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Catholic Education Week – April 30 – May 5, 2017

The theme for this year's Catholic Education Week is 'Catholic Education: **Walking forward together**. "Do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with your god"

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

The sub-themes for Catholic Education Week 2017 are as follows:

Overall Theme: "Walking forward Together"

Monday:	Walking Forward Together with God
Tuesday:	Walking Forward Together with Our Families
Wednesday:	Walking Forward Together with Others
Thursday:	Walking Forward Together with Creation
Friday:	Walking Forward Together in Hope



CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to the Grade 7 students from Mrs. Ferrara's class who will be celebrating their Confirmation on Sunday, May 7, 2017 at St. Augustine Church. Many thanks to Mrs. Ferrara 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 13, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. Many thanks to Mr. Havers 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 23, 2017 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. at St. Augustine Church. 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 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 11, 2017 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:

Miss Jacobs/Miss MacFarlane	Audrey H.
Mrs. MacCabe-Freeman	Tatum W.
Mr. Hewitson	Arianna D. & Alexis K.
Mr. Havers	Clare C.
Mrs. Bury	Georgio D.
Mrs. Filice-Black (Mrs. MacEachern)	Grace S.
Ms. Cornale	Samantha M.
Mrs. Harold	Isabella S.
Mr. Beatrice (Miss Filice)	Jack P.
Mrs. Ferrara	Sydney G.
Mr. Burgio	Alexander Y.

DIRECTOR'S AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE 2016-2017

Catholic School Mission and Vision

Grace O.

Excellent Effort in the Pursuit of Learning

Nicholas S.

Arts

Stephanie R.

Health and Physical Education

Jacob M.

Mathematics

Grace O.

Science/Technology

Joshua S.

Academic Excellence

Alexander Y.

Stewardship of Creation: Environmental Award

Sarah S.

Language

William O.

French as a Second Language

Stephany L.

Religion and Family Life

Karly D.

Social Studies/History/Geography

Reese C.

PUBLIC SPEAKING NEWS

St. Augustine School participated in the Regional Public Speaking event that took place on Monday, April 24, 2017 at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Elementary School. St. Augustine was represented very well. We would like to congratulate all of our participants for their outstanding performances. Gr 4: Jessica C. and Connor F., Gr 5: Elizabeth S. and Isabella S., Gr 6: Kate M. and Kathleen F. Gr 7: Nicholas S. and Ryleigh K. in Gr 8: William O. and Julia S. A special mention goes to 5 of our public speaking finalists who have been chosen to move on to the final Board Wide Event. Congratulations to: Jessica C., Elizabeth S., Kathleen F., Kate M., and Nicholas S. Congratulations and good luck.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART



On Thursday, May 11, 2017 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 29, 2017**. 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 would like to thank Scotia Bank of University Plaza for the volunteer support and their donation of \$5000. 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!

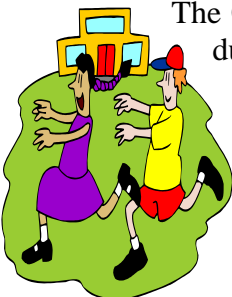
Our next Catholic School Council Meeting will be on Monday May 15th at 6:45 p.m. in the Learning Commons.

SPORTS NEWS

Junior & Senior Boys Volleyball

Congratulations to the boys as they have qualified for playoff action. We wish the boys luck as they continue their awesome season! Mr. Havers, Mrs. Harold, Miss Jacobs, Mr. Burgio & Mrs. Ferrara.

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 12, 2017. 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.

ST. AUGUSTINE STAR SEARCH



St. Augustine Star Search will take place in June. Those students auditioning for SASS will be given a permission form at the beginning of May. All of important dates will be included in that form. Looking forward to an awesome show!

Mrs. Harold

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.).