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COFFEE SUNDAY

Monsignor Clair School will be hosting Coffee Sunday at St. Mary's Church on April 2, 2017 after the 8:00 am and 10:00 am Masses. We will be looking for baked goods and volunteers. If you are interested in helping please contact the school office.

MONSIGNOR CLAIR SCHOOL MASS

Our Easter Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, April 26, 2017 in the gymnasium. Our Rosary Apostolate will be coming to our school to celebrate the Rosary for the Month of May on May 2/17.



SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The next meeting for our School Community Council is on Tuesday, April 4, 2017, at 6:30 pm in the school library.

Some of the Council Agenda Items will be:

Catholic Education Week – May 1-5th

Finances/Budget.

Babysitting is available as needed. Please remember to call the school by noon the day of the meeting. This will allow us time to be sure we can arrange babysitters. Hope to see you!



PRAYER

EASTER PRAYER FOR CHILDREN

*Time for joy and time for giving
Time for remembering
Love while living.*

*Take this message Easter Day
Show kindness, care
At home and play.*

*It's in our very acts of giving
Easter's joy
Makes life worth living.*

*Children round the globe now hear
Keep Easter
In your heart all year.*

*May joy and love spread land to land
Linked heart to heart
And hand to hand!*

Amen.

IT'S REGISTRATION TIME

Welcome to Kindergarten

Starting Kindergarten is an exciting and special time for parents and children. Our entire Catholic school community looks forward to welcoming our youngest students as they begin a lifelong journey of faith-filled learning. We believe there is something truly unique and special about learning that is rooted in faith and spiritual growth. By choosing a faith-filled education, we know you will share that belief with us.

Full Day Learning

The Kindergarten program offered at all the schools in our board provides children with a strong start for their learning journey. The program is structured to help make the transition to Grade 1 easier for both you and your child. And by spending a full day learning through play, your child will develop the academic and social skills necessary for future success.

All the Information You Need

To help parents and students get ready for this important milestone, our board has developed an award-winning package. We encourage parents who are looking to register their child for Kindergarten to drop by the office to pick up their copy of the package, which includes a parent booklet, child's activity book and DVD. You can also find all of the information on our board's website at www.smcdsb.on.ca/parents/kindergarten

English as a Second Language (ESL)

We have resources and information available for families whose first language is not English. Please inquire about the ESL version of our Kindergarten package.

Monsignor Clair School Registration

We are here to answer questions and help you prepare. Please contact us at 705-737-2812 for more information.

Registrations for Full Day Kindergarten, both Junior and Senior Registration, will take place on an on going basis starting February 1, 2017. Please contact the school at any time with your child's name and birth date and arrange a day to come in to pick up a registration package. In order for your child to begin junior kindergarten in the Fall of 2017, your child must be 4 by December 31, 2017. Please ensure that you have the following documentation for registration as we cannot register your child without these items: Child's Birth Certificate, Baptism Certificate, and Immunization Record (yellow card), as well as a copy of a **parent** Catholic Baptism Certificate and a copy of your property taxes form showing Separate School Support or proof of address. If you have any questions please contact Mrs McVeigh at the school office 737-2812.

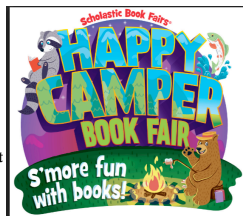
FROM THE LIBRARY

Monsignor Clair Happy Camper Book Fair!!

In order to “kick off” Catholic Education Week (May 1-May 5), Monsignor Clair will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair from April 26th-May 1st. The book fair theme this year is

Happy Camper Book Fair!

Feel free to drop in and take a look at all the resources that will be available that support literacy in all subject areas. Additional information regarding book fair times will be sent home within the next few weeks. Looking forward to seeing you there!



OECTA YOUNG AUTHOR AWARDS

The Ontario English Catholic Teachers Association (OECTA) Young Author Awards is always a tough competition. Thousands of students across the Province participate in the program.

Congratulations to Emma Lamorie, Camille Bacani and Olivia Centurione who participated in the Young Authors' Awards Competition in March. Their classroom teacher, Mrs. MacLean, recognized their writing talents and submitted their short stories to OECTA's local unit. Thank you girls for representing Monsignor Clair School and your writing talents with other students across Ontario.

Extreme Reading Challenge

Thank you to all the families and staff who participated in the Monsignor Clair Extreme Reading Challenge.

If you have any pictures, please feel free to email them to monsignorclairlibrary@gmail.com and we will add it to the Extreme Reading Challenge photo display in the school



SCIENTISTS IN SCHOOLS

Scientists in School is a non-profit organization dedicated to sparking children's interest and inquiry skills in Science and Technology through hands-on discovery. The presenters are scientists and technical experts who have extensive experience working with children. They provide various hands-on activities and materials for the students to participate in investigative activities which enrich the provincial Science and Technology and Mathematics curriculum. The students become scientists in their classroom and also learn real world applications!



All our students have the opportunity to participate in workshops during education week, a note will be sent home with dates and cost. We would like to thank our Catholic School Community Council for contributing \$1000.00 towards the total cost in order to reduce the cost per student.

PARISH NEWS

Pro-Life Essay Contest

Congratulations to all students who entered the CWL Mary Dobell pro-life essay and poetry contest. The winner of the poetry contest was Kailey M from St. Marguerite d'Youville Catholic School. The winner and runner up of the essay contest were both from Monsignor Clair School. Isabella C. was runner up and the winning essay was submitted by Hudson C. We also had a winning entry for the Jean McCann Service award. The Submission from St. Joseph's student Daniell C., earned top marks from the judges. Thank you to all who entered the contests and good luck to those entries which have been forwarded to the next level.

THINGS YOU COULD GIVE UP FOR LENT

Television or certain programs
Radio – all the time or a certain time of the day
Favourite foods
Eating out
Smoking
Social Media
Gossip
Lying
Procrastination

THINGS TO ADD DURING LENT

Going to Mass more than once a week
Pray the Rosary
Attend the Stations of the Cross
Praying with your family
Go to Confession
Make more time to be with your family
Be a better friend
Volunteering
Being on time

SPRING RCIC PROGRAM-RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR CHILDREN

If you have a child attending a Catholic school requiring Baptism and is age 7 to 14, there is another opportunity this year to have your son or daughter prepare for this sacrament through the RCIC program. Classes will be held on Sunday mornings from 11 am to noon on the following dates:
April 23 and 30, May 7, 14, and 28. Baptism of RCIC candidates will take place on Sunday, June 4. Contact Susan, Parish Secretary, to register your child(ren)

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday – April 8/9 – Regular Masses

Holy Thursday – April 13 – Mass at 7pm – no noon Mass. Mass will include foot washing. All parishioners will be offered the opportunity to participate in this wonderful ritual of service and humility.

Holy Thursday Adoration – from the conclusion of Mass to midnight you are invited to come to the church to spend some time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

Good Friday – April 14 – At 12 noon and 3 pm there will be the celebration of the Good Friday Liturgy. This is not a Mass

Easter Vigil Mass – April 15 – 8 pm –no 5 pm Mass
This celebration of the Eucharist is a call of all the faithful to be present as Christ in the Eucharist is restored to the tabernacle and to the midst of the church. This is a Mass of Sunday observance and will include our regular collection.

Easter Sunday – April 16 – regular Masses
8 am, 10 am, 12 pm and 4 pm.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS SPORTS DAY

Congratulations to Nolan, Aaron, Claire, and Sebastian who participated in the Special Olympics Sports Festival on March 28th. They were involved in many events that included bowling, obstacle courses, baseball and curling along with many other sports.

They were lucky enough to meet Jade Irvine, from Barrie, who won the silver medal in the Special Olympics World Winter Games in Austria in snowshoeing.

Our students represented the Monsignor Clair Crusaders and proudly displayed the Special Olympic motto which is... **Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt.**

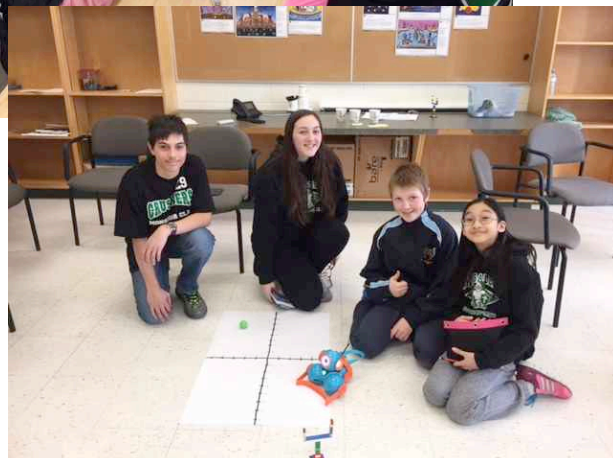
Thank you to Ms. Lavoie, Mrs. Gage and Mrs. Robinson for all their help throughout the day. **WELL DONE TEAM!!**



WATCH FOR INFORMATION ABOUT OUR UPCOMING FAMILY NIGHT THURSDAY MAY 4TH

MATH OLYMPIANS

Monsignor Clair participated in the Junior and Intermediate Math Olympics. On March 9th, the intermediate team consisting of Ava S. (grade 8), Hayden M. (grade 8), Theron C. (grade 7) and Julie N. (Grade 7) competed. The junior team competed on March 21st and consisted of Iain H. (grade 4), Leila A. (grade 5), Jose L. (grade 6), and Taiya H. (grade 6). The SMCDSB Math Olympics event involves teams competing against 18 other schools. The students competed in individual, pair and whole team math challenges over the course of a day. Hayden Mahon received the honour of top individual grade 8 score. They represented the school extremely well with their perseverance, team work and enthusiasm. Congratulations to both teams!



MARCH/APRIL – ACTIVE FUN TIPS!

Go dancing - Encourage friends to go for a short, but brisk walk at lunch. Walk to the store – Clean out the garage or attic - Volunteer to coach one of your child's sports teams –

Check it out : www.simcoecountytrails.net

MENU IDEA FOR LUNCH: Hummus and vegetables in a whole wheat tortilla – apple – milk – cheese cubes – canned peaches in own juice.



THANK YOU TO THE TURANO FAMILY FOR SUPPORTING OUR QSP MAGAZINE FUNDRAISER!

You can still support our school by purchasing or renewing magazine subscriptions on line at

www.QSP.ca use School Code #3720604

Each subscription that we sell continues to bring profit to our school. This can be done all year long, so if you have any expiring magazine subscriptions or just forgot to order a favorite one, you may still do so and support our school!

Remember if you renew with the publishers directly, the school does NOT receive profits.

Please DO NOT renew with the publishers. Thank you.

If you ever have any questions about your subscriptions, please call QSP Customer Service at **1-800-667-2536**

MONSIGNOR CLAIR SCHOOL PUBLIC SPEAKING 2016

On Wednesday, February 3rd, Monsignor Clair School held its annual public speaking school competition. This contest allowed the winning classroom competitors to challenge themselves in a contest that was viewed by their divisional classes in the school gymnasium.

The final results were as follows:

Junior Division:

- 1st Place – Isabella M. - “Japan”
- 2nd Place – Taiya H - “Toronto”
- 3rd Place – Rylee H. - “Elder Abuse”

Intermediate Division:

- 1st Place Joshua T. - “Organ Donation”
- 2nd Place – Nicolas B.- “Assisted Suicide”
- 3rd Place – Ava Stocco – “Defining Stereotypes”

Joshua, Nicolas and Isabella had the opportunity to represent our school in the public speaking contests at St. Mary’s Church. Joshua came in First and Nicolas came in Second in the Intermediate category at St. Mary’s Church. Joshua represented our Parish at the competition in Bradford. Joshua and Isabella also participated in the competition at the Barrie Legion. Joshua placed third.

Congratulations to our winners and thank-you to all competitors for their work with this important school activity. Thanks to our staff - for their help with this venture and special thank-you to our favourite chief custodian, Mr. Laurin and our judges, Mr McGlynn, Mr Modeski and Mrs Hardie.



SCHOOL YARD CLEAN UP

Date – Saturday, May 27th
Time – 9 am – 11 am



It is that time of year when we need to pitch in to beautify our school yard. We are looking for volunteers of all ages to come and help us cut and rake away the weeds in our gardens. If possible please bring your gardening tools (labeled with your name). Lawn bags will be supplied. Please also keep our school in mind when you’re working in your own gardens and dividing your perennials and bulbs. We would love to add them to our school garden. We will work rain or shine.



LOOKING FORWARD TO....

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| April 14 | - | Good Friday-no classes |
| April 16 | - | Easter Sunday |
| April 17 | - | Easter Monday-no classes |
| April 26 | - | Easter Mass – 9:30 am |
| May 1 to 5 | - | Catholic Education Week |
| May 2 | - | May Rosary Celebration |
| May 14 | - | Mother’s Day |
| June 2 | - | PA Day |
| June 26 | - | Gr 8 Graduation |