



St. Edward News

Small in size, but big in spirit!



Kiwanis Speech Arts

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the **2012 Kiwanis Speech Arts Festival**. Your performances and public speaking skills are outstanding. You made St. Edward School proud of your excellent representation!
Nicely done!

First Communion

The grade 2 students will be receiving their First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 6th, 1:30 pm at St. Helen's Church, Vineland.

Rosary and Crowning of Mary

All are welcome to join in a Rosary and the Crowning of our Blessed Mother Mary Monday, May 7, 2012, 6:30 p.m. at St. Helen's Church Vineland. Children receiving their 1st Communion and their families are encouraged to participate. Reception follows in the church basement hosted by the C.W.L. of St. Helen's.



Warm Weather Reminders

With the warmer weather, we suggest that parents and students review the **dress code as outlined in the school handbook**.

Spaghetti straps, flip flops, backless tops, bare midriffs & short shorts/cut offs are NOT appropriate for school.

We also recommend the use of hats and daily sun screening to protect your children.

Please remember that children can only play on the play ground equipment if they are wearing running shoes.

MAY 2012

Catholic Education Week

May 6 - 12

"Walking in the Light of Christ"

P.A Day Fri. May 18th

Victoria Day Holiday

Monday, May 21st

The Crowning of Mary will take place at St. Edward School on May 14th, at 10:00 am in the gym. All students and guests are encouraged to bring their rosary and flowers to pay tribute to Mary.



Weekly Hot Lunches Choose \$3 or \$5 menu

Lunch Lady Wednesdays	Fri., May 11	Fri., May 25 Council
Wed, May 2 Wed. May 16 Wed. May 30 Pre Orders only	Pizza \$1.00/slice Please bring your own drink and snacks	\$3.00 2 Slices Pizza 1 fruit 1 drink
		\$5.00 3 Slices Pizza 1 Rice Krispy Sq 1 Fruit 1 drink

EQAO

Grade 3 & Grade 6 assessment will take place
May 23rd - to June 6th.

Parents, please ensure that any appointments, etc. are not scheduled during school hours, as children need to be present in order to complete the assigned tasks. A good breakfast & full night's sleep are recommended to best prepare the students.

BT Corner

The Student Services Department would like to thank all of the grade 8 parents and teachers for their diligence in completing and returning the 2012/2013 Option Sheets. **Grade 9 orientation is scheduled for Tuesday, August 28th, 2012.** At this time the incoming grade 9 students will have the opportunity to pick up their 2012/2013 timetable and move into their assigned lockers. A letter will be sent home in August outlining the events of this day. If you have not yet paid the \$55 activity fee, please do so as soon as possible. Payment can be given to your grade 8 teacher or brought to Blessed Trinity.

Maddalena Uniforms is the proud supplier of the Blessed Trinity school uniforms. If you were not able to attend the uniform fitting which took place March 26, 27 and 28th, the Tuck Shop will be open every Thursday from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., or contact them @ 1-877-553-9991 * web page: www.maddalena-uniforms.com * email: moss@maddalena-uniforms.com.

If your son/daughter is considering summer school, applications will be available in the office of each Elementary School the week of April 23rd. Summer school will take place from Tuesday, July 3rd until Monday, July 30th, 2012. A Summer School information flyer was included in your Open House package. If you require any further information, please contact Continuing Education @ (905)682-3360 or <http://alc.niagaracatholic.ca/summerschool.asp>

Upcoming events:

- Catholic Education Week – Sunday, May 6th – Saturday, May 12th
- Spring Concert – Friday, May 4th at 7:00 p.m.

Blessed Trinity Hosts Relay For Life

On May 11th and 12th Blessed Trinity will be hosting their second Relay for Life – a student run fund raiser and Cancer awareness event. The event is totally student run with teacher supervision.

Because of the nature of the Relay (a 12 hour event - 7pm to 7am) it is impossible to have elementary students participate; however, we would like for the elementary students to become aware of the event and have a chance to contribute in some way.

Part of the Relay is a survivor lap, where survivors of cancer walk for a lap just after sunset. To light their way the track will be surrounded by luminaries. Luminaries look like lunch bags and have a candle inside. Luminaries can be purchased for \$5 and can be decorated and personalized by those who purchase them.

The Grade 7 and 8 students at your school have already been informed about the luminaires and will be purchasing them through their teachers. If your child is not in Grade 7 or 8 and you would like them to purchase a luminary please contact John Cino at 925-945-6706 Ext. 2310.

DM Corner

After months of fall and winter rehearsals, spring is here and so is the opening date of Denis Morris' musical, Fiddler on the Roof. Life during turn of the century Tsarist Russia used to be easy for Tevye, his wife and five daughters. As a milkman he worked hard, but his family, his faith and his life were in order because of the traditions that shaped his life. In a matter of months his whole world turns upside down. His three oldest daughters want to choose their own husbands, the government is ordering "pogroms" and evicting Jews from their homes and his horse has gone lame. What's a poor milkman to do? At the very least he can sing songs like Tradition, If I Were a Rich Man, Sunrise... Sunset and many more. In 1964, the original production of Fiddler on the Roof was nominated for ten Tony Awards and won nine. There have been four Broadway revivals and one feature film based on the play written by Joseph Stein (from the short stories of Shalom Aleichem) with music by Jerry Bock and lyrics by Sheldon Harnick.

Please join us at the Alumni Theatre from Thursday, May 10 to Saturday, May 12, 2012 for our production of Fiddler on the Roof, a Broadway classic. Information and tickets are available by calling the school at 905-684-8731, extension 2116. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children. Family rates are available. The doors open at 6:45p.m



SOCCER

Junior Girls

Mrs. Duffy & Mlle Owens will coach the Junior Girls' soccer team. Their tournament will take place at Smith Field on Wednesday, **May 23** (rain date May 25) . All practice times are on the monthly calendar. You must have a note to stay.

Junior Boys

Mr. Lennox will be coaching the Junior Boys soccer team. All practice times are on the monthly calendar. The tournament will be held at Smith Field Thursday, **May 24** (rain date May 28) . Please remember permission notes to stay.

Intermediate Co-ed

Mr. Lennox & Mlle Owens will be coaching the Int. Co-Ed soccer team. All practice times are on the monthly calendar. The tournament date will be on **Tuesday, May 15** at the Smithville Leisure Plex. Please remember permission notes to stay.

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:

Lock up all prescription medications

Talk to your children about the dangers of misusing prescription drugs

Take back all old or unused prescription medications to your local pharmacy or

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.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

My husband and I had a great time at our Music Trivia Night. Gee, might it have been because our table won? No! It was all the great people and music that were so much fun! A big appreciation goes out to our awesome parent council who worked so hard to put this event together. I also want to thank all the wonderful parents and staff who came out that night to support our school. A special thank you to all the companies and families that donated items for the silent auction. All the money raised that night goes directly back to our school to support our greening project and other council initiatives. I am so proud to say we raised..... \$2,800!

We would love to hear about any fundraising ideas for next year.

*Thanks again to all,
Vicki Bucsis*

April Virtue — Hope

AWARD WINNERS

grade	MERIT	CHRISTIAN LIVING	FRENCH
1	Eddie M.	Max W.	Sopha S.
1/2	Hillary M.	Hannah F.	Trent F.
2/3	Carli B.	Jude R.	Jude R./Simone B.
4	Oscar R.	Noah M.	Cameron S.
5/6	Aidan V.	Nathan J.	David M./Savion S.
6/7	Stacey K.	Sofia P.	Tyler L.
8	Matteo P.	Madison M.	Austin H.

St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church

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Dear Parents,

The St. Helen's Church Raffle Committee is asking for your support with our new major parish Fund-Raiser. It is called the St. Helen's Church Raffle. There will be a maximum of five hundred and twenty (520) tickets printed and sold for \$100.00 each.

Your ticket(s), will give you a chance to win in the Two Early Bird draws of \$500.00, as well as in the Twelve Monthly Draws for \$2,000.00. This is possible, as all of the 520 Ticket Numbers will remain in the Master Raffle Drum for the duration of this event. With your support, we will be able to contribute substantially to the St. Helen's Church Building Fund, as well as to have some fun awarding cash prizes to our draw participants.

The \$100.00 tickets can be purchased by cash or cheque or in four consecutive monthly installments of \$25.00 by post dated cheque. If you are interested in purchasing a ticket, please call **Steve Metelsky @ 289-566-9090, John Stewart 905 563-0062 or Aggie @ the parish office @ 905 562-7427 ext 115**

Don't delay so that you can qualify for the two Early Bird Draws:

Saturday, April 28th and Saturday, May 26th, 2012

The St. Helen's Church Raffle Committee certainly appreciates your continued support and generosity. The two Early Birds will be followed by Twelve Monthly Draws of \$2000.00 commencing June 23rd; followed by one draw on the fourth Saturday of every Month, ending with two draws for \$2000.00 on April 27th, 2013.

Thank you

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Better Hearing and Speech Month

How can you get services from an Audiologist or Speech-Language Pathologist?

Meet with your child's Classroom Teacher or Educational Resource Teacher and talk about your concerns

A listing of Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists is available by contacting the College of Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists of Ontario (CASLPO) at 1-800-993-9459 or visit caslpo.com

Congratulations to the St. Edward Catholic School Intermediate Chess Team on winning Gold in the Area 4 Chess Tournament. The team played with great sportsmanship and determination. Well done!

The team members were:

Austin H. Christian B.
Theo R. Cullen L.
Dallas M. Adam V.



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.

Please review the attachments below that provide additional information on this year's Community Pathways Evening including a flyer to share with your parent community.

Thank you for your support in this annual event.