



St. Teresa of Calcutta Elementary Chronicle

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THE MONTH OF MARY



During the Month of May we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. Without Mary giving birth to Jesus, all the events that followed: Jesus' life, death, and resurrection wouldn't have happened. So, it's believed that May (when nature is showing signs of life) is the ideal month to honor the woman who gave life to our Savior.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

Catholic Education Week will take place from May 6th - May 10 with a number of activities planned throughout the week to celebrate this wonderful gift. Please refer to the May calendar. This year's theme is, "We are Called to Love".



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



We would like to congratulate the students who will be receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 26th at the 11:00 am mass at Star of the Sea Church. They have put a lot of effort into building a stronger connection to God and are now ready to receive this gift of God. If your child is above grade 2 and has not yet received their First Holy Communion or has not yet been baptized but is asking for this, please contact the parish main office.

KINDERGARTEN PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

On Tuesday, May 22nd from 5:00pm to 5:45pm we will be opening our doors to all of the new families that have registered a child to start in Kindergarten in September. This night will focus on providing information to parents to help ensure a smooth and successful transition into St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Elementary School. Please share this information with anyone who has recently registered a new kindergarten student for September or anyone else that has not yet registered but has a child that will be attending Kindergarten in September. Thank-you.



FLOWER FUNDRAISER



As we get into the season of flowers and Mothers, the St. Teresa of Calcutta community will be holding a 'Tulip Fundraiser'. Tulips for Mother's day are from Pioneer Flower Farm. Please have your order in by Wednesday, May 8th. Tulips will be delivered to the school on Friday, May 10th and distributed to your child to take home on that day just in time for Mother's Day.

VICTORIA DAY



Monday, May 20th, 2024 is Victoria Day. This is an opportunity to enjoy a long weekend with our family and friends.

FLAG FOOTBALL

This year our Intermediate Students will be participating in the first ever Invitational Flag Football Tournament taking place on Tuesday May 21st 2024 at the Welland Soccer Dome. We will be sending one Co-Ed team made up of grade 7 & 8 boys and girls. Thank-you to Mrs. Greene & Mr. Cassolato for coaching.



TRACK & FIELD



This year's track and field event will take place at Westpark School on Wednesday, May 22, 2024. Students in grades 4 to 8 will participate in a number of running events as well as long jump. Grade 7 & 8 students will also be participating in shot put. To help make this a successful event, please pack a number of additional small snacks as well as a water bottle, sunscreen and a hat that they can wear. The students will be outside for much of the day and are encouraged to wear athletic clothing (Out of dress code). Concessions will be sold at the venue. More details to follow. Parents are welcome to attend.

PRIMARY TRACK & FIELD

This year our grade 1 to 3 students will be participating in the first ever Primary Track & Field Event on Thursday May 23rd 2024 (No rain date at this point). This will be taking place at the school with modified events suitable to the student's ages. Our Intermediate students will once again be assisting with this. The students will be outside for much of the day and are encouraged to wear athletic clothing (Out of dress code). As always parents are more than welcome to attend. More details to follow in the upcoming weeks.

INTERMEDIATE SOCCER



On Friday, May 24th & Monday May 27th our Intermediate Boys and Girls Soccer teams will be travelling to Westpark school in St. Catharines to participate in the NCDSB Large School Tournament. Good Luck to both of our teams. Thank-you to Mrs. Greene, Mr. Cassolato & Mrs. Monaco for coaching.

CHESS CHAMPIONS!

Congratulations to our Intermediate Chess Team for winning the NCDSB Chess Championship! The team consists of **Andrew A., Luke M., Avery C., Mark H., Ivan D. and Jacob G.** Thank-you to Mr. Kwinecki for coaching.



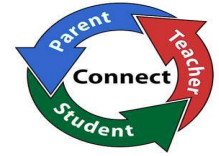
VACCINATION CLINICS: PUBLIC HEALTH



Over 14,000 students in Niagara region still need to provide an up-to-date immunization record or valid exemption to Public Health. To help students catch-up with their immunizations, Niagara Region Public Health is offering vaccination clinics in various locations and many appointments are available. Please book an appointment with Public Health by calling 905-688-8248 ext. 7425. Individuals can also visit the "Where to Get Vaccinated" webpage at niagararegion.ca/vaccines for more information.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Our final meeting for the school year will be held on Tuesday, June 11th, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the library. The meetings for the Catholic School Council will be noted on the calendar monthly. Everyone is welcome!



LATE SLIPS

Parents are to encourage their children to be at school on time by 8:30 a.m. Students arriving late are asked to report to the office for a late slip. All parents must report to the office to sign out their child once the school day has started. If returning to the school later, students must sign in at the office before returning to class.



EARTH MONTH

We will continue to accept batteries during Earth Month up until May 10th, we will be collecting old batteries to encourage proper recycling. Please bring the old batteries in a ziplock bag. Below is a list of acceptable and unacceptable batteries.



Acceptable batteries

- Standard A, AA, AAA, C, D, 6V, 9V
- Lithium
- Mercury
- Rechargeable batteries (Lithium Ion, Nickel Cadmium, Small Sealed Lead Acid)

Unaccepted batteries

- Car batteries (wet lead acid batteries)
- Leaking batteries



Thank you for your support!

EQAO ASSESSMENT 2024

The Grade 3 and Grade 6 Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics will take place from May 10th – June 14th, 2023.

Grade 3 EQAO assessment will be written from **May 27th to May 30th**

Grade 6 EQAO assessment will be written from **June 3rd to June 6th**



Parents of our Grade 3 & Grade 6 students are asked to please plan vacations, appointments and/or other absences around these dates as attendance during these assessment times is vital.

Parents may also visit the EQAO site at www.eqao.com/Parents/Elementary to look at types of questions and samples of past assessments to provide practice with students at home.

Thank you for your support!

MAY IS BETTER HEARING AND SPEECH MONTH



Throughout the day you talk to family, friends, and colleagues. You use your hearing and speech all the time. You probably take them for granted. Imagine not being able to communicate simple thoughts like "Thank you" or "Tell me a story." For many Canadians with speech and language disorders, this is reality. For them, words don't come easily. But when is the last time you really thought about it? May is Better Hearing and Speech Month, the perfect time to communicate some important information about hearing and speech.

Hearing and Speech Month is celebrated each May to raise public awareness of speech and language disorders that affect many Canadians. Speech and language disorders can take many forms and can limit academic achievement, social adjustment, and career advancement. An individual may be born with a speech or language disorder, or it may be caused by accidental injury or illness

One in 10 Canadians has a hearing, speech, or language problem, a condition that makes it difficult to communicate with others. Anyone, of any age, can have or develop an impairment of the ability to hear, speak, or understand effectively. At any time, illness or accidental injury can impair your ability to hear and talk. Treatment to eliminate or minimize communication problems is available.



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