



St. Mary's School

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Principal's Remarks

St. Mary's is a wonderfully active and vibrant community. So many things happen everyday. As our children continue to grow and learn, it is important to celebrate their achievements. During our time together, we will continue to recognize students who are respectful to others and we will continue to recognize students who have achieved academic success.

As our staff continue to implement Ministry initiatives in their classrooms, we will begin to set our sights on school improvement planning for next year. Assessment frameworks are being developed to diagnostically assess our primary students in literacy and targets are being set to assist our Grade 3 and 6 students for their upcoming EQAO test. These assessment tools are so important, as they drive instruction.

As we begin the season of Lent, let us remember that this is a season of enlightenment and purification. As we try to respond to God's call with greater commitment we are encouraged to, "pray for the good of the soul, fast for the good of the body and give for the good of our neighbour".

Jodi Kuran



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to all of our students who were recognized at our recent school assembly. Citizenship awards and Academic Achievement awards were handed out. Keep up the great work, St. Mary's!

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.

A Catholic Graduate Is Expected To Be:

An Effective Communicator who:

- Listens actively and critically to understand and learn in light of gospel values
- Reads, understands and uses written materials effectively
- Presents information and ideas clearly and honestly and with sensitivity to others.
- Writes and speaks fluently in one or both of Canada's official languages
- Uses and integrates the Catholic faith tradition, in the critical analysis of the arts, media, technology and information systems to enhance the quality of life.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Our School Advisory Council meeting will be held on Monday, March 20th this month. Plans will begin for our annual Spring Fair. Please bring your ideas and join us.



GRADE 8 PARENTS

Please plan on attending a meeting on Monday, March 20th at 8:30, right after our SAC meeting, to begin to help plan your child's graduation night. We will meet in the library. Graduate photo day is scheduled for Monday, April 3rd. More information will follow.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Congratulations to all of our students for their efforts in storytelling and public speaking. Several St. Mary's students placed at the local competitions.

OECTA Intermediate Competition

1st - Ellen T

2nd - Andre L

OECTA Junior Competition

1st - Jordan M

Legion Intermediate Competition

1st - Stephen L

Legion Junior Competition

2nd - Shannon P

Legion Primary Storytelling

1st - Matthew M

2nd - Jenna S

REMEMBRANCE DAY POSTER CONTEST

Congratulations to our students who placed in the Legion's zone level poster contest.

Primary—Black and White

1st - Jesse L

Intermediate—Colour

3rd - Laura S

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW

Congratulations to our students who placed in this year's Free Throw competition and will advance to the Regional Championship in London.

Age 10 Boys

1st - Iain D

Age 13 Boys

1st - Tyler M



WORKING SMOKE ALARMS

Our local Fire Department is launching their new smoke alarm campaign. The revised Ontario Fire Code requires that every home have a working fire alarm on every level. Call the Fire Department at 524-8344 if you have any questions.

FRENCH CLASSES FOR PARENTS

The Canadian Parents for French have sponsored another **Adult French Course** (intermediate). It will begin Tuesday, March 28th and will last for 5 weeks. Please call Suzanne Dorion-Tremblay at 524-6244 to register or if you have any questions.



LITERACY TIP OF THE MONTH

When you read stories to your children with lots of expression, you are modeling good reading. Practice reading in different kinds of voices. You can play games to add further interest.

Play 'I Spy' to find words in the story, rhyming words, synonyms or antonyms.

NUMERACY TIP OF THE MONTH

Problem solving situations provide children with interesting contexts for learning mathematics. Learning the basic facts through a problem-solving format is much more significant to children than memorizing facts without purpose.

ANTI-BULLYING TIP OF THE MONTH

When children approach with statements such as, "I've got something that I need help with" let them know that you are receptive to their concerns by giving them your full attention. Talking about bullying is difficult for children. Try your best to listen attentively at the time that the child chooses to speak.

REPORT CARDS

As Term Two comes to an end, please be aware that students will be bringing home report cards on Friday, March 31st. Please fill out the page 3 response form and return it to your child's teacher.

MARCH BREAK

Wishing everyone a safe and restful March Break. Please note that March Break begins on Friday, March 10th.

Thursday, March 9th, our last day before the break, will be a student council spirit day. Children are asked to dress in appropriate beach wear.

