School Gym. All parents/guardians are invited to share in this wonderful tribute to Our Lady. Bouquets of fresh flowers or plants will be most welcome. Please drop them off at the school before 8:30 a.m. The Grade 2 students can wear their First Communion outfits and the Grade 7 students can wear their Confirmation outfits. When Mass is over, they can change into their school uniform.

### FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION BRUNCH

The Grade 2 and Grade 7 students are invited to the brunch in the Learning Commons following the May Crowning Mass. This is hosted by the Spiritual Committee, in celebration of their recent sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. This event is always a wonderful success and to achieve this success, we need volunteers for serving! This year's brunch is being catered by Cathedral Catering. The brunch includes pancakes, sausages, fruit, dessert and drinks at approximately 10:30 a.m. If you can help, please contact Donna Faria Sienna at [donna.sienna@gmail.com](mailto:donna.sienna@gmail.com) or 905-628-4611. We are also accepting monetary donations to help cover costs. Please advise if there are any food allergies or concerns.

### VOLUNTEER TEA

We will be celebrating all volunteers that work at St. Augustine Catholic Elementary School on May 10, 2018 at 11:20 a.m. in the Learning Commons. We are very fortunate to have a large number of volunteers who faithfully work with and for the students at St. Augustine. We greatly appreciate all that you do for the students. Thank you!!



## VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR DEMONSTRATION OF



IN THE MONTH OF APRIL ARE:

Mrs. Bacik/Miss MacFarlane	Isla H.
Mr. Havers	Lucien B.
Mrs. Bury	Nico P.
Mrs. MacEachern	Sarah W.
Mrs. Harold	Sophia C.
Ms. Cornale	Gianina A.
Mr. Hewitson	Jason M.
Miss Filice/Mr. Filice	Lilah O.
Mr. Welsh	Laura H.
Mrs. Stayshyn	Ava B.
Mr. Palkowski	Jack T.

## DIRECTOR'S AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE 2017-2018

Catholic School Mission and Vision

**Teagan K.**

Excellent Effort in the Pursuit of Learning

**Samantha T.**

Arts

**Kendra F.**

Health and Physical Education

**Josh M.**

Mathematics

**Alex F.**

Science/Technology

**Chris P.**

Academic Excellence

**Samantha G.**

Stewardship of Creation: Environmental Award

**Aiden T.**

Language

**Kate M.**

French as a Second Language

**Michael O.**

Religion and Family Life

**Erin M.**

Social Studies/History/Geography

**Carissa Y.**

## JUMP ROPE FOR HEART



On Friday, June 8, 2018 is our kick off for Jump Rope for Heart. Students and parents are reminded to help the Heart and Stroke Foundation by raising awareness and funds through sponsors. We look forward to this fantastic event and thank you in advance for your support.

## EQAO TESTING

The students of Grades 3 & 6 will write the Provincial EQAO Primary and Junior Assessments test from **May 23– May 31, 2018**. The students will be tested in Reading, Writing and Mathematics. If at all possible, we kindly ask parents not to book appointments for your child during this time.

## ST. AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

The sold out Spring Extravaganza-Toonie Auction was a huge success again this year! We raised over \$13,000 for our school. We want to thank everyone that attended our fundraiser. We appreciate all the wonderful prize donations we received. Special thanks to Mr. Hewitson and Mr. Furlong for playing the music and hosting our evening. The Catholic School Council worked very hard to make this a great night!

Our next Catholic School Council Meeting will be on Monday June 11 at 6:45 p.m. in the Learning Commons.

## SCRIPTURE READING

On Wednesday, May 9th, 2018, the HWCDSB Scripture Reading Competition will be taking place at 7pm at Bishop Ryan CSS. This competition is meant to not only enrich the faith journeys of our students, but to also build their confidence in public speaking. Please come and support our students. The following students will be attending this event;

Kathleen F.

Malaki W.

Sydney G.

Kate M.

## SPORTS NEWS

### Cross Country



The Cross Country Spring Meet is fast approaching. The students have been practising very hard during DPA. The meet will be at Marydale Park to 5999 Chippewa Rd., Mount Hope on Tuesday, May 14, 2018. Please note that all times are approximate. Parents, please note that only students who can demonstrate the ability to run without stopping for 6 – 13 minutes, depending on their age, will be granted permission to run cross-country. All parents are welcome to attend, provided they have their own transportation. A special thank you to Mrs. Mederios for organizing the event and all the teachers involved in the practices and meet.



Bonjour,

Thank you to the many people who helped organize, set up and run the French Café. Especially to the grade 7 and 8 classes who ran the event. Without the support and help from them and the staff, it could not have gone as smoothly! A special thank you to all families who donated a raffle gift this year. We were extremely blessed to have had so many donations that help raise money for our school.

Looking forward to next year already!

Mme Curto

## FOOTWEAR ETIQUETTE

Flip flops should not be worn to school for health and safety reasons. Please keep children's feet happy and safe! Also, all students need to have a pair of running shoes at school to be worn during the day. They are not allowed to walk around in stocking feet. This is a health and safety issue. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

## BOMB THREAT /FIRE DRILLS

We will be conducting a Bomb Threat Drill, and Fire Drills during the month of May. These drills ensure that staff and students are prepared in the event of an emergency. You will be notified through our safe arrival phone system upon successful completion of each drill.

## DROP OFF/PICK UP

Please use the crosswalks and crossing guard at the corner of Sydenham and Alma to ensure student safety. Also if you are dropping students off please ensure that they are not exiting the car on the traffic side or crossing unattended. Please remember that double parking on Alma St. creates congestion. There are limited parking spaces on Alma street in front of the school, an alternative is the street on the other side of Sydenham Road (Alma St.).