

ST. NICHOLAS SCHOOL

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SPECIAL INTEREST ARTICLES:

- PRAYER
- IMPORTANT EVENTS
- CSCC

Due to Severe Allergies:



Easter Prayer

Lord, the resurrection of Your son
has given us new life and renewed hope.
Help us to live as new people
in pursuit of the Christian ideal.
Grant us the wisdom to know what we must do,
the will to want to do it,
the courage to undertake it,
the perseverance to continue to do it,
and the strength to complete it.

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 Days (Mar 5 - Apr 16)
Thursday Pizza Day (Mar 7 - Apr 18)

LENT - March 6 - April 18



	JK Registration Ongoing! Please contact Mrs. Barks
Apr 1	Sign up for School Day! (Letter sent home March 29) Your name will be entered in a draw for a \$50.00 Wal-Mart Gift Card for early sign up!
Apr 1-Apr 5	SCSTC - School Bus Safety Week - Evacuation Drills
Apr 4	Student Confessions in Library 9:00-11:00am
Apr 7-Apr 15	SoloLunch Open - be sure to order student lunches!
Apr 9	Vimy Ridge Day
Apr 12	Play (in the gym) Gr JK-4 <i>"The Paper Bag Princess"</i>
Apr 14	Palm Sunday
Apr 15	Parent Council Meeting 6:00pm Library
Apr 18	Rosary in the School
Apr 18	Holy Thursday
Apr 19	Good Friday (School Closed)
Apr 21	Easter Sunday
Apr 22	Easter Monday (School Closed)
Apr 24	Easter Mass at the school 10:00am
Apr 26	City of Barrie Spring into Clean!
Apr 29	Good News Assembly 11:15am
May 3	PA Day (School Closed)
May 5	First Communion @ Holy Spirit Church 2:30pm

School Council

CSCC

The next Parent Council Meeting will be on Monday, April 15th, 6:00pm in the school library. All parents are welcome to attend.

JK Registration!

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. We also encourage you to check out our [Welcome to Kindergarten Video on YouTube](#).

English as a Second Language (ESL)

We have resources and information available for families whose first language is not English. Please inquire at your school for more information or visit the [ESL Resources](#) on our website.

We are here to answer questions and help you prepare. Please contact us at 705-737-9082 for more information.

Parent Council

BIG BOX FUNDRAISING EVENT

Thank you to everyone who purchased and sold our Big Box Birthday Cards. Anyone who has yet to bring in their unsold box (complete 33 cards) or has yet to send in their payment, please do so as soon as possible.

Pancake Tuesday

Thank you to all who assisted with the Pancake Breakfast! Once again it was a success because of the help of all parents who helped! The students always love this special event and this year was no exception!



School Happenings

Spring Into Clean - April 26

Mme. Greene and her Greene Team will be organizing the Annual City of Barrie Spring into Clean Day! Each class will go outside and clean up our school yard. Gloves and bags are provided by the City of Barrie. What a great way to show our Civic Pride! Thank you to Mme. Greene and her Greene Team who do so much in our school to ensure that our recycling program stays on track!

Une note de Monsieur Raymond

The website "Student Connect" is running and working. If your child is in grade 4 to 8, you can always find out when they have a quiz and what needs to be studied. You can find the quizzes under the "Calendar" icon. References and practice sheets are also available, under the icon "Content". In order to get to the website you need to enter the following address:

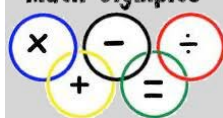
<https://smcdsb.elearningontario.ca>

Sign in: student #: _____ @smcdsb.on.ca

Password: dd/mm/yy or ask your child if he/she changed the password.



Math Olympics



Congratulations to our Junior and Intermediate Students who recently participated in the Board wide Math Olympics! Thank you to Ms. Palombi and Mrs. Moreira for volunteering to help out with these events!

SPECIAL INTEREST ARTICLES:

- JK REGISTRATION
- PARENT COUNCIL INFO!
- SPRING INTO CLEAN
- M. RAYMOND NOTE
- MATH OLYMPICS



"I have given you an example, so that you also should do just as I have done" (John 13:15)

Sports & Clubs



Junior Girls Basketball

The Season is in full swing and the girls are busy practicing their lay-ups and plays. Thank you Mme. Greene and Mr. Pietras for volunteering to coach this years team!

Their first game will be a home game against Minesing on April 2. Let's hope we have the home court advantage! Your coaches would like to remind all the girls that you are representing your school, St Nicholas, when you play on a school team, and that school work always comes first!

Go, Polar Bears, Go!

Junior Boys Basketball

The Junior Boys have been practicing with their coach, Mrs. Kellachan. Thank you Mrs. Kellachan for volunteering to help the boys develop over the season. We look forward to hearing the scores over the season!

Sign Language Club

The St. Nicholas Sign Language Club has begun for Grade 4-6 students. They are learning the alphabet, numbers, and basic words and conversations. Eventually they might also learn how to sign prayers and songs. Thank you Ms. Spano!



Battle of the Books Team

The BoB team has been reading like crazy to prepare for their upcoming tournament with the Barrie Public Library later this month! St Nicholas will be competing against other local schools to show how much they know about a long list of classic, Canadian and graphic novels. Team members must answer trivia questions about the novels and their authors.

Stay tuned next month for the results of this exciting tournament!

Go, Polar Bears, Go!! AND KEEP ON READING!!!



School-Day

On Friday, March 29th, a letter was sent home with each child introducing our new on-line system that will allow you to complete Field Trip Permission Forms, pay for trips, events, pizza and sub orders on line, just to name a few. Once set up, all money will be submitted to the school using this on-line system. As an incentive to parents, we are submitting all family names that have completed their on-line School-Day Registration by Friday, April 12th into a draw for a \$50.00 Wal-Mart Gift Card. The family whose name is drawn, will receive this card in time to do a bit of spring shopping!

**Go to School-Day and sign up NOW, following the instructions that were sent home with your child.
Good Luck Everyone!**



SPECIAL INTEREST ARTICLES:

- JR. GIRLS BB
- JR. BOYS BB
- SIGN LANGUAGE CLUB
- BATTLE OF THE BOOKS
- SCHOOL-DAY SIGN UP!



School-Day

OUR SCHOOL IS ONLINE WITH SCHOOL-DAY!



Our school is now using School-Day, an online portal that lets us instantly share school news & events.

This helps our school improve our communications and reduce the amount of paper we use.

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Catholic Education Week May 5-May 10



APRIL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER ARTICLE Catholic Education: *Living as Joyful Disciples*

This year's Catholic Education Week theme is "*Living as Joyful Disciples.*"

The 2019 theme was inspired by three sources: *Renewing the Promise*, The Pastoral Letter on Catholic Education from the Bishops of Ontario; *Gaudete et exsultate*, the Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis on the Call to Holiness; and *Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment*, the October 2018 Synod of Bishops. Mindful of the Synod on Youth, the theme and sub-themes are very much directed to the young people in our schools, especially in their growth in holiness and their formation as disciples of Christ through the discernment of their vocational pathways. In the section of *Renewing the Promise* entitled, "A Community that Forms Joyful Disciples," we read, "*Our Catholic schools help to form joyful disciples as hearts and minds are opened to the transforming love of God and to the flame of faith in action. On a daily basis, Catholic schools demonstrate the joy of believing and witness the Good News to the communities that they serve.*"

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

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| Day 1: | Rooted in Prayer
Enracinés dans la prière |
| Day 2: | Living in Community
Vivre au coeur de la communauté |
| Day 3: | Doing Justice & Creating Hope
Semer la justice et inspirer l'espérance |
| Day 4: | Journeying Together in Faith
Cheminer ensemble dans la foi |
| Day 5: | Sharing the Good News
Partager la bonne nouvelle |

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 the students and staff at our school are *Living as Joyful Disciples*.

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