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APRIL & MAY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Welcome to spring! Wow...it's finally here!!!! Looking ahead at the forecast, there appears to be a lot of blue skies and sunny days! It's now time to focus on the warm spring sun and all the fresh buds on the trees that remind us all of new life. Hopefully the longer days will also provide us with that little extra energy we need.

There are also some other very significant dates during April and May. May 14th marks Mother's Day. This day is designated to say an overdue thank you to all mothers for their constant giving and love. Please note that May 22nd is Victoria Day and there will not be classes on this date. As well, Catholic Education Week will take place from May 2nd - 6th at the school. The theme for this year is "*Walking Forward Together*". There are two designated Open House times whereby parents are invited to visit their child(ren)'s classrooms. As well, on Wednesday evening of this week St. Kateri School will be participating in the Annual Folk Dance Festival being held at Kitchener Auditorium. We wish all of our dancers the very best.

As well, between now and the end of the year, there will be several tournaments, special events, and trips occurring within the life of the school. I would encourage you to refer the Newsletter, the school Twitter page and website for up-to-date information. Please note, the weather at this time of year can be a bit unpredictable, therefore, changes may occur with little notice.

May also marks a significant part in the faith life of our grade 2 and grade 7 and 8 students. On April 5th our grade sevens will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and the Grade twos will be receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on April 23rd. As well, the grade 8 students will be participating in their Mount Mary Retreat on May 30th to June 1st. This is an excellent opportunity to look closely at their faith and spirituality and to give perspective as they continue their journey into high school. We would like to wish all these students the best as they take this next important step in their faith journey.

As a reminder, please note that April 7th and June 2nd are P.A. Days. There will be no classes on these days.

Sincerely,

Bill Haber
Principal

EASTER MESSAGE



During this Easter season we are called upon to reflect upon the very foundation of our faith: the death and resurrection of Jesus. As a people of faith we believe that Jesus suffered and died for our sins in order that we may have eternal life. During this Easter season the students are involved in a number of activities that focus on this theme. On April 26th at 10:00 a.m. we will be celebrating our Easter Mass as a school faith community. All are welcome to join us. Please note that April 14th is Good Friday and April 17th is Easter Monday. There will not be classes for students on these dates.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK – MAY 1st – MAY 5th, 2017

Catholic Education Week this year takes place from May 1st – 5th, 2017. This year's theme for Catholic Education Week is:

“Walking Forward Together”.

Throughout the week several events are planned in order to mark this week. On the morning of Tuesday, May 2nd and the afternoon of Thursday, May 4th the school will be offering an Open House opportunity for parents to drop into their child's classroom. We look forward to seeing you throughout the week.

SCHOOL SPIRIT DAYS

Please note, the next two school spirit days are April 25th: *Dress as Twin or Triplet Day*. As well, May 23rd: *Summer Vacation Days*.

EARTH DAY – APRIL 18th

Please note our school will be celebrating Earth Day on April 18th. All students will be asked to be mindful of their role within our fragile eco-system. When individuals work as part of a collective effort, our whole is greater than our parts. As such, now that the city has changed its garbage collecting schedule and procedures, please encourage your child to bring home their food leftovers/garbage to place in your counter top composter. Our school does not have those facilities – and this one small act can make a big difference!

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY – April 7th

Reminder: **Friday, April 7th** and **June 2nd** are Professional Development Days. There will not be classes for students on these days.

UPCOMING TESTING DATES

Please note the following upcoming standardized testing dates for your child. The dates below are the range of dates that the testing is to occur within. Specific dates will be decided by the classroom teachers.

CAT4 – grade 7 – May 8th – 12th

CCAT – grade 4 – April 24th – April 28th

EQAO – grades 3 and 6 – May 23rd – June 5th

FOLK DANCE FESTIVAL MAY 3rd



We would like to wish our folk dancers all the best as they head out to the Kitchener Auditorium to represent St. Kateri School at the annual folk dance festival. They have worked very hard at perfecting the many steps. Thank you to **Mrs. Dillon, Ms. Gallant, and Ms. Mehes** for their time and dedication in getting our dancers ready.

GRADE 7 CONFIRMATION

Grade 7 confirmation will be on April 5th at 7:00 at St. Aloysius Parish. Please arrive a half hour early for the ceremony.

BEACON OF HOPE WINNER

Congratulations to **Karlie Buck** who is this year's recipient of the "Beacons of Hope" award. This award is granted to one student from each of our schools in the system. The student represents the morals and values espoused by our Catholic teachings. Karlie is an excellent example!

Karlie, who strongly represents the leadership and Christian values espouse by our system through a multiple ways in all she does, will be recognized on May 2nd at St. Anthony Daniel Parish Life Centre where the Director of our Board will present her with an award. Congratulations Karlie....we're very proud of you!

WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN/JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION MAY 23rd

Parent and new kindergarten children are invited to come to school on May 23rd @ 6:00 p.m. to learn about the kindergarten program, daily routines and how to best prepare for a great start to the school year! Parents will attend an information meeting while children will spend some time doing activities in the classrooms. After both parents and student will be able to spend some time in the classroom learning about the activities to help prepare your child begin school and take home a bag of goodies to play with. Due to the limited space, please make care arrangements for other siblings this evening. We the staff of St. Kateri look forward to working with your family.

Celebrating Mothers

Loving God

We thank you for the love of mothers you have given us.

Whose love is so precious that it can never be measured.

Whose patience seems to never end.

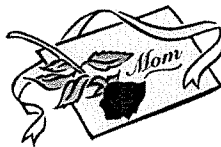
May we see your loving hand behind them and guiding them.

We pray for those mothers who fear they will run out of love or patience.

We ask that you bless them with you special love.

Amen.

Happy Mother's Day



SCHOOL COUNCIL

Please note, the next school council meeting will be held on April 25th @ 6:45 p.m. All are invited to attend.



April 2017

SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

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2 3 4 5 6 7 8

7:00 p.m.
Confirmation @
St. Aloysius Church

P.A. DAY
(no classes)

9 10 11 12 13 14 15

Grade 7:
HPV(2)/HERP.B.
Grade 8
HPV(2)

Good Friday
(no classes)

16 17 18 19 20 21 22

Easter Sunday

Easter Monday
(no classes)

EARTH DAY



6:30 p.m.
Mount Mary
Parent Meeting
(library)

23 24 25 26 27 28 29

1:00 p.m. First Holy

CCAT testing Gd. 4:
April 24—28

6:45: School
Council Mtg.

10:00 a.m.
Easter Mass

Intermediate Trip to
Art Gallery

JK—Gd. 2
Trip to Humanities

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Special Day:
Twirl/Triples Day

Intermediate Trip to
Art Gallery



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11:00 a.m.
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Children's Mass @
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***** CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK: *Walking Forward Together******

1:00 p.m.
Beacons of Hope
Breakfast @ Kitchener Aud.
7:00 p.m.
Folk Dance Festival @ Kitchener Aud.
P.M.: Open House

A.M.: Open House

7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Grade 7 CAT-4 Testing (May 8-12)	8:45 a.m. Jump Rope for Heart Kick-Off					

14	15	16	17	18	19	20
MOTHER'S DAY				Track and Field		
				JK-Gd. 2 May Court Puppet Show		



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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	VICTORIA DAY (no classes)	Grade 3/6 EQAO testing begins		Jump Rope For Heart		
		JK Orientation Night		JK-Gd. 2 Kids on the Block		

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Special Day:
Summer Vacation
Grade 8 Mount Mary Retreat (May 30th—June 1st)

NOTE:
P.A.
June 2nd
(no classes)