

St Joseph Phoenix News

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Reflection for April

A big part of friendship involves sharing words with one other. Thoughts, ideas, feelings. All of these things, when shared, help a friendship to grow. But sometimes friendship consists of simply being with one another. Though no words are shared, it is still quality time spent with someone we care about. In our friendship with God it is the same. Sometimes in prayer we don't know what to say. In those moments, we can simply be with God and recognize His presence with us. We can learn from the words of a simple peasant who explained his prayer to his parish priest, St. Jean Vianney: "I look at Him and He looks at me."

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,
I hope all of you had a wonderful March Break and are enjoying a restful Easter Break. What a great time of year! Spring is here, (on the calendar anyway), we get to celebrate our Easter season at home and at school, and we get to watch nature spring back to life which always energizes my soul! I hope yours too.

A reminder to all that Monday, April 8th is a P.A. Day. This obviously was planned in advance due to the solar eclipse happening that day. Let's pray for a clear day so we can witness this wonderful event. I personally can't wait!

We are officially in the Sacrament season also. We have our grade 8's receiving Confirmation on April 6th and the grade 2's receiving their First Holy Communion on April 21st ! Please keep them in our prayers. God bless.

T. Atkinson



Scholastic Book Fair

The students had a great week participating in the Book Fair this year. Our sales were \$6,840! of which we get to put almost 50% back into our library resources. Thank you to our school community for your generous support of our Book Fair. Also a big thank you to Mrs. Morrison and Mrs. Vanaselja for decorating the "Harry Potter" book fair.

FlipGive Fundraising

The St Joseph Catholic School Council has brought FlipGive fundraising to St. Joseph Catholic School, it is a free "Team" funding app.

We earn cash back on every purchase made all year long! All you have to do is shop anytime with the brands you already love, like Home Depot, Walmart, Sport Chek, Indigo, Old Navy, Apple, Esso, and Loblaws and many more. It's completely virtual and contactless. You may also share the link with friends and family to

help raise funds for our school "Team". We will be carrying this through to future school years so you do not have to join every year.

Join our team now and you will get a \$5 bonus the first time you shop:

<https://flipgive.app.link/teams/join?joincode=GKCGX3>

Or enter this code: GKCGX3

Any questions, just ask!

Want to learn more? Check out this 2 minute video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5vTO_Qg4n80

Thank you on behalf of,

Mr. Tim Atkinson, Principal and St Joseph Catholic School Council



SAVE THE DATE

Annual Fun Fair

When: Wednesday, June 12, 2024

Time: 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Earth Day 2024

April 22nd is Earth Day. Student's may choose to wear earth colours or earth accessories on that day as it will be an Out of Dress Code day.



Niagara Catholic Accessibility; An Evening Event in Support of Accessibility Awareness

The Niagara Catholic District School Board and the Accessibility Planning Committee are pleased to invite parents, guardians, staff and community partners to a motivational evening featuring Niagara Catholic graduate, public speaker, and activist, Michael Jacques and disability advocate Charlene VanderGriendt, from The Rick Hansen Foundation.

Public speaker, activist, and author Michael Jaques, has written and self-published his book *Can't Read, Can't Write, Here's My Book* using speech-to-text technology. Michael is diagnosed with autism and an intellectual disability and shares his life experiences to help audiences understand accepting and belonging. Disability advocate, Charlene VanderGriendt, from The Rick Hansen Foundation will discuss how to speak and interact inclusively. Students with disabilities will share their perspectives on building a culture of acceptance through taped video interviews. The words we use carry meaning and power.

This exciting free event will take place on Monday, April 15th from 6:00- 8:00 pm at The Holiday inn and Conference Centre (327 Ontario Street, St. Catharines) and includes light snacks, refreshments and door prizes. Please click on the Link below for event and registration details >

Niagara Catholic Accessibility Event and Registration

BT CORNER

Our Blessed Trinity staff and students earned a well-deserved March Break, and both are back refreshed and energized to tackle the rest of Semester 2. Our spring sports are getting revved up with tryouts and signups for boys' and girls' soccer, girls' rugby, boys' baseball, girls' softball, track and field and much more. For the first time ever Blessed Trinity will have a Girls Lacrosse team, proving again that there is something for everyone at BT. A reminder to our incoming Thunder to get involved once you get here.

April is another busy month at Blessed Trinity. Here are just a few of the events that will be taking place in April:

- Celebrating Holy Week with a school Mass
- Junior Formal for students in Grade 9 and 10
- Members of our Thunderstruck-Link Crew Leadership group will be attending the Global Student Leadership Summit in Collingwood

Lastly, throughout the month of April, a member from our Student Services Department will be visiting the Grade 8 students with Course Verification forms to ensure students have selected the courses they want for Grade 9. This will be an opportunity for students to make any changes to their course selection.

Please contact Blessed Trinity – Mr. John Cino – 905-945-6706 Ext. 2330 or Mrs. Rose Bianco Ext. 2312, if any Grade 8 parent has any questions.



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