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### ***LIVE LIKE JESUS: EXPLORING PATHS OF JOY IS THE THEME FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2015***

During the week of May 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> the St. Clair Catholic District School Board and its schools will celebrate the gift of Catholic education and its significant contribution to our communities, our province and our country.

The theme this year is *Live Like Jesus: Exploring Paths of Joy*.

“Catholic Education Week offers each of us an opportunity to reflect on the tremendous role that our students and our schools in the life of our communities,” says Dan Parr, Director of Education. “The Ontario Catholic Graduate Expectations challenge our students, through the fundamental values that are the very mission of Catholic education, to become life-long learners, caring family members and responsible citizens.”

“Our Catholic schools are places of growth,” says Carol Bryden, Chair of the Board. “Along with physical and academic growth, our students are also nurtured in their life of faith, helping them to grow closer to God. Through prayer and knowledge; and through living in a vibrant Catholic community, our students learn the importance of serving Christ through serving others.”

Special activities are planned at each of our schools to mark Catholic Education Week. Some activities celebrate our faith; some focus on learning excellence through literacy and numeracy events and celebrations of the arts; and others demonstrate our commitment to service through acts of charity. Attached to this email, please find a list of just a few of the events that have been planned in some of our schools.

Please contact the school principal to arrange a visit.



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# Catholic Education Week 2015

## “Live Like Jesus: Exploring Paths of Joy”

### List of School Activities for May 3rd to 8th

<i>School</i>	<i>School Principal</i>	<i>Activity</i>
Christ The King Catholic School	Laura Callaghan 519-627-6745	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> – Prayer service – 9:15 a.m. in the gym.</li> <li>Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> – Arts Evening – art gallery, silent auction, performances, family art activities – 6:30 p.m. in the gym.</li> <li>Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> – Book fair – all day.</li> <li>Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> – Jump Rope For Heart.</li> </ul>
Georges P. Vanier Catholic School	Kerry Matthyssen 519-354-6550	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> – Classes will participate in Zumba lessons and have fun being active and moving to music – 8:30 a.m. until 11:20 a.m. in the gym.</li> <li>Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> – Celebrating Catholic Education through song! – each class, the school choir and our school band will perform a variety of musical works showcasing our keyboard program as well as other musical instruments. The entire school community will sing the Music Monday song <i>We Are One</i> and our Catholic Education Week theme song <i>Exploring Paths of Joy</i> – 12:30 p.m. in the school gym.</li> </ul>
Holy Family Catholic School	Gloria Grieve 519-627-6003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> – Adopt-a-Scientist – Grade 8 classroom</li> <li>Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> – Adopt-a-Scientist – Grade 5 classroom</li> <li>Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> – Adopt-a-Scientist – Grade 4-5 classroom</li> <li>Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> – Liturgy celebrating Catholic Education Week – 10:00 a.m. in the school gym.</li> </ul>
Holy Trinity Catholic School	Scott Johnson 519-344-2110	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> – Big Brother/Big Sisters <i>Bowling For Kids</i> – Marcin Bowl, Sarnia – all day event, with half the students attending in the morning and the other half in the afternoon. Proceeds to Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Sarnia.</li> </ul>
Monsignor Uyen Catholic School	Renee Culverwell 519-352-1880	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> – Liturgy to begin Catholic Education Week – 9:30 a.m. in the gym.</li> <li>Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> – Quarter Auction to raise money for new school team uniforms – 6:30 p.m. in the gym.</li> <li>Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> – Grade 4-5 class will be meeting their pen pals from other schools and enjoying bowling together at Bowlerama in Chatham.</li> <li>Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> – Grade 4 students will participate in a Medieval Feast; while our Grade 5s participate in their VIP graduation ceremony in the library.</li> <li>Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> – Author Eric Walters will share his love of reading and writing with us during the afternoon in the school gym.</li> <li>Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> – Spring cleaning in the school Peace Garden. All welcome! Don't forget your gardening gloves!</li> </ul>

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School	Lisa Demers <b>519-351-4040</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> – all students will participate in Zumba exercise sessions throughout the day. Emphasis on the connection between mental wellness and physical activity.</li> <li>Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> – all classes participate in Math Mania problem-solving. Prizes!</li> <li>Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> – <i>All That Jazz</i> dance performance from 2:30 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. in the gym.</li> <li>Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> – Camp Read-a-lot – students will wear pajamas and listened to stories by guest readers – 12:00 p.m. until 1:40 p.m. in the gym.</li> <li>Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> – Canadian author Eric Walters visits OLOF for the morning. All classes will be involved in this celebration of literature, storytelling and reading!</li> </ul>
Sacred Heart Catholic School – Sarnia	Anita Cairns <b>519-344-1601</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>April 28 – Arts Day – Art workshops for the entire school.</li> </ul>
St. Anne Catholic School – Blenheim	Americo Todino <b>519-676-7352</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> – St. Anne Math Carnival – 5:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. – math, computer and carnival games. Cotton candy, popcorn and hotdogs! Fun for all ages! All proceeds towards our FDK outdoor play equipment.</li> </ul>
St. Anne Catholic School – Sarnia	Daniela Mezzatesta <b>519-542-2710</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> – Grade 1 and Grade 2-3 Spring Recital – 9:40 a.m. in the gym.</li> <li>Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> – Mother's Day Recital – Mrs. Ross' and Mrs. Burr's classes – 2:20 p.m.</li> <li>Grades 3 to 6 – Introduction of Prayer through Christian meditation.</li> <li>All week – Grade 8s making morning announcements about – What it means to be in a Catholic school!</li> </ul>
St. Elizabeth Catholic School	Luana Sfalcin <b>519-627-6331</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> – Praying the rosary with Mrs. Crow – JK to Grade 8 – all afternoon.</li> <li>Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> – Living Stone Challenge – Activities for Grade 8 Confirmation class.</li> <li>Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> – May liturgy at 9:30 a.m. – Parents welcome to attend!</li> <li>Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> – FNMI Language sessions for JK to Grade 8.</li> <li>Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> – Scholastic Book Fair – all day and from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the evening. Art walk from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Spring concert at 7:00 p.m.</li> </ul>
St. John Fisher Catholic School	Steve DeGurse <b>519-786-5201</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Catholic Education Week Mass – Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at St. Christopher Catholic Church.</li> </ul>
St. Joseph Catholic School – Chatham	Jeanne Girard <b>519-354-4642</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> – School music concert – 12:15 p.m. until 1:00 p.m. in the school gym.</li> <li>Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> – School Art Show – 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. in the school gym.</li> </ul>
St. Joseph Catholic School – Corunna	Colleen Cogghe <b>519-862-1479</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> – First Communion Presentation – 9:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Theme is "Bread Broken and Shared."</li> <li>Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> – Liturgy led by students – Theme is virtues of joy and hope.</li> <li>Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> – Teacher Reading Swap – Teachers will switch classrooms to be a special guest reader in another classroom – throughout the day.</li> <li>Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> – Parent Open House in all three FDK classrooms – 9:00 a.m. until 10:15 a.m.</li> <li>Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> – Faith Play Day – students will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of faith-based activities, created and led by Grade 8 students – 9:00a.m.</li> </ul>

St. Joseph Catholic School – Tilbury	Juli Faubert <b>519-682-2790</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> – School-wide picnic to recognize the generosity of an anonymous donour, who is providing all students with a <i>Subway</i> lunch. Picnic begins with a blessing – 12:05 p.m. in the school yard.</li> </ul>
St. Matthew Catholic School	Chris Kehoe <b>519-332-4300</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> – “Tune”ies for Tum mies Arts show – 1:00 p.m. – Proceeds to our Student Nutrition Program.</li> </ul>
St. Peter Canisius Catholic School	Mona McKeown <b>519-876-3018</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday – FDK classrooms to visit the local nursing home to sing and read to the elderly.</li> <li>Tuesday – School Mass, followed by lunch provided by the Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Women’s League.</li> <li>Wednesday – Sara Westbrook presentation – Respect and Resiliency – all grades. Parent forum at 6:30 p.m.</li> <li>Thursday – Wind energy exploration – creating and flying kites in the neighbourhood.</li> <li>Friday – Emergency Preparedness Day – Grade 5/6 students travel to Clearwater Arena to take part in this annual event.</li> </ul>
St. Philip Catholic School	Mark Renaud <b>519-882-1520</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Holy Communion for Grade 2 students – St. Philip Parish</li> <li>Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> – Arts Education Day activities – Mr. Sonier.</li> <li>Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> – May Crowning – JK to Grade 3 at 9:30 a.m., Grade 4 to 8 at 1:00 p.m.</li> <li>Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> – Grade 8 and Grade 6 students attend the Emergency Preparedness Day event at Clearwater Arena.</li> </ul>
St. Vincent Catholic School	Nicole Stevens <b>519-354-4066</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m. in the St. Vincent gym – Catholic Education through song! St. Vincent musicians are putting on a concert. Each class, the school choir and our famous band will perform a variety of musical works showcasing our keyboard program, as well as other instruments! In addition the entire school community will sing the Music Monday song <i>We Are One</i> and our Catholic Education Week theme song <i>Exploring Paths of Joy!</i></li> </ul>
St. Patrick’s Catholic High School	Robert Cicchelli <b>519-332-397</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> – Robotics Demo – in the main foyer during our lunch hours.</li> <li>Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> – Catholic Education Week Mass – 11:00 a.m. – St. Patrick’s Chapel – Led by Dino Petrucci’s Period 3 Religion Class.</li> </ul>
Ursuline College Chatham Catholic Secondary School	Ray Power <b>519-351-2987</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> – Province-wide Catholic Education Week Mass – 9:30 a.m. in the theatre.</li> </ul>