

St Joseph Phoenix News

MAY 2024

Principal's Message

I feel like every time I write one of these I want to start with, "Can you believe it's already ...?" But seriously, can you believe it's already May?! With all that we have going on this month, June will be here before we know it.

The month of May always brings some special events such as Catholic Education Week, Junior Soccer, Track & Field as well as a wonderful long weekend. Although it feels like the end is near, rest assured that we as staff are pushing hard through our curriculum. Our grade 3's and grade 6's will soon be writing their EQAO assessments and we wish them the best. I know that they are well prepared.

I hope everyone has a great month of May and is able to get out and enjoy our warmer weather.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mr. Tim Atkinson



Reflection for May

Let us focus on this thought - Jesus knows my name. And Jesus calls me by name. He doesn't just say, "Hey, you!" but He knows me. And he calls out to me by name. You aren't just a faceless name in a crowd of humanity. Jesus recognizes you. And you're precious to him. You matter so much to Jesus that he calls you by name, beckoning you to walk closer to him. To trust him more and to live and move and have your being in his unconditional love for you.

Big Red Markets Fundraiser

The weather is getting warmer and BBQ season is upon us. We are happy to announce that our May school fundraiser is Big Red Meats. What better way to stock up the freezer and help out your school at the same time. Order forms will be going home on May 1st. We encourage selling to

friends and family, DO NOT return the order form, this is for your records, we will be pulling the orders from School Cash. The deadline to order is Monday, May 20th.

Payments are to be made on www.ncdsb.schoolcashionline.com, please collect the money from friends and family and make the bulk payment online.

Happy selling!!



BIG RED MARKETS
FUNDRAISING PROGRAM

"THE BEST VALUE IN FUNDRAISING"
Quality foods that will be profitable & help achieve your fundraising goals!

\$55 SLICED BACON 11LB BOX APPROX. 100-100 SLICES	\$45 SLICED PEANUT BACON 11LB BOX APPROX. 100-100 SLICES	\$56 PUP STYLE CHICKEN FINGERS 4X6 BOX APPROX. 10-10 PIECES
\$60 HAMBURGERS 1 LB (20 BURGERS) 6 LB (20 BURGERS)	\$30 JUMBO HOT DOGS 3" X 6" BUNS APPROX. 36 PIECES	\$45 BREAKFAST SAUSAGES 11LB BOX APPROX. 10-10 PIECES
\$53 PIZZA ROLLS 3.25 X6 BOX APPROX. 60 PIECES	\$55 CHICKEN OUTLETS 4 X6 BOX APPROX. 27-29 PIECES	\$55 WINGS, BONE IN 4 X6 BOX APPROX. 10-10 PIECES

INQUIRES
For all inquiries and more details please contact us at our Head Office
info@bigredmarkets.com or (805) 227-2019 ask for TJ or Tony
We look forward to helping your organization achieve their goals!

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EcoSchools

As part of our Eco Schools and Student Council initiatives, the students at St. Joseph are working towards creating community pollination gardens. Our first step in this endeavor is to create two pollinator gardens at our school. We are planning to make one garden at the front of the school and one at the side of the school near our prayer garden. These gardens will hopefully become part of the Butterfly Way Program, a David Suzuki Foundation program. We have some funds to get our gardens started, but would appreciate any donations of soil, mulch and especially local wildflowers (pollinators) like butterfly milkweed, butterfly weed, Black-eyed Susans, Purple coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*) or any other pollinating butterfly flowers you might have at home. Beginning this month we will leave a bin outside the front doors to accept any donations from your own gardens that we might be able to use. Please label your donations so we know who to thank and what we will be planting.



Another Eco-initiative we are starting is aimed towards reducing the amount of plastics used at school. As you are preparing to spring clean your homes we would like to ask families to keep us in mind when you are looking for a place to donate extra reusable water bottles. It is a goal of the student council to provide each classroom with 10 reusable water bottles that can be used when a student forgets, loses or breaks their own water bottle. The Student Council piloted this idea in the grade 8 classroom this year and found that these 10 classroom water bottles are used daily by students who had forgotten a water bottle, and reduced the number of one time-use bottles of water by students. We quickly found that these water bottles were lent out to other classrooms and were also used during sporting events at the school and on field trips. We will place a bin outside the front door for these donations during the month of May.



Volunteering in the School

This is a reminder that if you will be volunteering/chaperoning on year-end trips, you are required to have a Niagara Regional Police Vulnerable Sector Check on file with us prior to going on a school trip. There is a form which needs completing by the applicant to take to the NRP when applying. If you need the form, please contact Mrs. Humphreys at the school office.



Important Reminders

With the nice weather upon us, we will be going downhill for recesses as often as possible and at times there will be muddy and wet areas, so please send your child(ren) with splash pants, rubber boots, extra socks, and even a change of clothing, especially for the younger students.

Dress Code Reminders > > Navy Blue or white collared shirts with sleeves, Navy Blue pants/shorts/skirts or dark denim— no faded denim, Navy Blue sweaters, and indoor and outdoor running shoes. Shorts and skirts need to be an appropriate length.



Library News

As it's that time of year for spring cleaning, please keep an eye out for any school library books that may have been misplaced. St. Joseph library books are stamped with our school name and St. Joseph barcode on the spine or back.



BT CORNER

April has come and gone as quickly as the eclipse back on April 8th. We hope everyone at our Family of Schools had the opportunity to view a once in a lifetime event, the solar eclipse, and that the grade 7's and 8's were able to make use of the glasses provided by our Science Department. April was another very busy month at Blessed Trinity. Aside from taking the day to safely observe the eclipse, our winter sports came to an end and our spring sports have begun. On any given day at BT you can find some or all of the following sports practicing or beginning their spring seasons:

- Soccer
- Track and Field
- Boys and Girls Lacrosse – NEW TO BT
- Rugby
- Flag Football
- Girls Softball
- Boys Baseball

Exciting news for our future Thunder athletes, the artificial turf field has begun to be installed! It will definitely be ready to be used in September.

Some other events that took place in April... the Junior Formal for our grade 9 and 10 students, the Waterloo Math Contest, the schoolwide annual Compass Survey, and we ended the month with 24 of our Grade 11 and 12 leaders from our Link Crew attending the Global Student Learning Summit at Blue Mountain in Collingwood, ON.

Lastly, all of the Grade 8's who will be attending Blessed Trinity in September should have received Student and Course Verification forms to have one last look that they have chosen the appropriate courses for next year and that all of their biographic information is correct.

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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