

MAY 2017

ST. NICHOLAS SCHOOL

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Heavenly Father,
We Praise You and we thank You for
the gift of our mothers, through whom
You give us life and through whom we
experience love.

We thank You for Mary, the mother of
our Lord Jesus Christ, a mother so
gracious and a woman of example in
motherhood for all of us.

Happy
Mother's day
dreamstime.com

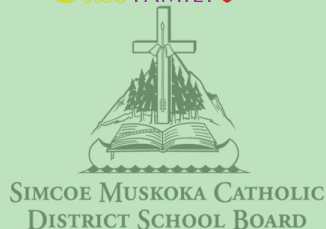
We have extreme allergies at our school. All staff, students, parents and visitors to the school are not to wear fragrance when coming to our school. If fragrance is detected, we will have to ask that you leave the school, or wait outside if you are coming to pick up a student. We also have nut allergies at the school and nut products cannot be brought into the school. Thank you for your help in keeping our school community healthy and safe.

Important Dates

SPECIAL INTEREST ARTICLES:

- PRAYER
- IMPORTANT
DATES
- SOLOLUNCH

Due to Severe Allergies:



	Extreme Pita's Mondays & Pizza Thursdays
Apr 10-May 12	Clothing & Donation Drive for Kidney Foundation
May 1-5	Catholic Education Week
May 2	Provincial Mass Day - Gr. 6-8 Community of Schools students to JOA
May 3	Junior Kindergarten Parent Information Meeting 6:30 pm
May 8	SoloLunch Sign Up 12:00 pm deadline - NO EXCEPTIONS
May 8	Gr. 4-8 to St. Bernadette C.S. for FSL Presentation
May 9	Easter Mass 9:30 am
May 10	TD Canadian Children Book Week - Author Stacey Matson presentation
May 11	Jump Rope for Heart Kick Start
May 12	Rosary Apostolate May Celebration (Last Day for Rosary this Year)
May 12	Entrepreneurial Adventure Showcase 12:30-2:00 pm @ SCDSB Ed. Centre
May 14	Happy Mother's Day!
May 16	Brent & Sarah Anti-Bullying Magic Show for Parents and Students
May 17	Parent Council Meeting 7:30 p.m. <i>All parents welcome</i>
May 22	Victoria Day - School Closed
May 23-June 5	EQAO Testing for Grades 3 & 6
May 24	First Communion Rehearsal at Holy Spirit Parish 6:30 p.m.
May 25	Grizzly Cubs - Gr. 8 to Georgian College
May 28	First Communion at Holy Spirit Parish 2:30 p.m.
May 31	Confirmation Rehearsal at Holy Spirit Parish 6:30 p.m.
June 2	PA Day - Schools Closed for Students
June 3	Confirmation at Holy Spirit Parish 5:00 p.m.
June 6	NIC Track & Field Day (June 7 Rain Date)
June 8	Jump Rope for Heart (June 9 Rain Date)
June 12	JOA Track & Field Day (June 13 Rain Date)
June 20	Year End Mass at Holy Spirit - 10:00 a.m.
June 21	National Aboriginal Day
June 21	Parent Council Meeting - 7:00 p.m. <i>All Parents Welcome</i>
June 23	Gr. 8 Graduation - 6:30 p.m. at Joan of Arc High School
June 29	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!

SPECIAL INTEREST ARTICLES:

- SOLO LUNCH
- CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK
- JK REGISTRATION
- MOVING?
- VOLUNTEERING



SoloLunch

A new SoloLunch starts Monday, May 15 and continues to Thursday, June 29th. The sign up for the next session has started. Due to a technical delay, we have extended the sign up to Monday, May 8th. Because of the extension, we will be unable to accept any orders not received by this date. Please sign up and send in your paperwork and cheque by Monday May 8th. Thank you for all your support. SoloLunch website has been a success!



Catholic Education Week - Apr 30-May 5

Education Week Planned Events Apr 30 to May 5

- May 2 - Provincial Mass Day and Grades 6-8 traveling to JOA to celebrate Mass with COS
- We will be beautifying the front gardens with annual flowers - for extra colour
- We will be doing a Food Drive - it's an 'off' time for the Food Bank and they always need extra supplies during these times
- We will be collecting for the Kidney Foundation - so send in any clothes, household items that you no longer need from all the spring cleaning you've done - the heavier the load of goods, the better for St. Nicholas school!
- We are asking families to donate any outgrown boys (JK-Gr8) clothing. Youth Haven is in need of boys clothing in particular. We will forward all boys clothing to them.

Entrepreneurial Adventure Showcase

Several classes at St Nicholas have been participating in the EA program and creating and running businesses since January. Classes involved are Ms Quinto, Mrs Kellachan, Ms Palombi, Mrs Keery and Madame Greene. As a culminating celebration, there will be a showcase at the below address, date and time. Ten students from each venture will be running a booth to "show off" their successful business.

Parents and grandparents of the students involved have been invited to attend the event in support of St Nicholas School.

Entrepreneurial Adventure Showcase

Friday May 12th

SCDSB Education Centre (1170 Hwy 26, Midhurst) 12:30 - 2:00 pm

JK Registration Time!

It's 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

To help parents and students get ready for this important milestone, our board has developed an award-winning package. We encourage parents who are looking to register their child for Kindergarten to drop by the office to pick up their Welcome Bag and Kindergarten information package. You can also find all of the information on our board's website at www.smcdsb.on.ca

Junior Kindergarten Parent Information Night

St. Nicholas School will be hosting a Kindergarten Parent Information Night on **Wednesday, May 3 2017, 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.

Moving? New Registrations?

We are in the process of making plans for the 2017-2018 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.



School Happenings



TD Canadian Children's Book Week

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On May 10, we will be participating in TD Canadian Children's Book Week by hosting author Stacey Matson. Ms Matson lives in Vancouver and teaches for the Creative Writing for Children Society. She graduated from UBC with a Master of Arts in Children's Literature. Scholastic Canada has published her Total Genius

trilogy in 2014. Grades 2/3 to 6 will be participating in the author presentation on Wednesday May 10 at 1:00 pm

The Anti-Bullying Magic Show

On Tuesday May 16, St Nicholas will be hosting The Anti-Bullying Magic Show for Parents and Students. This interactive assembly presentation goes beyond the message of bullying awareness and empowers students to believe in themselves no matter what they may be facing. Throughout the presentation Magicians Brent and Sarah share personal stories about being bullied and outline the steps they took to overcome it and gain self confidence.

Parents are invited to attend this interactive presentation. Please note that each assembly is age appropriate so check the times that your child will be attending.

9:00 Ms Torrance, Mrs Raposo, Mrs Thompson, Mr Martel
10:00 Mrs Hussey, Mrs Greene, Ms Blacquiere
1:00 Ms Quinto, Mrs Kellachan, Ms Palombi, Mrs Keery

Grade 8 Grad! Friday, June 23, 2017!

Our Grade 8's will be celebrating their Graduation on Friday, June 23rd. The ceremonies will commence at 6:30 p.m., 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.

Catholic School Council

Please know that all parents are welcome to attend Parent Council Meetings. The end of year BBQ has been cancelled. Unfortunately, there is a need for many volunteers to help support this tradition. We hope we can have parents volunteer next year to resurrect it!

SPECIAL INTEREST ARTICLES:

- TD CANADIAN CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK
- ANTI-BULLYING MAGIC SHOW
- GRADE 8 GRAD
- CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL
- FRAGRANCE POLICY



Fragrance & Sunscreen



At last, spring is on the horizon! With warmer weather approaching, it is important to remember that we are a scent free school and our school board as a whole strives to be scent free. There are staff members as well as students who have severe reactions to scent and fragrances. When coming to the school, whether it is for meetings, team sports, picking up your child for appointments or at the end of the day, please remember not to wear fragrance. We will have to ask visitors to the school to wait outside if picking students up or reschedule appointments if fragrance/scent is detected. There have also been times that we have had to call parents to pick students up due to a fragrance worn. Below is information about Sunscreen as well.

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.



Holy Spirit Parish Link:
[Welcome to Holy Spirit](#)



Sports & School Activities

Intermediate Boys Basketball

A hearty congratulations goes out to the Grade 7/8 Senior Boys Basketball team who had a stellar season this winter with only two losses on record. They made it all the way to the County tournament where they played two solid and hard-fought games but were sadly defeated in the quarter-finals. A big thank you goes out to Trainer Coach Jason Davis who volunteered his time and expertise to bring the team the farthest they have ever gone! Many thanks also to Adrian and Carson for asking me to coach the team as it was a very exciting and rewarding experience! Mme. Greene



Science Fair

Congratulations to the St. Nicholas Scientists representing at the Simcoe County Fair: Madison K, Emma, Bella, Ben K, Rocco and Avery.

The following were the results: Ben K: Perpetual Motion Machine, Honourable Mention, Elementary Computer and Engineering Category

Avery: Crash Course, Honourable Mention, Elementary Earth and Environmental Science Category

Rocco: A Swimmer's Dream, Bronze Winner, Elementary Physical and Mathematics Sciences Category

Mr Martel and Mrs Moreira would like to thank all the participants for their perseverance.



Choir

Our School Choir and Vocals and Harmony group were honoured to sing at the PIC (Parent Involvement Committee) Conference held on Saturday, April 22nd. They performed for many provincial and school dignitaries and were even able to have lunch with them! Our students were well prepared and sang beautifully! Thank you Ms. Bekking.



Naturally Fidgety TM - Orders Taken April 28 & May 1

Start thinking about your scientific inquiry for next year. The world holds so many wonders!

Naturally Fidgety TM est. 2017 (a division of the Entrepreneurial Adventure)

The doors of Naturally Fidgety will soon be closing but before that sad day, we will be holding one last sale of the ever-popular Slime and Stress Balls which have been flying off the shelves here at St Nicholas!

The sales will be by pre-paid order only. Sales Reps will be coming around to classrooms both Friday, April 28, 2017 and (in honour of Catholic Education Week), again on Monday, May 1, 2017 to take your orders with prepayment.

Orders will be delivered by Friday, May 5, 2017.

Price List

Large Slime \$5

Small Slime \$3

Stress Balls \$3

Combos:

Large Slime plus Stress Ball \$7

Large Slime plus Stress Ball \$7

Small Slime plus Stress Ball \$5

Please remember that all proceeds from our sales go to a fabulous local charity called Move It for Young Minds. MFYM supports children and youth with mental health challenges in our community.

Thank you, St Nicholas School Community and beyond, for all your support in our endeavour!

The Grade 6/7 Class, Madame Greene and Business Partner, Heather Wilson

Kidney Clothing/Household Item Drive

Our clothing and other household items campaign has started. Please send in any bagged or boxed items by May 14th.

The Lost and Found items will be on display and sent with our collection if not collected by the 14th.



Track & Field - Coming Soon!

Grades 4-8 will be participating in Track & Field Day at St. Nicholas School. Scheduled date is Tuesday, June 6th with a rain date of Wednesday, June 7th. Students from Grade 5 to 8 who place in their event, will go on to the St. Joan of Arc area event to be held on Monday, June 12th, with a rain date of Tuesday, June 13th. Good Luck Everyone!

Holy Spirit Parish

St. Nicholas First Communion	St. Nicholas Confirmation
Rehearsal May 24, 2017 6:30 p.m.	Rehearsal May 31, 2017 6:30 p.m.
First Communion Date May 28, 2017 2:30 p.m.	Confirmation Date June 3, 2017 5:00 p.m.

FATIMA 2017
Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Apparition of Our Lady

FATIMA NIGHTS @ HOLY SPIRIT PARISH
650 Essa Rd, Barrie, ON

We would like to invite you every 13th day of the month, start May 13th and end October 13th for the evening of prayer and candle light procession, to honour the 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady in Fatima.

May 13th after 5 pm Mass;
June 13th after 7 pm Mass;
July 13th after 7 pm Mass;
August 13th after 12 noon Mass;
September 13th at 7 pm and
October 13th after 7 pm Mass

More information at 705-722-3771 ext.2
www.holyspiritbarrie.ca