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### ***“LIVE LIKE JESUS : GROWING TOGETHER IN FAITH” IS THE THEME FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2013***

During the week of May 5<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>, the St. Clair Catholic District School Board and its schools will celebrate the significant contribution that Catholic education has made to the community, the province and the country with *Catholic Education Week 2013*.

This year's theme is *Live Like Jesus – Growing Together in Faith*. Catholic schools are places of growth. Young kindergarten children grow to be teenagers; Grade 9 students grow into young adults. As Catholics, we are also expected to grow in faith – nurtured through prayer and knowledge and in living our faith in service to our communities.

Catholic Education Week is marked by special activities at all grade levels and at all schools, including prayer celebrations, service activities and educational events. A list of events at most schools follows this media release. Please contact the school principal to arrange a visit.



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# Catholic Education Week 2013

*“Live Like Jesus: Growing Together in Faith”*

List of School Activities for May 5<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>

<i>School</i>	<i>School Principal</i>	<i>Activity</i>
Christ The King Catholic School	Shirley Churchill 519-627-6745	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> – Family Faith Festival at Mother Teresa Catholic Secondary School in London.</li> <li>• Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> – we will be ‘filling the skies with music’ as we join with students from St. Elizabeth and Holy Family Catholic Schools for Music Monday – 12:00 p.m. at Holy Family Catholic School.</li> <li>• Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> – Students will be producing a video entitled <i>What Catholic Education Means to Me!</i></li> <li>• Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> – Fun Faith Day – an afternoon filled with fun faith activities – decorating prayer rocks, completing a school mural entitled <i>Growing Together in Faith</i>, stories, treats, music. The program will end with the screening of the <i>What Catholic Education Means to Me!</i> video produced earlier in the week.</li> </ul>
Georges P. Vanier Catholic School	Cyndi-Vink Broadfoot 519-354-6550	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> – Grade 7s at Muskoka Woods Leadership Camp.</li> <li>• Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> – Catholic Education Week Mass at St. Ursula Church – 9:30 a.m.</li> <li>• Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> – Catholic Education Week Celebration Assembly in the gym – 12:30 p.m. All classes will perform musical selections including vocals, bells, boomwhackers, piano, guitar and percussion. An exciting presentation of talent from the entire school!</li> <li>• Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> – VIP Evening Ceremony – 6:30 p.m.</li> <li>• Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> and Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> – Book Fair</li> </ul>
Good Shepherd Catholic School	Phil Bedard 519-692-3644	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> – Grade 7s at Muskoka Woods Leadership Camp.</li> <li>• Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> – <i>Song of the Lamb</i> – concert for the entire school.</li> <li>• Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> – <i>Science Fun Fair</i> at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School, for Grade 3-4 and 5-6, sponsored by the Science Education Partnership.</li> <li>• Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> – <i>Jump Rope for Heart</i> – an afternoon of physical activities to raise funds for the Heart and Stroke Foundation.</li> </ul>

Holy Family Catholic School	Gloria Grieve <b>519-627-6003</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> – Christ The King, St. Elizabeth and Holy Family Catholic Schools will take part in <i>Music Monday</i> at Holy Family Catholic School at 12:00 p.m. Following the performance they will Skype with a school in Calgary to perform together.</li> <li>Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> – Special Constable Randi Hull will talk with the FDK classes about <i>Stranger Danger</i>.</li> <li>Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> – Grade 4 classes will create ‘thank you’ cards for <i>Nurses’ Appreciation Week</i>. Two students will go to the Sydenham Campus of the Chatham-Kent Health Alliance to present the cards to nurses.</li> <li>Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup> – Catholic Education Week Liturgy in the gym at 12:30 p.m.</li> <li>Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> – students in various classrooms will be praying the rosary, led by members of the Holy Family parish.</li> <li>Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> – FDK classes will visit the local library at 2:00 p.m.</li> </ul>
Holy Trinity Catholic School	Scott Johnson <b>519-344-2110</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> – <i>Praise God with Song</i> – a musical concert featuring songs of faith. 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the school gym.</li> </ul>
Monsignor Uyen Catholic School	Renee Culverwell <b>519-352-1880</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> – <i>Grandparents Afternoon</i> begins at 1:00 p.m. Grandparents will enjoy a literacy activity and a snack in the library. They will also have the opportunity to play with students on the yard during the nutrition break. A music concert will end the afternoon with our wonderful grandparents!</li> </ul>
Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School	Tom Baker <b>519-351-4040</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> – Science Education Partnership 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Science Fair – Our Lady of Fatima is hosting this all day event. The Science Education Partnership is a unique collaboration among the Lambton Kent District School Board, St. Clair Catholic and many local business, industry and community partners, which provides ‘hands-on, minds-on’ science resources for local educators.</li> </ul>
St. Anne Catholic School – Blenheim	Americo Todino <b>519-676-7352</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May 9<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. – Primary Family Literacy Night</li> <li>Throughout the week several classes will participate in science experiments led by <i>Mad Science Canada</i>.</li> <li>Also during Catholic Education Week, students will be participating in the <i>Jump Rope for Heart</i> fundraiser, to raise awareness among our school community of the importance of an active and healthy lifestyle.</li> </ul>
St. Anne Catholic School – Sarnia	Maureen Cecile <b>519-542-2710</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> – May Crowning Mass – 9:30 a.m. at St. Michael Church in Brights Grove.</li> </ul>
St. Elizabeth Catholic School	Luana Sfalcin <b>519-627-6331</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> – we will be ‘filling the skies with music’ as we join with students from Christ The King and Holy Family Catholic Schools for Music Monday – 12:00 p.m. at Holy Family Catholic School.</li> </ul>
St. John Fisher Catholic School	Steve DeGurse <b>519-786-5201</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> – <i>SJF’s Got Talent!</i> musical production. Two performance times – 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.</li> </ul>

St. Joseph Catholic School – Corunna	Jean Mantha <b>519-862-1479</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> – <i>Bring Back the Wild</i> – Earth Rangers Presentation, sponsored by NOVA Chemicals – 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the school gym. Earth Rangers is an award-winning charitable organization that educates children about bio-diversity loss and empowers them to “Bring Back the Wild.” It is an important science-based message about the importance of protecting bio-diversity.</li> </ul>
St. Joseph Catholic School – Tilbury	Juli Faubert <b>519-682-2790</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> – Online Social Networking Safety 101 Presentation with Paul David, from <a href="http://socialnetworkingsafety.net">socialnetworkingsafety.net</a> Includes a free pasta dinner and door prizes. Dinner at 5:45 p.m. Presentation at 7:00 p.m. Babysitting available.</li> </ul>
St. Michael Catholic School – Ridgetown	Carmen Gagnier <b>519-674-3475</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> – Grandparents’ Day – 9:30 a.m. to 10:55 a.m.</li> <li>Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> – JK to Grade 2 – <i>Reading Together Night</i> – 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.</li> <li>Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> – Catholic Education Week Liturgy of the Word at 9:45 a.m.</li> </ul>
St. Peter Canisius Catholic School	Mona McKeown <b>519-876-3018</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May 6<sup>th</sup> – Grade 5-6 Trip to Camp Sylvan</li> <li>May 6<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 p.m. – Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Women’s League and St. Peter Canisius Parent Council Presentation with Trustee John Fontaine</li> <li>May 7<sup>th</sup> – Grade 4, 5 &amp; 6 trip – Science Education Fair (Errol Road Public School)</li> <li>May 8<sup>th</sup> – Grade 5 trip – Ultimate Frisbee Challenge – Germain Park</li> <li>May 9<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 p.m. – St. Peter Canisius Glee Club Performance – Lambton Mall</li> <li>May 10<sup>th</sup> – Grade 5 &amp; 6 trip – Emergency Preparedness Day at Clearwater Arena.</li> </ul>
St. Philip Catholic School	Mark Renaud <b>519-882-1520</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> to Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> – Our Grade 7s are at the Muskoka Woods Leadership Camp in Rosseau, Ontario.</li> <li>Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> – Grade 5 students participate in the <i>Ultimate Frisbee Challenge</i>.</li> <li>Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> – celebrating numeracy education. Students will be participating in three part math activities throughout the afternoon.</li> <li>Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> – Grade 6 students participate in a Native Studies program at the Environmental Education Centre in Bothwell, Ontario.</li> </ul>
St. Ursula Catholic School	Kerry Matthyssen <b>519-352-3620</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May 8<sup>th</sup> – Grade 3-4 and 4-5 students will travel to <i>Ska Nah Doht</i> as part of an environmental field study that integrates Aboriginal teachings, in order to help our students learn more about the First Nations, Métis and Inuit cultures in our communities.</li> <li>May 8<sup>th</sup> – Grade 1 students will invite mothers and grandmothers to a tea in the library.</li> <li>May 9<sup>th</sup> – Families are invited to our School Council’s <i>Cinco De Mayo Family Dance and Silent Auction</i>, being held in the school gym for 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Admission is free. Classes will perform special dances. Refreshments, games, prizes, a photo booth and piñatas are some of the special attractions.</li> </ul>

St. Vincent Catholic School	Nicole Stevens <b>519-354-4066</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> – Catholic Education Week Celebration. Our students will open the program with the <i>Is Somebody Singing</i> song from Music Monday. Each class will be featured with various musical presentations, with vocals and instruments. The program will close with <i>Together In Faith</i>, the theme song for Catholic Education Week 2013! – 12:30 p.m. in the school gym.</li> </ul>
St. Christopher Catholic Secondary School	Brendan Deery <b>519-541-1811</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All three Catholic high schools will be participating in the annual <i>Muskoka Woods Experience</i>. Teams of student leaders from the high schools will mentor Grade 7 students from across the district at the Muskoka Woods Leadership Camp. It is a fantastic week of growth in faith, leadership and personal challenges for our students to “be the best they can be!”</li> </ul>
St. Patrick’s Catholic High School	Robert Cicchelli <b>519-332-3976</b>	
Ursuline College Chatham Catholic Secondary School	Gerri Brown <b>519-351-2987</b>	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At UCC, Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at UCC – Gwynne Dyer will speak to students and staff at 8:30 a.m. and again at 9:45 a.m. in the UCC Theatre. Mr. Dyer has worked as a freelance journalist, columnist, broadcaster and lecturer on international affairs for more than 20 years.</li> <li>Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> – UCC Print Show – First exhibition of its kind opens at the Thames Art Gallery, featuring the eclectic works of 20 UCC students. Catered opening reception begins at 7:00 p.m., and will include the selection of a <i>People’s Choice Award</i>.</li> </ul>