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SPECIAL INTEREST ARTICLES:

➤ IMPORTANT DATES

Due to Severe Allergies:



A Mother's Day Prayer

Lord, thank you for all mothers.

For the new ones, who endure sleepless nights with infants in arms.

For the busy ones, who juggle the pressures of home and family life.

For the steadfast ones, who nurture and care for our special vulnerable children.

For the patient ones, who always seek to forgive and engage with their pre-teens.

For the persistent ones, who cleverly find new ways to connect with their mini-adults.

For the mother aunts, who step in to cradle and care for nieces and nephews.

For all grandmas, who love and support their precious grandchildren.

For the foster mums that are called to gather and cover the fragile ones.

For the Sunday mums who care for our children and lead them in faith.

For the mums who give far beyond their own resources, who overcome disability to cherish and love.

Thank you Lord for all our beautiful mothers. Help us to support them and keep them in our prayers.

May you bless them now on this their special day.

We have extreme allergies at our school. All staff, students, parents and visitors to the school are not to wear fragrance when coming to our school. If fragrance is detected, we will have to ask that you leave the school, or wait outside if you are coming to pick up a student. Other extreme allergies are nut and shell fish. In addition there are several food allergies and for this reason, students are unable to bring in foods to share with students for special occasions. An alternative would be to pick up pencils/erasers or other dollar store type items if you wish your child to celebrate with the students in their class.

IMPORTANT DATES



Tuesday Sub Day (Apr 17-May 22)

Thursday Pizza Day (Apr 19-May 24)



May 1-15 Kidney Foundation Clothing and Household Item Collection

May 2 Gr 4/5 Arcade

May 7 Parent Council Meeting 6:00pm

May 6-11 Catholic Education Week

May 8-17 SoloLunch Order Dates for next dates

May 8 Gr 7 Vaccinations

May 9 Author Visit (Gr. 1-3 students)

May 9 New Kindergarten Information Night - 6:30pm (Parents only Please)

May 11 Rosary Apostolate May Celebration

May 13 Mother's Day

May 15 Walk for Social Justice (Rain Date May 17)

May 21 Victoria Day - School Closed

May 22-Jun 4 EQAO Assessment Dates - Gr. 3 and Gr. 6

May 25 **SPIRIT DAY - CRAZY HAIR DAY**

May 26 New Path - Parents for Children's Mental Health (please see flyer on last page)

May 26 Confirmation Holy Spirit Church - 5:00pm

May 29-Jun 28 New Sub/Pizza Days

May 31 Good News Assembly 1:35pm



Jun 5 Track & Field (Rain Date June 6)

Jun 11 JOA Track & Field (Rain Date June 12)

Jun 17 Father's Day

Jun 19 Mass at Holy Spirit Parish 10:00am

Jun 20 Volunteer Luncheon 11:00am-12:15pm

Jun 21 Summer Solstice (First Day of Summer!)



Jun 22 Gr. 8 Graduation at St. Joan of Arc High School 6:30pm

Jun 28 Last Day of School!

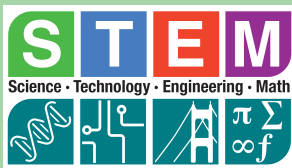
Jun 29 PA Day - School Closed



Parent Council News

SPECIAL INTEREST ARTICLES:

- PARENT COUNCIL
- KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION
- ARCADE DAY
- SOCIAL JUSTICE
- CLOTHING/HOUSEHOLD DRIVE



The next Parent Council Meeting is on Monday, May 7, 6:00 pm in the library. All parents are welcome to attend. We are still looking for more volunteers for our end of year activities. Please call Mrs. Barks and leave your name and phone number. All volunteers must have a Criminal Background Check. Mrs. Barks can help you with this as well!

Kindergarten Registration Time!

Welcome to Kindergarten

Starting Kindergarten is an exciting and special time for parents and children. Our entire Catholic school community looks forward to welcoming our youngest students as they begin a lifelong journey of faith-filled learning. We believe there is something truly unique and special about learning that is rooted in faith and spiritual growth. By choosing a faith-filled education, we know you share that belief with us.

All the Information You Need

If you have family, friends or neighbour children who will be attending St. Nicholas School for JK, please have them call us at (705) 737-9082 to arrange to come in to pick up a package.

Junior Kindergarten Parent Information Night

St. Nicholas School will be hosting a Kindergarten Parent Information Night on Wednesday, May 9 2018, 6:30 p.m This is a time for parents to come to the school and receive information from school staff. Please call to register for this very important session. This evening is for parents only.

School Activities

Gr 4/5 Arcade

Students in Mrs. Winkelmann's class have been using coding skills to create video games through STEM education. Students in grades 3 - 8 are invited to the school arcade which will be held in the St. Nicholas Catholic School's Makerspace on Wednesday, May 2nd, 2018 from 9:15 am - 11:00 am.

Plastic Bag Grab Challenge

From April 16-20, St. Nicholas School participated in the Plastic Bag Grab Challenge. The Social Justice Team spent many hours collecting and counting all the bags that were brought to the school by students in our school community. The challenge was a huge success, resulting in a collection of over 4,000 plastic bags. These bags were then brought to our local Walmart to be recycled properly. This challenge was also to raise awareness for Earth Day and to encourage students to practice the 3 Rs - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. Thank-you for your support!

Social Justice Poster Contest: Students were given the opportunity to create a poster for the Social Justice Walk. These posters were sent to the Board Office for the contest. Thank you to the following students for submitting a poster for the Social Justice Walk: Callie, Ella, Capriana, Emma, Garyn, Julia, Nevaeh, Lyllie, Nikita, Julia, Sydney, Sofia, and Carissa (who received an Honourable Mention from the School Board).

Walk for Social Justice

We celebrate our Faith in many different ways. We are preparing for our Walk for Social Justice which will be held on Tuesday, May 15 at 9:30am. (Rain date will be Thursday, May 17, same time.) Our school community has been involved in supporting local and global causes. This is an opportunity for you to join us as we walk around our neighbourhood to celebrate gains and continue to raise awareness for social justice causes. This is Our Faith - Our Future.

He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? — Micah 6: 6-8

“Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute.” — Psalm 82:3

Spring Cleaning?

Kidney Foundation Clothing & Household Donation program will run from May 1 to May 16. Please feel free to bring in any bagged clothing and household items. The Kidney Foundation will pick all items up at the school. Thank you Mrs. Moreira for organizing. **Let's load that truck!**

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK MAY 6-11

“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 Prayer

*God of mercy,
we thank you for the gift of Catholic education.
We walk in faith and thanks, guided by those who have gone before us,
who nurtured and sustained Catholic Education.
Inspired by our Catholic Graduate Outcomes,
we acknowledge that the promise of Catholic Education is within us,
that it is a promise that we live out in our families and communities
that we proclaim in acts of justice and compassion in word and deed.
We make this prayer that we may live out the promise of Catholic education
for many more years to come.*

May 7 Day 1 - Remembering the Promise
May 8 Day 2 - The Promise is Within You
May 9 Day 3 - Does God Hear My Prayer?
May 10 Day 4 - Living the Promise
May 11 Day 5 - Proclaiming the Promise

May 1 - JOA Mass Date

Although education week starts after the JOA Mass for students from Grade 6 to 8, it has always been held as part of Education Week Events. Mass will be held with Fr. Tad followed by a pizza lunch, drink and snack. Buses are paid for by JOA and students are only asked to contribute \$5.00 for their lunch.

MY 7-11

Mme. Greene's Grade 6 class will begin a daily practice of Christian Meditation.

May 9 - Author Day

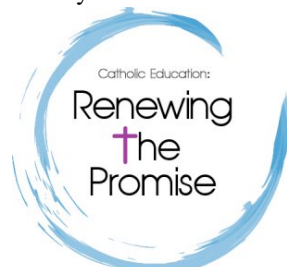
We are pleased to have Storyteller Shoshana Litman come to our school for a presentation to grades 1-3. Her presentations have included many stories, including *“The Magic Tree”*, *“The Noisy House”*, *“The Dragon's Pearl”* and *“Play the World Awake”*. Our students are sure to enjoy her unique storytelling and may even learn to sing *“thank you”* in different languages!

May 9 at 6:30pm - JK Information Night

For our upcoming JK parents. A night of information for all of our new for September 2018 parents. As this event is an information night, our new little JK students would be a little bored and we ask that parents only attend.

May 11 - May Celebration Rosary

Each month members of the Rosary Apostolate Team have been attending St. Nicholas School and are in each classroom to teach the Rosary. Traditionally, May is the Month of Mary and the Rosary Apostolate has planned a May Celebration. This is also the last day that the Rosary Apostolate will be coming to St. Nicholas School for this school year. We thank them for their dedication to our school.



SPECIAL INTEREST ARTICLES:

- CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK



OUR STORY ~ OUR JOURNEY

"You shall put these words of mine in your heart and soul.... Teach them to your children" - Deuteronomy 11: 18a -19a

SPECIAL INTEREST ARTICLES:

- GR 3 & 6 EQAO
- GRADE 8 GRAD MOVING?
- VOLUNTEERING
- SPRING/ SUNSCREEN TIME!
- COMMUNITY NEWS



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OFFICE NOTES

Gr 3 & Gr 6 EQAO

EQAO for Grade 3 and Grade 6 students will occur in May/June. Below is the time table for the testing. We would ask that you take the timing of the testing into account when scheduling appointments for these students.

Grade 3 EQAO

Tuesday, May 22 to Friday, May 25

Grade 6 EQAO

Monday, May 28 to Monday, June 4



Grade 8 Graduation Date & Looking for Help from Gr. 7 Parents.

Celebrations for our graduating Grade 8 Class of 2018 will be Friday, June 22, 2018. It will take place at St. Joan of Arc Catholic High School. We are looking for Grade 7 parents to help with the Graduation set up as well as providing light refreshments for the reception after the ceremony. If you are able to help, please contact the office. This will allow our grade 8 students and their parents, families and friends to enjoy the graduation. The Ceremony will start at 6:30pm to be followed by a social and finally, the dance for our students only.

Moving? New Registrations?

We are in the process of making plans for the 2018-2019 school year. If you are moving out of the St. Nicholas area, please let us know. If you know of someone who will be attending St. Nicholas School in September, please have them contact the school office.

Volunteering

As we approach the time of field trips and activities within the school, this is a reminder that a current Criminal Background Check and Vulnerable Sector Screening must be on file at the school. If you are thinking that you may like to volunteer with any of the activities happening at NIC, please remember that these two items must be on file with the school. Forms, which are available at the office, must be taken to the Police Services Office in the area that you live in. Please note that it can take up to four weeks for the local police to complete checks. Criminal Background Check and Vulnerable Sector Screening are valid for one year.

Sunscreen Reminder!

Sunscreen is important for everyone to wear on days that the UV Index is high. At St. Nicholas School, we have staff members and students who have a severe allergy to scented products and fragrances. Sunscreen is available in scent and fragrance free form and we would respectfully ask that when you purchase sunscreen for your child/family, you look for the scent/fragrance free product. Please ensure that your child has scent-free sunscreen on prior to coming to school. Unscented sunscreen can be purchased at most department stores, grocery stores and pharmacies. Please note that products to avoid when purchasing sunscreen have fragrance or perfume/perfume listed in the ingredients.

Community News



Strategies for the Treatment of Anxiety & Depression

Dr. Alexander Tavares, MD FRPCP

Parents for Children's Mental Health—Simcoe Region Chapter, Kinark and New Path are pleased to offer families an opportunity to attend a **FREE** seminar on Anxiety & Depression with Dr. Alexander Tavares.

If you would benefit from learning effective strategies to help support the wellness of your child or youth with anxiety or depression, please come out to hear Dr. Tavares share on this topic.

Date: Saturday May 26, 2018
Time: 9:30-11:30 am
Location: The Common Roof: 165 Ferris Lane Barrie
Register with: Heidi by email at heidi.lipp@kinark.on.ca or by phone at 705-726-8861 x6370

- Community News
- hear helpful information about what anxiety/depression is
 - learn strategies for parents to help their child/youth cope with anxious or depressive behaviours
 - learn about approaches and services that could support your child/youth with anxiety/depression
 - understand the role medication can play in the treatment of anxiety/depression