



St Christopher Catholic School



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COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER MAY 2012

Message From The Principal

The beginning of May also marks the beginning of Catholic Education Week. This year's theme is "Walking in the Light of Christ." "I am the Light of the World" Jesus proclaimed and added that "whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)

This year's five sub-themes follow the alliteration of **listening** in the Light of Christ, **learning** in the light of Christ, **living** in the Light of Christ, **loving** in the light of Christ and **leading** in the Light of Christ. Each sub-theme invites us to consider how our listening, learning, living, loving and leading are impacted by doing that in the Light of Christ. "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (Psalm 119:105).

Several special activities and prayer celebrations will mark this week. Please refer to the calendar for all the planned activities. Some of the highlights of the week are:

- Catholic Education Week Opening Mass, May 7th
- SK/Gr. 1-3 Snuggle Up and Read, May 8th
- Musical Performances, 12:30 & 6:00, Thurs May 10th
- St. Christopher Pen Centre Presentations, and Mother's Day Tea, May 11th
- Jump Rope for Heart/Healthy Snack Day, Friday, May 11th

Hope you can join us for some of these exciting events!

Walk with the Lord,
Ms. Boychuck



SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

Thank you to Mrs. Rutherford, Mrs. Davies and Mrs. Cabral for providing our students with a delicious pasta lunch last week. **Thank you to all members for your support throughout the year.**



STEWARDS OF THE EARTH

Thank you to the ECO team again this year for recycling all of our bins on a daily basis. A BIG thank to Mrs. Peressotti for volunteering so much time in preparing our ECO binder this year and ensuring that we continue to take care of God's earth. A special



thank you to Mr. Peressotti for weeding and greening our front gardens this year!

ASSIGNMENT EARTH

Thursday, May 10

Two Performances

12:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

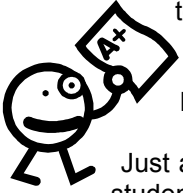
All students in Grade 4-8 are required to be at the school for 5:15 for costume and make-up preparation.

\$3.00 Admission per adult



E.Q.A.O. ASSESSMENT

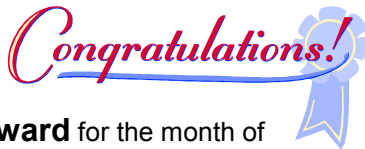
The E.Q.A.O. Assessment involving the Grades 3 and 6 testing in Reading, Writing and Math will take place from May 28th to June 5th. A more detailed letter and brochure will be sent home with the Grade 3 and 6 students only.



Just a reminder that parents can help ensure that students have a positive experience in the assessments by doing the following:

- Discuss the assessments with your child. These EQAO assessments help all students to learn better and do their best work.
- **Try to avoid interruptions in your child's attendance during assessment. Parents are asked to avoid arranging appointments during this period to accommodate testing schedules.**

Thank you for your cooperation during this time.



The following students received the **Super Citizen**

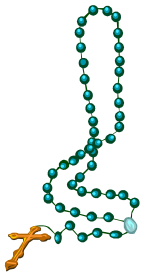
Award for the month of April. These students exhibited qualities of **"Hope/Environmentalism."**

J.K/S.K.:	Jonah W., Trenton M.
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Grade 1:	Corrick B., Daniel T.
Grade 2:	Bianka A., Nathia N.,
Grade 3:	Alexa D., Emily K., Joshua L.
Grade 3/4:	Sara C., Stanley G.
Grade 4/5:	Kristopher P., Shaw C.
Grade 6/7:	Olivia J., Samantha S.
Grade 7/8:	Chris C., Samantha M. Gabriella S.

Proper Footwear is recommended for students and staff during the warmer months. Flip Flops are strongly discouraged.



ROSARY CIRCLE To celebrate the end of our program for this school year, Rosary Circle students will be invited to attend a half-day retreat on Friday, May 25th at St. Thomas Aquinas Church. A permission note will be sent home with these students in mid-May. Our retreat will be a time to learn more about our Catholic faith, with activities and recitation of the Rosary. May our Lord Jesus hear our prayers through the intercession of our mother Mary.



Thank you to the Catholic School Council for supporting this event. A BIG thank you to Mrs. Elatico and Mrs. Roach, St. Thomas Aquinas C.W.L.

"CATCH THE SPIRIT AWARD"

RECIPIENT

Congratulations to **Emma-Lee Greig-Kelly** who has been chosen to be this year's **Catch the Spirit Recipient**. Emily and her family will be celebrating this event on May 7th during Education Week at St. Paul Catholic Secondary School.



FROM THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Parents - Do you know what your kids may be doing?



One out of five youth have reported misusing prescription drugs in the past year! A lot of them say they are getting them straight from their home medicine cabinet.

We can protect our kids:

1. Lock up all prescription medications
2. Talk to your children about the dangers of misusing prescription drugs
3. Take back all old or unused prescription medications to your local pharmacy or
4. Drop them off at various locations around the Niagara region on Saturday, May 12, 2012 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Check www.niagararegion.ca/health for more information on Niagara's Prescription Drug Drop-off Day and a list of locations near you.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION (F.Y.I.)

- **SUB Day** will be held on Friday, May 25th.



- **Jump Rope for Heart** will be held on Friday, May 11th. All students will be participating in physical activities in the afternoon. On this day we will also be having "Healthy Snacks" where nutritious snacks and water for each student will be provided free of charge. A special thank you to Catholic school council members for preparing the healthy snacks.



ST. CATHARINES CITY JUNIOR AND SENIOR CHESS CHAMPIONS!



FROM THE SPORTS DESK

COUGAR CHESS REPORT.

An incredible day of chess matches saw our school's two junior and two senior teams capture 24 medals (12 gold - 12 bronze) and two St. Catharines City Championship trophies - one by our Junior team and one by our Senior team. The amazing performance of the four St. Christopher teams made them the talk of the tournament.

Our senior team, comprised of all grade 8s, played remarkably well against some very good and experienced teams to capture the gold medal in 2012. Congratulations to Stephen L, Logan B, Bradley F, Tino M, Jacob R and Chris C.

Our other senior team - Nicholas G, Therese Z, Kevin W, John R, Corey G, Samantha U, came within one win of advancing to the championship game, but rebounded to capture the Bronze Medal.

Our first junior team played great chess against some excellent teams and were rewarded for their outstanding play by capturing the Bronze medal. A great accomplishment for Owen M, Calum L, Sarah V, Savannah S, Nicholas L and Ethan Z. With five returning players, they will be the favourites to win gold next year!

However, it was the play of our second Junior team that became the surprise story of the tournament. Ethan T, Anthony M, Christina B, Leela B, May G and Maggie U accomplished the unexpected and played their way to the finals. When they got there, they were not going to be intimidated by the previously undefeated St. Michael's team, instead they handed them their only defeat of the tournament and crowned themselves the Junior Champions of 2012.

Congratulation to all 24 members of our chess team for **returning with 24 of the 36 medals!** The most successful chess tournament in St. Christopher School history!

Our Junior Boys Basketball Team

displayed excellent sportsmanship and team effort. Team members include: Anthony Marroquin, Ethan Toulouse, Nathan Neal, Nicholas Loucks, Michael Gillis, Calum Lefebvre, Chase McDonald, Liam Vanstone, Collin Bates, Connor Delage, Lukas Solorzano, Owen MacNevin. A BIG thank you to Mr. King for coaching the boys.



Our Junior Girls Basketball Team demonstrated excellent basketball skills and collaborative team play. Team members include: Savannah Stewart, Karolina Kupnicka, Christina Bergie, Julia Rioux, May Graham, Leela Benjamin, Sarah Vandervalk, Brooke Nye, Samantha Spaan, Kailey Venus, Angelica Claro, Kayla Cooper.



Community Pathways Evening

Once again this year we will be hosting our Community Pathways Evening for families with students in grades 7-12. This evening is to inform parents of community resources available for children with ASD, Developmental Disabilities, Learning Disabilities and Mental Health concerns. A variety of agencies will set up booths with information and pamphlets and are happy to discuss with parents about the services they provide and how to access them. The event will be held at the Catholic Education Centre at 427 Rice Road in Welland on Thursday, May 24th from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm.

