

ST PAUL CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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Feeder High School - Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School

“Catholic Education: Renewing the Promise” Theme for Catholic Education Week 2018

*M*essage from the Principal...

This year’s Catholic Education Week theme is “*Renewing the Promise.*”

The theme for CEW 2018 draws upon previous documents on Ontario Catholic education, namely, “This Moment of Promise” (1989), “Fulfilling the Promise” (1993) and “Our Catholic Schools” (2006-2007). These three documents, while several years apart from each other, all speak of the unique mission of Ontario Catholic education, the importance of its shared leadership by all those involved in Catholic education and the critical role of Catholic education in contemporary society.

Catholic Education Week 2018 combines the themes of reconciliation, solidarity, love, justice and ecology.

There are five sub-themes for each day of Catholic Education Week:

Day 1:	Remembering the Promise
Day 2:	The Promise is Within You
Day 3:	Praying the Promise
Day 4:	Living the Promise
Day 5:	Proclaiming the Promise

Every year, the Ontario Catholic School Trustees’ Association (OCSTA) provides our Catholic schools with a resource kit to help schools prepare for Catholic Education Week. Using these resources as well as our own developed activities, we have prepared a series of activities which will highlight how our school is *Renewing the Promise.*

We hope to see many of you during our school celebrations.

Jim Vandenbosch

MAY 2018

NEWSLETTER #9

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SCHOOL HOURS 2017-2018

8:55 a.m. - School Entry
10:10 - 10:25 a.m. - Morning Recess
11:45 - 12:35 p.m. - Lunch
1:45 - 2:00 p.m. - Afternoon Recess
3:20 p.m. - School Dismissal

MASS TIMES

Our Lady of the Assumption
Parish
Pastor Father Wilhelm
Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m.,
11:30 a.m.

ST. PAUL OF TARSUS

St Paul was born at Tarsus in Cilicia a few years after the birth of Christ. A tent maker by trade, the well educated Saul bitterly persecuted the Christian Jews. Saul, following an 'encounter' with the Lord on the road to Damascus, became a Christian – a follower of Jesus.

After being baptized, Paul zealously began a life of prayer and travel to bring the good news of Jesus to many people. After some 30 years of missionary work, he was taken as a prisoner to be tried before Caesar. After his first trial, he was released for a while, but was again arrested, condemned to death and was beheaded in the year 67 A.D.

St. Paul's main message was that both Jews and Gentiles (non-Jewish people), through faith and acceptance of the gospel, could enter into eternal life with the Risen Christ.

During St. Paul's lifetime, and as a result of his work, Jesus' disciples turned their energies to the worldwide missions of bringing the good news of Jesus to all people.



FEAST DAYS OF ST. PAUL

January 25th

Celebration of his Conversion

June 29th

Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul

MISSION STATEMENT

At St. Paul School, Catholic values and the traditions of our Catholic faith are central to our lives.

As apostles of Christ, we spread the message of Jesus Christ by acting as contributors to society through prayer and service to the global community.

VISION

At St. Paul CES, each member of our school community is valued. We respect ourselves, each other, and everyone that we come in contact with. In this atmosphere of respect, we strive for personal excellence. Our catholic beliefs permeate every aspect of our lives.

OUR SCHOOL PRAYER

Dear St. Paul, Bless us and guide us each day. May the light of your love for Jesus show us the way to love others. Help us to believe in ourselves and achieve our goals, protect us from wrong choices so that we may be an example for others, and carry the gospel in all that we say and do.

PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

Good and Gentle God, we pray in gratitude for our mothers and for all the women who have joined with you in the wonder of bringing forth new life. You who became human through a woman, grant to all mothers the courage they need to face the uncertain future that life with children always brings. Amen.

MAY 21 2018—HAPPY QUEEN VICTORIA DAY!

The school will be closed on May 21st to celebrate Victoria Day.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Full-day Junior and Senior Kindergarten Registration continues until the end of the school year. To be eligible for Junior Kindergarten your child must be four years old by December 31st, 2018. Please call the school at 905-578-2117 to arrange for a registration date and time.

Please bring the following documents to school:

- *Baptismal Certificate from a Roman Catholic Church*
- *Birth Certificate or Immigration Papers*
- *Immunization Record*
- *Proof of Address*

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

The next Catholic School Council meeting will be held on May 29th, at 6:30 p.m. This will be the year end social for the executive.

NEW WATER HYDRATION STATIONS

Thank you to the parent council for purchasing the two water hydration stations for our school. They are located in the open area and the students are making great use of them.

These items were purchased thanks to the overwhelming participation from parents in the Big Box Fundraiser. Congratulations!

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the grade 2 students on receiving their first Holy Communion on Sunday April 22nd, at Our Lady of the Assumption Church.

**RECIPIENTS OF THE DIRECTOR'S AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE FOR
STUDENTS FOR 2017-2018.**

<u>AWARD</u>	<u>STUDENT</u>
Catholic School Mission/Vision Award	Connor S.
Academic Excellence Award	Amanda R.
Excellent Effort in the Pursuit of Learning Award	Kendall S.
Arts	Jesse L.
Religion & Family Life	Gabriella M.
Language	Ava E.
Science/Technology	Jadan A.
Mathematics	Lukas K.
Stewardship of Creation: Environmental Award	Olivia S.
Social Studies/History/Geography	Zakary K.
French as a Second Language	Mary M.
Health & Physical Education	Daniel R.

**These students were recognized at a special ceremony at the Board Office on
Monday May 11th, 2018.**

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ACHIEVEMENT!

EQAO TESTING

The grade three and six students will be participating in the Ministry's EQAO testing again this year. The dates set aside for the testing will be from May 22nd, to June 4th. Please do everything possible to ensure that your child(ren) are present at school during this time. The exact testing dates will be sent home with the children in grades three and six.

MARIAN LITURGY

On May 18th at 9:30 am, we will be gathering in the school gymnasium to celebrate our May Crowning Liturgy. At this special celebration, we will adorn Mary with a crown of flowers. We will also recognize our First Holy Communicants as well as our Confirmandi at this celebration.

POTTED FLOWERS FOR MAY CROWNING LITURGY

Donations of potted flowers for the May Crowning Liturgy would be greatly appreciated. The plants will be planted in our flower garden following the service.

CONFIRMATION

Please pray for the grade seven students as they prepare for their Confirmation which will be held on June 5th, at 7:00 pm, at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish.

Scripture Reading

Please join us in wishing the following intermediate students the best of luck as they represent St. Paul Catholic Elementary School at the Annual HWCDSB Scripture Reading Event on Wednesday, May 9th at Bishop Ryan C.S.S.

Kevin V.

Caprice H.

Nathan S.

Vanessa M.



St. Paul Panther Athletics News.



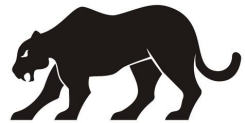
Senior and Junior Boys' volleyball teams. Both teams have had a great season with lots of success. Congratulations boys!

Wrestling practices continue every Monday and Thursday after school from 3:30 pm to 4:30. The annual wrestling tournament will be held at Bishop Ryan High School on May 23rd, 2018.

Cross country training is in full swing as the students prepare for the meet on Monday May 16th.

Thank you to all our coaches for their hard work and dedication working with our young athletes! As always, we can't run the programs without you.

GO PANTHERS!



ONLINE PAYMENTS NOW AVAILABLE!



Almost three quarter of the families here at St. Paul have now signed up for this convenient payment method. Please consider registering your family today.

Parents please register!

Here's how:

Step 1: Go to this website: <https://hwcdsb.schoolcashonline.com>

Step 2: Register by selecting the "Get Started Now" and following the steps

Step 3: After you receive the confirmation email, please select the 'click here' option, sign in and add each of your children to your household account.

ECO WARRIOR NEWS

At our monthly awards' ceremony for the month of April we were thrilled to present the recycling award and energy conservation award to ...

Mr. Guagliano's grade 5/6 class and Mr. Donelson's FDK class.

Congratulations!



UNIFORMS

When purchasing your child's uniform, please refer to the Uniform Policy which can be found in your child's agenda or on the website. Please read the policy carefully as it outlines the acceptable and unacceptable uniform item.

Mandatory School Uniform implies that all students arrive at school dressed appropriately and in adherence to the Board and School Uniform Policy. Failure to do so shall result in consequences as outlined in the Uniform Policy.



A reminder that:

Nylon, cargo, kobe and track bottoms are not permitted

Only navy or white t-shirts can be worn under tops

All shirts must be collared (excluding turtle neck)

Hooded sweaters are not permitted indoors.

Leggings are not permitted and tights must be either navy blue or black.



Call Out for Gently Used Uniforms.

We are always in need of gently used uniforms that can be used in an emergency at school. If your child has outgrown their uniform and it is still in good condition, please consider sending it to the school.



MONTH OF MAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	1	2	3	4	5
6 Catholic Education Week Begins.	7 Catholic Education Week Liturgy.	8	9 Scripture Reading Event at BR. Project Cook Gr. 7	10 Project Cook Gr. 7	11 Director Awards at CEC @ 1:00 pm Wear Green for Mental Health Day. Gr. 6 Trip to Warplane Heritage Museum.	12 Catholic Education Week Ends.
13 Happy Mother's Day!	14 Venture Workshops FDK, Gr.1 and Gr. 2	15	16 Spring Cross Country Meet.	17 Spring Photos	18 Marian Liturgy @ 9:30 am	19
20	21 Victoria Day. (No School)	22 EQAO Testing Begins.	23 Wresting Tournament at BR.	24	25 Grade 2 Trip to Museum of Steam and Technology. Wear Teal for "Allergy Awareness Day."	26
27	28	29	30 Grade 8 Trip	31 Grade 8 Trip		