



St. Mary's School

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Principal's Remarks

It is with great excitement that I enter the role of principal of St. Mary's School. I have been in education for seventeen years and have been both an elementary and secondary teacher before becoming the vice principal at St. Anne's Catholic Secondary School. As a parent, a former teacher and student of St. Mary's, I am well aware of the rich history of this community.

The opening of our new wing was truly a night of celebration. Board officials, contractors, families, staff and students along with former teachers, principals, and students all joined together for the blessing. We were delighted to have Father John Jasica and Father John Pluta celebrate Mass. Many thanks to Laurie Donnelly, Marianne Hogan, and our School Advisory Council for making this evening so meaningful.

There are many initiatives that will continue to be our focus over the next months. Literacy and numeracy remain at the forefront of our school's improvement plan. Safe schools initiatives will unfold over the next few months as will healthy school promotions. Our prayers are with our children preparing for First Holy Communion as they continue to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ.

It is my hope that over the next few years we can celebrate the wonderful world that God has given us.

Jodi Kuran



Bullying Tip of the Month:

Recognize That You Are Needed!

Telling a caring adult about incidents of bullying is the best way a child can stop the bullying. Children who are singled out as victims of bullying need assistance to change the imbalance of power and improve their situations. You are your child's best way to a safer, happier, healthier life beyond bullying.

FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING

There will be a meeting for parents of children that intend to receive the Sacrament of First Communion, Tuesday, February 28th, 7:30 p.m. at St. Peter's Church.

EUCCHARISTIC FAIR

The Eucharistic Fair will be held on Saturday, April 22nd, 2006 at Peter's Church Hall from 9:00 –12:00.

FIRST COMMUNION

First Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, April 30th, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Peter's.



MATH INFORMATION NIGHT

Please join us on Thursday, March 30th for an informative parent night in the school gym. Workshops, prizes and great ideas to help your child problem solve!

VALENTINE DANCE

CPF Valentine Dance for grade 6, 7 and 8 students will take place on a Saturday, February 11th from 7:30 to 10:00 pm. at the Livery in Goderich. The cost is \$4.00. Bring your friends!

STORY HOUR

Two more weeks for the Story Hour at the Goderich Library! Join Suzane Dorion and children from 4-9 years old on Saturdays from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Sponsored by the local chapter of C.P.F.

CATHOLIC GRADUATE EXPECTATIONS

Every month our newsletters will include one of the seven OCGE's. Please talk to your children about how we are called to live as maturing Christians.

Literacy Tip of the Month:

The use of repeated readings is one of the most effective ways of improving fluency.

Material should be at the student's independent reading and interest level.