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Education and Community Working Together, Centered in Faith

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Child's Prayer for Lent

*Lord, please show me what I should give up for
Lent
And when I've given it up
Remind me to pray to You instead
To thank You
To love You
To hear from You
Each and every day in Lent.
Amen*

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

- March 7 ~ Chess Tournament @ Orchard Park
- Mar. 8 ~ Lenten Reconciliation
 - ~ IEPs sent home
 - ~ Int. Boys Basketball County Championships
 - ~ CSCC Meeting @ 5:30 pm in Library
- Mar. 9 ~ Gr. 6/7 & 8 Trip to Tiffen Centre
- Mar. 11 ~ Gr. 6/7 & 8 Skating @ Brian Orser
 - ~ Stations of the Cross @ 7:00 pm St. Columbkille
- Mar. 14 – 18 ~ Enjoy the March Break!
- Mar. 20 ~ Palm Sunday & Spring Begins
- Mar. 25 ~ Good Friday (no classes) & Stations of the Cross @ 10:00 am @Guardian Angels Church
- Mar. 28 ~ Easter Monday (no classes)
- Mar. 31 ~ School Mass in gym @ 9:30 am
- Apr. 1 ~ Reading & Gotcha Assembly @ 9:30 am
- Apr. 4 ~ French Play in gym
- Apr. 7 ~ Gr. 5 RACE Against Drugs in Barrie
- Apr. 8 ~ P.A. Day (no classes for students)
- Apr. 9 ~ CSCC Spring Event in gym 9:00 am – 3:00 pm



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Lent offers us all an opportunity to discern and grow in our faith. It allows us to renew our commitment to God as we prepare to celebrate the joy of Easter. Lent provides us with an opportunity to reflect upon our actions, to pray more deeply, to be generous to those in need and to ask for forgiveness for what we have done or failed to do.



The following prayer can be said daily until Holy Week:

*God, our Father,
During this holy season of Lent,
help us to see that your love is with us always,
even when we wander far from you.
We ask you to change our hearts,
that we might become better followers of your
son, Jesus.
With your help, may our prayers and sacrifices
over these forty days lead us to welcome Him in
each other, in the poor, the sick and the lonely
so that together, we can greet Him as one
family at Easter.
We make this prayer to you in Jesus' name.
Amen*

On behalf of the staff, I would like to wish all of our students and families a safe, restful, and fun-filled March Break.

Yours in Christ,
Mrs. Heeneman

*"Grace be with all who love our Lord
Jesus Christ with love undying"
(Ephesians 6:24)*





School Mass:

Our next school Mass will be held on Thursday March 31, 2016. Our Easter celebration will led by Mrs. Taylor's class and will start at 9:30 am in our gymnasium. Come celebrate with us!



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

As a result of the recent settlements with teachers' federations in the province, school boards across Ontario received direction from the Ministry of Education to add an additional P.A. Day to their 2015-2016 school year calendar. In response to this requirement, the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board (SMCDSB) has identified Friday, April 8, 2016 as a P.A. day for all of its schools (elementary and secondary). Teachers and other staff will be using this P.A. day for occupational health and safety training as well as professional learning on Ministry of Education priorities. We ask all parents and guardians to please make note of this change on their calendars. We are communicating this date well in advance so parents and guardians have ample time to make any necessary arrangements for their families.



Catholic School Community Council:

Our next meeting has been scheduled for March 8, 2016 at 5:30 pm in the library. The school and the CSCC would like to thank Julie Curtis for all that she has done as our Chair. We welcome Lisa Radey who will be fulfilling this role for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year.

Valentine's Day Activities:

Thank you all for your generosity and support regarding our Valentine's Day Dance-a-thon. The council raised \$1617.05 before expenses. Congratulations to Abigail P. and Madison S-H who received two passes to Hewitt's Family Fun Farm and to Gabby S. and Owen W. who received two Cineplex movie passes for their efforts. A special thank you to the Watson family for their generous donation of the Cineplex tickets.



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.

Grade 8 Candy Grams Fundraiser:

Thank you to Mrs. Radey for all of her work supporting the grade 8 trip. A total of \$223.00 was raised.

Public Speaking:

Congratulations to our intermediate students who participated on February 1st at the CWL's Public Speaking Competition. Our school was well represented by: Rachel R., Colleen S., Jenna L. and Emma J. and Ryan M. who was runner-up!



Spelling Bee Winner:

Congratulations to Mariel P. in grade 6 who won both the Orillia Spelling Competition and the District Spelling Competition! Way to go Mariel!



Winter Activity Day:

Thank you to our intermediate classes for organizing our Winter Activity Day on March 4, 2016. Everyone had a fabulous day! Thank you to the CSCC for providing hot chocolate and the entire St. Bernard's community for sending in the cookie donations!

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Luncheon:

Our school greatly enjoyed all of the pancakes that were served on Shrove Tuesday. Thank you to Brittany Miller and all of the parents who came the school to serve these tasty treats.



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 5. 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.



Kindergarten Registration is ongoing:

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 copy of the package, which includes a parent booklet, child's activity book and DVD. You can also find all of the information on our board's website at www.smcdsb.on.ca.

IS YOUR CHILD
GOING TO SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER
AND INVOLVED WITH
EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES?

You are invited to attend
A GENERAL INFORMATION MEETING

Tuesday, March 29, 2016
at 4:30 pm- 6:00 pm

HARRIETT TODD PUBLIC SCHOOL
11 George Street, Orillia ON L3V 2V1, Library

RSVP by Thursday, March 25, 2016
to Cheryl at the Resource Teacher office 326-2214 ext 3231

The Representatives from the Early Intervention Resource Teacher Program, the School Boards, Community Care Access Centre, Family Resource Program, and Children's Treatment Network, will be there to talk about the transition process, their roles, and the possible services available.

Quota Club of Orillia Inc.



Presents

Let's Get Formal

Every graduate deserves to feel special!
Come and select from new and
previously enjoyed dresses and suits
at no cost to you



ReCycle ReUse ReDress



At the Orillia Square Mall

March 18th 12 noon — 9 pm

March 19th 10 am — 6 pm

March 20th 11 am — 4 pm



Garments can be dropped off at: Audie's Hair Design, Atherley Rd. or at Closet Jems, Mississauga Street.