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May's Virtue Responsibility

We will honour our commitments to our family, school, and community.

We will be reliable so that people can depend on us.



From The Principal's Desk:

Dear Parents/Guardians:

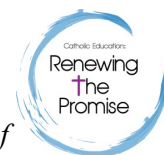
We dedicate the month of May to our blessed Mother Mary. The month of May is also a very special month for our Catholic schools, it is also the month in which one whole week is dedicated to acknowledging and appreciating the unique identity and distinctive contributions of Catholic Education in Ontario. This year's theme is **Renewing the Promise**. This year, Catholic Education Week combines the themes of reconciliation, solidarity, love, justice, and ecology. We hope that you will be join us on May 10th at 9:10am (JK- Gr. 3) and 10:45 am (Gr. 4-8) in the gym for a Devotion to Mary Celebration, prepared by the Rosary Apostolates.

On May 13th, let us all take the time to thank all mothers for their giving hearts and for the difficult job they do. Mothers are so very important in our lives, and we are sure you would all agree that they are worthy of the highest honour. As a Christian community, we give thanks for each and every woman, for mothers, for sisters, for wives; for women dedicated to the many human beings who await the gratuitous love of another person; for women who watch over the human persons in the family; for women who work professionally, and who at times are burdened by a great social responsibility.

Congratulations to our Grade 2 students who received the sacrament of First Communion on May 6th. Thank you to Ms. Ellero, Ms. Conroy, and Ms. Sestito for their support and guidance throughout the sacramental preparations. A big thank you to the Catholic School Council for providing a fruit and vegetable tray on May 7th to the Grade 2s and to the Grade 7s on April 17th to celebrate the students receiving their respective sacraments. Thank you also to the CSC Lunch Time Committee for their continuing support and assistance in organizing and delivery of the Hot Lunches during the week and to the CSC The Healthy Snack Program Committee to continuing support in providing healthy Snacks to our Children every Thursday prior to morning recess. Finally, we thank you all for your generosity, we were able to raise **\$637.00 for the Angel Hair Foundation**. This month, the Grade 3s will be participating in "Swim to Survive". Finally our grade 3 and 6 classes will be writing the E.Q.A.O. from May 23th to June 1st. As all students are expected to be in attendance, we ask you to please refrain from scheduling medical/dental appointments during this period.

On behalf of our staff, from our families to yours: We wish all the Mothers a Happy Mother's Day!

Yours in Catholic Education,
Mrs. C. Taggio
Acting Principal



Mission

Guided by Gospel Values and Catholic Virtues, in partnership with home and Church, we educate and inspire all students to reach their full potential in a safe and caring environment.

Vision

Our students will become creative and critical thinkers who integrate Catholic values into their daily lives, as socially responsible global citizens.

Core Values

Catholicity, Excellence, Equity, Fiscal Responsibility, Inclusion, Integrity, Respect

Strategic Commitments

Integration of Our Catholic Faith, Continuous Improvement of Student Achievement, Effective Use of Our Resources, Engaging Our Communities

Partners in Faith



With Immaculate Conception Parish

Congratulations to our Grade 7 students who received the Gift of the Holy Spirit on April 13th when they received the Sacrament of Confirmation and to our Grade 2 students who received the Sacrament of First Communion on May 6th. A special thank you to Father Eugene and his associates for guiding and celebrating these sacraments with our students.

Catholic School Council

Next Meeting: Our Catholic School Council meeting for this month is on **May 16** beginning at **7:15 p.m. in the library**. Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings and join committees and volunteer to assist with school events.

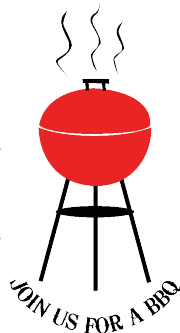
Fundraising: Congratulations to the following classes for having the highest chocolate sales: Ms. Delbove's FDK class, Ms. Troiano's Grade 6 class, and Ms. Aresta's Grade 7 classes. Each of these classes has earned a free pizza lunch from the CSC which they will receive on **Tuesday, May 8th**. **Chapters Gift cards** for individual prizes will arrive shortly and will be distributed accordingly.

Pro Grant: CSC is using the Pro Grant to fund Drum fit activities for the students on May 24th.

Chapters Night May 28th @ 6 pm The CSC will host Chapter's Night, located at [3900 Hwy 7](#). From 6:30 until 9:00 pm. Proceeds from sales that will evening are donated to SGA and will greatly assist in CSC and School activities. Further information will follow shortly.

SAVE THE DATE:

This year, SGA's annual CSC Year-end Barbeque is scheduled for **June 22nd**. Looking forward to see you there! The year-end celebration will include a Vendor sale. If parents are aware of any Vendors that wish to market their products please contact the office or CSC members.



Anaphylaxis—Life Threatening Allergies

At St. Gabriel the Archangel, we work in collaboration with the YCDSB, school, home and community in teaching our children and staff all about anaphylaxis and keeping our allergic children safe. St. Gabriel is a peanut/nut safe environment.

Complete and total avoidance of allergens is the only true way to protect and preserve the life of an anaphylactic child.

At St. Gabriel we are extremely proud of our parent community, students and staff for their dedication and commitment to ensure the safety of anaphylactic students.

Remember:

- Not to send meals from fast food restaurants that can't guarantee peanut/nut-safe foods
- Not to send any peanut or nut products;
- Not to send specific products to identified classrooms;
- To take the time to read **all** labels which may state "May contain traces of..." or "Manufactured in a facility that produces nut/peanut products..."
- To remind caregivers/babysitters of our allergy policies;
- To enforce the "no food sharing" policy with your children.

EQAO Testing

EQAO Testing time is May 22 to June 4 for our Grade 3's and 6's. The Grade 3 students will be writing May 22-28th while the Grade 6 students will be writing the test from May 28th-June 1st. Most classroom schedules will be re-arranged during those weeks. We ask that parents **DO NOT** schedule any trips or appointments during these weeks in order to accommodate the prescriptive timelines of the testing procedures.

Parents, we ask you to please make sure:
Your child attends school every day during testing weeks.
Your child has a good breakfast and is well rested;
Your child is on time every day.

Please visit the EQAO website for sample test questions and tips for parents for the Grade 3 and Grade 6 tests. Parents are encouraged to try these questions with their children and to review the requirements of a level 4 answer with them. Visit www.eqao.com for more information and parent tips and resources.

Scholastic Book Fair is Here!

As part of Catholic Education Week, SGA will be having a Scholastic Book Fair all week. Students will have the opportunity to visit the Book Fair during the school day to select as well as to purchase their orders.



Coaches' Corner:

Intermediate Girls Indoor Soccer Teams

The Intermediate Girls and Boys Soccer teams participated in an indoor tournament in April at the OSA. Both teams played well and displayed great enthusiasm and teamwork. Well done teams! We look forward to a great experience with both our teams in our outdoor tournaments this month. A special thank you to Signora Tucciarone and Mrs. Santeramo for their time and dedication! Our wonderful Girls team was comprised of:



Arianna A.	Marina A.	Julia D.
Sofia De.	Sofia Di.	Sofia Di M.
Giorgia F.	Olivia M.	Ava P.
Allison R.	Sofia R.	Miranda S.
Oriana S.	Nicoletta T.	

Our wonderful Boys team was comprised of :

Joseph C.	Dante L.	Videl J.
Dylan A.	Giancarlo V.	Jack M.
Luciano R.	Marco B.	Cristian A.
Adam T.	Nicholas T.	Max. G

Junior Girls and Junior Boys Basketball Teams

The boys and girls junior basketball team participated in their local tournaments, boys at St. Catherine of Siena, girls at Immaculate Conception. The two teams played well and had a lot of fun with their teammates. The boys finished with a record of 2 wins, 2 loses, the girls won all 4 games, finishing 4-0. Coaches, Mrs. Santeramo and Mr. Adu would like to thank and congratulate the junior boys and girls team for a fun- filled season. Great job Panthers and all the best next season. Thank you to Coaches Mrs. Santeramo and Mr. Adu for their time and dedication. A big shout out goes to the following junior basketball stars:

GIRLS:

Aniyah D.	Susanna T.	Mariana C.
Samantha I.	Felicia L.	Gabriella D.
Alexa C.	Sarah H.	Isabella U.
Vanessa C.	Katrina M.	Olivia P.
Emma T.	Katia L.	

BOYS :

Patrick R.	Carlo B.	Massimo F
Dylan P.	Matteo A.	Michael C.
Michael S.	Matteo P.	Gianluca M.
Vincent M.	Alexander S.	
Ryan C.		
Anthony G.		



WE Walk for Water

As a WE school initiative, we will be holding a “We Walk for Water” walk on Friday, May 11 at 9:15, rain date will be on Monday, May 14 at 9:15. We are raising funds to help provide clean water to a community in Nicaragua. When communities have access to clean water, girls can attend school, parents can run sustainable farms, and families can break the cycle of poverty. We are inviting each student to donate a toonie or more as our goal is to raise \$1000 which will provide a community in Nicaragua with permanent access to clean water. Join us for our first water walk! A letter with more information will be distributed to each family. Thank you for your support.

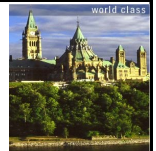
Oral Communications: Congratulations to all those who participated in the Oral Communications Competition! The following students placed:

	<u>Junior</u>	<u>Intermediate</u>
1st:	<i>Katia L.</i>	<i>Julian G.</i>
2nd:	<i>Dylan P.</i>	<i>Sofia R.</i>
3rd:	<i>Stephanie I.</i>	<i>Andrew M.</i>

Both Junior and Intermediate 1st place winners went on to the Area 3 finals. Best of luck to Julian G. who place first at the Area 3 finals and will go on to the Board Finals on May 10th at Blessed Trinity.

Grade 8s Head to Ottawa

Grade 8 students will be going to our nation’s capital—Ottawa May 30th to June 1st. They are sure to enjoy many special attractions and activities. Wishing them a safe and enjoyable trip. Bon Voyage!



Swim to Survive:

Grade three students will be participating in three "Swim to Survive" swim lessons at the Chancellor pool on the following dates: Ms. Portolese's class on May 1, 8, 15 Ms. Vavaroutsos' and Ms. Sestito's classes on May 2, 9, 16.

Scientist in the School

The Grade Three students will be participating in a Scientists in the School workshop on Thursday, May 3rd titled "It's too Important to be Treated Like Dirt!". During this workshop students will become pedologists and get down and dirty with soil. They will learn what soil is made of, race water through different soil types and investigate why plants need soil. The Grade Threes will also explore erosion, build a soil profile and learn about decomposers by making friends with some earthly creatures. The students are looking forward to much exploration and discovery during this upcoming soil workshop in preparation for their next unit of study in Science.

