

May 2025 Newsletter

Catholic Education Week

Catholic Education Week will take place between May 4th to May 9th.

There are five sub-themes for each day of Catholic Education Week:

- Day 1: By honouring human dignity
- Day 2: By caring for creation
- Day 3: By responding to the poverties in our world
- Day 4: By serving in solidarity
- Day 5: By living as peacemakers

The Holy Father asks us to focus prayerfully on the bonds that unite our whole human family, to reflect on the rampant poverty in our world, and to think about the plight of the many refugees forced to leave their homes. He also summons us, as stewards of Creation, "to contemplate the beauty of creation and care for our common home."

A pilgrimage is a spiritual journey of movement toward a goal, often lived together with others – and that certainly describes Catholic education. Hope – one of the three theological virtues – is grounded in our Easter faith in Jesus' resurrection and renewal; this is what enables us to be builders, dreamers and leaders in Jesus' name. Pope Francis invites us to keep moving ahead in faith, in joy, and in hope, as part of a pilgrim people. Even in challenging times, our eyes are focussed on the future.

Kindergarten Orientation



We will be having a Kindergarten Orientation day on Wednesday, May 14th at 1:45 p.m. for the new students that will be attending St. Michael's in September. Please welcome them to our school.

Victoria Day

Just a reminder that Monday, May 19th is Victoria Day and there will be no school.

Enjoy the holiday with family and friends!

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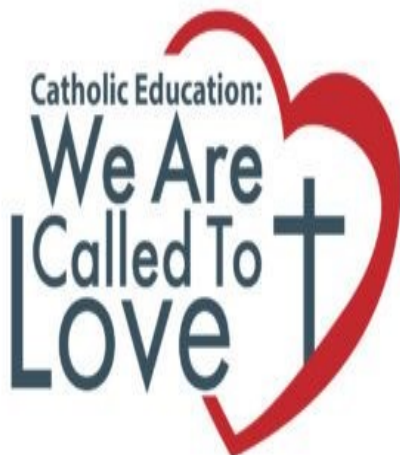
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Information

Parish

Pastor: Father
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Masses:

Sat. 5:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart,
Langton

Sun. 8:30 a.m.
St. Michael's,
Walsh

Sun. 10:30 a.m.
Sacred Heart,
Langton

Happy Mother's Day

We would like to wish all the Mother's a very Happy Mother's Day on Sunday, May 12th . Enjoy your special day.

Loving God,

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

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

Whose patience seems to have no 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 time, or
patience.*

We ask you to bless them with your own special love.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, our brother.

Amen



Lost and Found

We have a large bin in the school office with a large amount of clothing that has been turned in to the Lost and Found. Please feel free to have your child/ren stop by and check to see if any of the items are their belongings!



Thank You

A huge thank you goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Dos Santos and Mrs. Harley for cleaning up the area where the Kindergarten area is. It looks great!!

Reminder to Parents

As you are all aware it has been a very bad season for ticks in our area. There have been a few ticks spotted around the school yard, so please make sure you check your child/ren.

Track and Field

Students in Grade 4 to 8 will have the opportunity to compete in the School Track and Field Meet on Friday, May 30th at Holy Trinity. The Board meet will be held on Tuesday, June 10th also at Holy Trinity.

Dress Code

As the warm weather is upon us it is time to remind students of St. Michael's School's dress code. We rely on the good judgement and support of parents in helping students to determine appropriate wear for school. Please keep in mind these points in our code.

All clothing must follow the rule, "The top must meet the bottom and the bottom must meet the top". No short shorts/skirts, bare midriffs, halter tops, tank tops etc. No language and / or representation on attire that indicates gang affiliation and / or depicts violence, profanity or discrimination of any kind whatsoever or that otherwise demeans and identifiable individual group. Also, clothing with advertising of cannabis, alcohol, or any other adult substances is prohibited. Modesty and common sense are the main guideline for our dress code.

EQAO

Our Grade 3 and 6 students are participating in the annual provincial assessment. They will write during the weeks of May 26th to June 9th. We ask that you refrain from scheduling appointments and trips on these days, so that your child can be in class for all of the assessment. Water is necessary for our optimum brain functioning, so we are also requesting that you send your child with water bottles. Finally, adequate sleep and rest are key. Please avoid stressing your child about the test. There is no studying required.

Volleyball

We would like to congratulate the girls' and boy's volleyball teams who represented St. Michael's well at the Board Tournament held on April 7th. Both teams made it to the semi-final round. Team members included: Aubree A., Alaina B., Olivia D., Eliana P., Liliana S., Ava D., Alexa D., Vanessa D., Brienna H. Haven J., Braxton A., Riley B., Mason B., Chris G., Cruz H., Isai H., Alex H., Kaiden K., Loukas L., Matthew O., Levi O., Cylis P., and Jordyn R. Thanks again to Ms. Rizzo and Ms. Oud for coaching the teams.

Catholic Education Week

We have a few events planned during the week of Catholic Education Week.

May 5th - Catholic Leadership Awards—Congratulations Ava D.

May 9th—Jump Rope for Heart Event 2:30 p.m.

Grade 8 Graduation

Grade 8 Graduation will take place on Monday, June 23rd at St. Michael's School. More details will follow.



Jump Rope for Heart

Jump Rope for Heart will be held on Friday, May 9th. Please help fundraise for our school at www.jumpropeforheart.ca. Thanks again to Mrs. Kitchenham for organizing this great event.

Volunteer Police Checks

With plans for class trips coming up we would like to remind all parents to please make sure that your police check is up to date. If you need a form to take to the Police station, please contact Mrs. Mertens at the office as they are all completed online now.

First Communion

Congratulations to Kayleigh V., Leo V., and Alina R., who will be making their First Communion during the month of May.

Student of the Month Awards

Congratulations to the following students for receiving the awards in March and April

Catholic Leadership Award: Blaire V., Brady F., Nolan C., Dylan V., Mason B., Kayleigh V., Lincoln W., Gemma., and Etta W.

Student of the Month Award: Matteo C., Leo P., Jacob B., Matthew V., Arianna D., Makayla D., Alicia D., Cylis P., Blake V., Sonny D., Leandro P., Mya O., Brienna H., and Remy P.

Spirit Days



Students will have the opportunity to participate in the following Spirit Days during the month of May.

May 6th—Hat and Sunglasses Day
May 16th—Gum Day
May 29th—Colour House Day

May 14th—Warrior Day
May 22nd—Jersey Day