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*Education and Community Working Together, Centered in Faith*

**April News 2016**

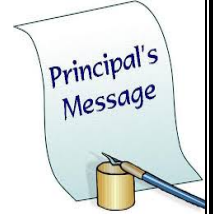
**An Easter Prayer**



*Of all of God's gifts,  
 Easter shows us our fate.  
 Forgiven we will rise  
 And pass through Heaven's  
 gate.  
 This Easter remember  
 The sacrifice of His son  
 And through His  
 resurrection  
 Eternal life we have won.  
 This Easter I pray  
 That the love of God  
 Is resurrected  
 Reborn, renewed  
 Inside your heart.*

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Easter is the high point of the Church's liturgical year. The warmer days are on their way, and we greatly look forward to seeing the seeds of new life burst forth and start to flourish all around us. Easter is also a time that we are reminded of the promise of eternal life, a spiritual bouquet offered to all through the resurrection of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Take the time to renew your faith and make a commitment to live as Jesus did. May the gifts of the Easter season inspire us to continue to strengthen our Christian community as God intended.



**IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS**

- Apr. 4 ~ French Play in gym
- Apr. 5 ~ Junior Boys Basketball
- Apr. 7 ~ Gr. 5 students RACE Against Drugs @  
 ODAS Park 9:00 am – 11:45 am  
 ~ Gr. 6, 7 & 8 students to Patrick Fogarty Musical  
 ~ Junior Girls Basketball
- Apr. 8 ~ P.A. Day (no classes for students)
- Apr. 9 ~ CSCC Spring Event in gym 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
- Apr. 10 ~ First Communion @ 11:00 am Guardian Angels
- Apr. 12 ~ Junior Boys Basketball
- Apr. 14 ~ School Mass in gym @ 9:30 am  
 ~ Junior Girls Basketball
- Apr. 19 ~ CSCC Meeting @ 5:30 pm in Library  
 ~ Junior Boys Basketball
- Apr. 21 ~ Junior Girls Basketball
- Apr. 22 ~ Earth Day
- Apr. 26 ~ Junior Boys Area Competition (tentative date)
- Apr. 28 ~ Junior Girls Area Competition (tentative date)
- Apr. 29 ~ Reading and Gotcha Assembly
- May 1 – 6 ~ Catholic Education Week



Congratulations to all of the candidates who are celebrating the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this month. We would also like to thank the many families who joined us for the Stations of the Cross. We hope that many families will attend our CSCC Spring Bling Vendor Event on April 9, 2016. Your involvement, support and enthusiasm are appreciated as we continue to work together to build a vibrant Catholic school community.

Have a blessed Easter season!

Mrs. Heeneman



*"This is the day the Lord has made, let us be glad  
 and rejoice in it." (Psalm 118 2a)*



**Additional P.A. Day on  
 Friday April 8, 2016:**

Just a friendly reminder that Friday April 8, 2016 is a P.A. Day. Classes will resume on Monday April 9, 2016.



**School Mass:**

Our next school Mass will be held on Thursday April 14, 2016. Our celebration will be led by Mrs. Kennedy's class and will start at 9:30 am in our gymnasium. Come celebrate with us!



**Catholic School Community Council:**

Our next meeting has been scheduled for April 19, 2016 at 5:30 pm in the library.

**CSCC Bling Into Spring Event:**

We hope that many families will support our upcoming CSCC Spring fundraiser, which is being held on April 9, 2016 from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. Thank you to Mrs. Radey for coordinating this fundraiser and to all of our wonderful volunteers who will be generously giving their time to support us on the big day!



**Bling Into Spring Vendor Event**

First Annual St. Bernard's Vendor Event  
Let's Celebrate Spring Visit St. Bernard's Spring Bling Vendor Event!

Saturday April 09, 2015  
9:00 am to 3:00 pm  
St. Bernard's Catholic School  
255 Oxford Street Orillia

Vendors and Crafters  
Pizza and Face Painting for the Kids!

**Grade 8 Fundraiser:**

Please help support our grade 8 class who are selling chocolate in order to offset the cost of their grade 8 year end trip.

**Parking Issues:**

We ask all parents to please ensure that they are not blocking access to our neighbours' driveways particularly at the end of the school day. Please note that the By-Law office has been contacted and will be responding to complaints. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in also keeping our Fire Lane clear at all times during the school day.



**Our New Website:**



We are excited to launch a newly designed website for our school community. We hope you like the clean, modern and simple design. One of the new features is responsive design, which means that you will be able to view and navigate our site much easier from any mobile device.

Our new site also integrates with Google Apps for Education, which the board began using as its technology platform in September 2015. We hope you will check our site often to find out some of the exciting things happening in our school community and our board. If you have not done so already, we encourage you to sign up for our eNewsletter in order to receive regular updates from our school.

To support our efforts to go green sign up at: <http://sbe.schools.smcdsb.on.ca/>

**Summer Camps for Boys or Girls:**

The St. Vincent de Paul Society in Orillia is looking for children from low income or single-parented homes to attend a summer camp this summer of 2016. Camp Marygrove (for girls aged 5-13) or Camp Ozanam (for boys aged 6-13) provides a weeklong camping experience for children who may not otherwise have the opportunity to enjoy a camping adventure. The camp is fully subsidized by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Registration will take place at the end of April at Guardian Angels Church. Please call [705-326-2849](tel:705-326-2849) Ext. 132 for details.



**EQAO Assessment Dates for 2016:**

The EQAO Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics for grades 3 and 6 students will take place during the weeks of May 25 to June 2. We ask that you keep these dates free when making appointments, etc. for your child(ren). Parents are encouraged to access the EQAO Resources that are available at the EQAO website: [www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com).

