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Principal's Remarks

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." ~Margaret Mead~

Margaret Mead's words are so powerful. This quote came to mind while reading this month's Ontario March of Dimes Newsletter. There was our own Ella Baker-Lehnan. Her "Trike Trek" last year raised over \$14,000 to help others and has grown into a brand new education program in Toronto schools. Incredible, Ella!

Earlier this month, I had the honor of meeting Hetty Van Gorp, President of Peaceful Schools International. Her dedication to helping schools create climates of respect, has led to hundreds of peaceful schools all over the world. It is my hope that St. Mary's will join.

Catholic education is a gift. A small group of dedicated educator's, parents and parishioners made a commitment that has grown to include nine elementary and one secondary school in our county. Thank you for the contributions that you make to Catholic Education!

Jodi Kuran



HAIR FOR KIDS

On June 15th, Emily G, Jacqueline M, and Mrs. Sloan, will donate their hair to the Huron-Perth Cancer Society 'Hair for Kids' Program. At our Spring Fair, a table will be set up to receive donations to this worthy cause. Tax receipts will be issued for donations of \$10.00 or more. Stay tuned for more information from this group of thoughtful citizens.



A Catholic Graduate Is Expected To Be:

Self directed, responsible, lifelong learner who develops and demonstrates their God-given potential. They:

- Demonstrate a confident and positive sense of self and respect for the dignity and welfare of others. Demonstrates flexibility and adaptability.
- Takes initiative and demonstrates Christian leadership.
- Responds to, manages and constructively influences change in a discerning manner.
- Sets appropriate goals and priorities in school, work and personal life.
- Applies effective communication, decision-making, problem-solving, time and resource management skills.
- Examines and reflects on one's personal values, abilities and aspirations.
- Participates in leisure and fitness activities for a balanced and healthy lifestyle.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to all of our Grade Two students who will make their First Holy Communion at St. Peter's Church this Sunday, April 30th at 2:00 p.m. We are so happy for you and will pray for your continued friendship with Jesus.



LITERACY TIP OF THE MONTH

We all need to connect personally with what we are reading. Help your child connect with the text by asking questions such as, "This is like...." or "This reminds me of..." or "This could help me with...."

NUMERACY TIP OF THE MONTH

Be positive about math. Let your child know that everyone can learn math. Let them know that you think math is important. Encourage your child to be persistent if a problem seems difficult.

ANTI-BULLYING TIP OF THE MONTH

Often times we confuse conflicts with bullying. Bullying is repeated unwelcome actions intended to harm or distress. Empower your child to solve conflicts by talking them out with you. Role play the situation after you brainstorm solutions.

Congratulations to our very own Mrs. Sabin who is one of this year's recipients of the "Mother Teresa: Faith in Action" award. With her big heart and contagious laugh, she supports staff and all of

FRENCH IMMERSION DAY CAMP (6 to 10 years old) in Goderich this summer. Call Suzane Dorion-Tremblay for further information 524-6244.

Canadian Parents for French Annual Meeting - May 24th. Presentation on St. Anne's school trip to France, slide show of events and information on upcoming events.

ZEHRS TAPES: Please remember to donate your Zehr's receipts at our St. Mary's School drop box in Zehrs' customer service area. Zehr's generously donates \$1.00 to St. Mary's School for every \$450 of receipts received .



SPORTS—Track & Field



Track and Field training begins Monday, May 1 and continues throughout the month of May. All training will be at the GDCI track. Check the May calendar for dates and times. Our school track meet will be held at the GDCI track on Tuesday May 30th. (Rain date May 31). The System Track meet will be held Thursday June 8--rain date June 9. The first place winner of each event at school level, advances to the System meet as well as the top four finishers in the 100m relay events. Please take advantage of the opportunity to train for the Track Meet.