

MAY -Easter Season- NEWSLETTER



HELLO, MAY!

After a well-deserved Easter/Spring Break, we've returned to school with the warmth of the sun on our backs and the quiet signs of spring all around us. The flowers may still be waiting for their moment, but the trees are beginning to bud and stretch toward the light — a gentle reminder that new growth is on the way.

Just as Easter celebrates the promise of renewal and new life, May invites us to witness that promise unfolding — in nature, in our classrooms, and in ourselves. This is a season of hope, of fresh starts, and of slow but steady transformation.

We are also blessed to journey alongside many of our students as they prepare to receive the Sacraments of **First Communion and Confirmation** this spring. These sacred milestones mark a deepening of their faith, and we hold them in prayer as they grow in their relationship with Christ and embrace their roles in our Catholic community.

And May doesn't hold back when it comes to celebrations! This month, we take time to recognize and give thanks:

- **Teacher Appreciation Week** – for the incredible hearts who guide, inspire, and lift up our students every day ✨
- **National Principal's Day** – for the quiet leaders behind the scenes, juggling it all with grace
- **Mother's Day** – for the strength, love, and wisdom of the amazing women who shape our lives
- **Victoria Day** – for a well-earned pause to rest and recharge
- **World Catholic Education Day & Week** – for the gift of faith-filled learning and our mission to serve and grow together in Christ

May reminds us that growth doesn't always shout — sometimes, it whispers. It's in the budding branches, the gentle sun, and the small everyday moments that lead to something beautiful.

"He is not here; He has risen, just as He said." — Matthew 28:6

May the joy of the Resurrection continue to shine in our hearts and guide us through this season of growth.

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KUDOS - Celebrating

- **BADMINTON** Much gratitude to our many coaches who volunteered to support our grades 6-9 teams and our grade 6 sports development program.. Our teams had a successful season and brought home medals!! We have several grades 7-9 students heading to CWAJHAA Qualifiers.
- **VOLUNTEERS** Thank you to all the parents/guardians who have completed the necessary paperwork to obtain a Criminal Record Check to support our upcoming field trips.

FIELD TRIPS - Enriching Learning Our Students' Educational Journey

Our dedicated grade teams have planned engaging activities aligned with the curriculum, aiming to enhance student learning and foster memorable experiences. Your child's participation is integral to the success of these outings. While we understand that unforeseen circumstances may arise, such as illnesses, we kindly urge you to emphasize the importance of attendance and active participation. Every student's presence adds value to the collective learning experience.

We've made necessary arrangements, including booking buses and covering fees based on all students attending. Your cooperation in ensuring your child's attendance is greatly appreciated and contributes to the success of these educational experiences.

Thank you for your continued support in providing enriching learning experiences to all students.

25-26 NEW STUDENT REGISTRATIONS - opened March 3rd

New students living within our catchment area can register online at [Registrations](#). If you have new neighbours or friends moving into our catchment area, please encourage them to register. Word of mouth is the best advertising.

WAY OF THE WOLF (WOTW) STUDENT RECOGNITION- Be Humble!!

In April, staff recognized students demonstrating the pillar, Be Humble. All classes will come to the gathering area on Monday, May 12th, to celebrate the nominated students. These students will have a chance at the spinning wheel and choose a prize.

FAITH FACT FRIDAY - Did you know?

Each Friday during our morning announcements, we take time to learn and deepen our understanding of the Catholic faith. Throughout May, our focus will be on Pope Francis—his life, his dedication to the Church, and the process that takes place when a Pope passes away.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Every school day counts, and as we approach year-end final exams, consistent attendance is more important than ever. Missing class time—whether due to absences or late arrivals—adds up quickly and can impact learning, as teachers and students work hard to cover key curriculum concepts and prepare for assessments. Being present and engaged each day sets students up for success!

COLLECTIVE CARING - Raising Resilient Kids

Resilience is a young person's ability to “bounce back” from challenges and adapt to change, and it can be nurtured in everyday ways. Resilience grows through a combination of personal strengths, supportive relationships, and caring environments. The American Psychological Association (APA) offers practical strategies to help young people build this essential trait:

- **Foster Connections:** Encourage strong, positive relationships with family members, peers, and community members to provide a supportive network.

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- **Encourage Helping Others:** Involving children in acts of kindness and community service can enhance their sense of purpose and self-worth.
- **Maintain Routines:** Consistent daily schedules provide a sense of stability and security, especially during times of change.
- **Promote Self-Care:** Teach children the importance of looking after their physical and emotional well-being through healthy habits.
- **Set Realistic Goals:** Help children set achievable objectives and celebrate their progress to build confidence and motivation.
- **Cultivate Positive Thinking:** Encourage an optimistic outlook by helping children reframe negative thoughts and focus on solutions.

By integrating these approaches into daily interactions, parents and teachers can empower children to navigate challenges effectively and emerge stronger.

STUDENT DROP-OFF & PICK-UP - **Bus Lanes Reminder**

Reminder to all parents to keep our bus lane free at morning drop off and afternoon pick up. Our bus drivers are experiencing an increase of cars parked, which is delaying their routes. Please share this information with others who drop off and pick up.

COMMUNICATION - **Teachers and school administration**

Clear and open communication helps us create the best learning environment for our students. If you ever have questions or concerns, please feel free to connect with your child's teachers or our school administration team. We truly appreciate your partnership and support in making this year a success for all our students!.

SCHOOL COUNCIL - **All Are Welcome!**

- Our next meeting will be Monday, May 12, @ 7:00 PM: Join us!
- Principal Advisory Question:
 - Supporting successful transitions from elementary to middle school

FIELD TRIPS - **Parent Volunteers Needed**

Field trips are essential to enhancing students' educational experiences. To ensure the success of these outings, we require a minimum of one adult per 20 students. Parent volunteers are vital, so we kindly ask that you complete your Criminal Record Check as soon as possible. Please contact the school office for a letter to submit to the RCMP if you need assistance. Your support is greatly appreciated.

GENERAL INFORMATION - **Division Calendar**

- 2024 - 2025 school year, please click [here](#).
- 2025 - 2026 school year, please click [here](#).

PARENT QUICK LINKS -

- **PowerSchool/School Engage** - [LINK](#)
- **Schoology** - [LINK](#)
- **Rycor - school fees** [LINK](#)

SCHOOL INFORMATION - **School Hours / Student Entry**

- Office Hours - open 8:00 - 4:00 pm on school days
- Bell Schedule -
 - First block starts @ 8:50 AM
 - Lunch 11:39 - 12:39 PM
 - Last block ends @ 3:15 PM

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Student Entry/Exit- As in previous years, we will continue the practice of having students enter and exit from their respective grade doors. We found that this practice made for safe and smooth transitions for our students in the mornings and afternoons.

[Grade Level Entry/Exit Doors Link](#)

Student Doors - Open at 8:30 a.m.

RYCOR - School Fees PAST DUE

St. Francis of Assisi Middle Mandatory School Fees are now due. *RYCOR can only be accessed via PC/Tablet, the program does not work using the PowerSchool App

CTF/Options Fee - \$25 This fee supports the delivery of Option Classes for all grade levels

PAC (Parent Council) Fee - \$35 This fee supports year-end field trips, Chromebooks, school-wide activities, etc., for all grade levels

Grade 9 Farewell Fee - \$10 (Grade 9 students only) This fee supports the celebration of our graduating Grade 9 students

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES - Mark your calendars: reminder to check the Athletics Calendar

- May 1 National Principal's Day
- May 6-10 Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 6 School Bus Driver Appreciation Day
- May 7 Hats on for Mental Health
- May 7 Easter Mass @ St. Mary's 10:30 AM - all parents welcome to join
- May 8 P.O.D. Youth Ministry (Mantracker) @ location to be determined
- May 8 Grade 8 Faith Retreat - OLVC
- May 9 Grade 9 Field Trip - Provincial Skills Canada Competition
- May 9 Last day to order yearbook
- May 11 Mother's Day
- May 14 Grade 8/9 Alpha Program @ lunch
- May 15 P.O.D. Youth Ministry (Life Size Clue) @ St. Lorenzo
- May 16 Professional Development Day - no school for students
- May 18 First Eucharist (St. Mary's) Confirmation (Sacred Heart)
- May 20 Victoria Day - school closed
- May 21 Grade 5 student touring
- May 22 Grade 5 - 6 Parent Info Night
- May 22 ALOHA FUN RUN - all students participate
- May 23 ALOHA FUN RUN - rainout day
- May 26 Grade 8 Indigenous Youth Success Conference
- May 27 Grade 6 Immunizations, second round
- May 27 Grade 7 & 8 Track and Field Day @ Thurber
- May 28 Grade 6 PAT ELA Part A & Grade 7 FINAL EXAM ELA Part A
- May 29 Grade 9 PAT ELA Part A / Grade 8 FINAL EXAM ELA Part A
- May 9 World Catholic Education Day
- May 29 P.O.D. Youth Ministry (Mega POD) @ Our Lady of the Victory Camp

We thank you for your support and are so grateful to work together with you. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions, concerns or suggestions on enhancing our school community.

We wish you an April filled with reflection, renewal, and the promise of brighter days ahead!

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Rori-Lynn Daniel
Principal

Mr. Kelly Jacobson
Vice-Principal

Mrs. Kathleen Robinson
Vice-Principal

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