
St Ambrose Catholic School

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DEAR STUDENTS, PARENTS & GUARDIANS:



Catholic Education Week, May 3-8

Today is the first day for Catholic Education Week. This year's theme is "Good News For All." The scripture quote is from Romans: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring the good news." During this week parents and family members are invited to come and see the wonderful spirit at our school. Events can be found on the calendar included in this newsletter. We would like to extend a special invitation to our Catholic Education Week mass on Tuesday, May 5 at St. Joseph's Church. The mass begins at 1:30 and will be attended by our grade 5-8 students, please join us!

School Band Concert & Arts Festival



Our incredible band continues the concert series with performances at the Perth Arts Festival this Wednesday. Parents please come to see your child perform in this great day of music, drama and art. The band will also perform for our school community on Wednesday May 20 at 7 pm. in our school gym.

Riding Bikes to School



When students are old enough we encourage them to ride bikes to school, but a gentle reminder that helmets are

mandatory for children under 16. Follow the rules of the road and BE SAFE!



Play Ball!

With baseball season beginning we'd ask that families check to see if they have any spare baseball gloves they can donate to the school. Please send these to the office and we will keep them for use with our students who don't have gloves. Thanks!



EQAO Testing

Parents of Grade 3 and Grade 6 students please mark May 25 - June 5 on your calendars. We would ask that you avoid setting up appointments on these days to allow your child to be present during the regular testing periods for math, reading and writing.



Confirmation

A reminder to all confirmation candidates that the retreat will be held on May 14 from 9-3:30 at St. Joseph's Parish Hall.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be Sunday, May 31 @ 2:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church with Archbishop MacDonald presiding.



Jump Rope & Hoops for Heart

Please mark May 19 on your calendar for these two great events for the Heart & Stroke Foundation. Students will learn about heart health while having fun and winning great prizes. The kick-off assembly begins at 12:45.



Fifth's Disease

As mentioned in our bulletin to parents last week, we have reported cases of Fifth's disease at our school. This is not something for parents to be alarmed about. This illness is one of the childhood diseases in the same category as measles. We would appreciate if you note that your child has red cheeks, a rash on trunk and arms or a fever please see your doctor. We would also appreciate if you let us know at the school. The only small risk in this disease is for pregnant women. Your co-operation in reporting this childhood illness is appreciated.



September Return Date 2009

Return date in September is Tuesday, September 1st. Attend classes on Wednesday, September 2nd and Thursday, September 3rd. Friday, September 4th is a school holiday and Monday, September 7th is Labour Day. Classes resume on Tuesday, September 8th.

We will soon begin the process of developing class lists for next school year. Teachers spend a great deal of time making sure that each student is placed in the best learning environment. The following criteria are used when establishing class lists: friendship patterns - every attempt is made to keep positive friendships together and to separate negative ones; having been in a combined class the previous year; balance of gender and ability - at no time are students grouped by ability in determining the class lists. Every attempt is made to ensure that all ability levels are in every classroom.

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