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HELPING PARENTS MAKE MATH A FUN PART OF THE FAMILY'S DAILY ROUTINE IS THE FOCUS OF BEDTIME MATH

Helping families to make math a fun part of their daily routine – that's the goal of three *Bedtime Math* fun family events, which are being held at St. Clair Catholic elementary school next week.

"We know that parents are a key part of their children's learning, which is important to the success of education in Ontario," says Laura Callaghan, Superintendent of Education.

"This event aligns with Ontario's *Renewed Math Strategy* because it will provide parents the opportunity to embrace a positive attitude towards mathematics; and it supports the partnership between home and the school that is so critical for student success in this subject," says Mrs. Callaghan.

The three events are based on the *Bedtime Math* series of books, which give parents age-appropriate strategies and fun activities to help boost their children's interest in the subject.

"These books are a great resource for parents who want to participate in their child's learning in math," says Brenda Corchis, Elementary Curriculum Coordinator & Early Years Lead for St. Clair Catholic. "The best-selling series is proving to kids and families that math can be something they actually might want to do for fun!"

The *Bedtime Math* events will begin with a family dinner, followed by math activities for the whole family. Parents will leave with a free book and some take-away math strategies they can do with their children.

"We think it will be a fun evening ... and hopefully it will lead to many more hours of fun math activities, as parents and children explore the books together!" says Mrs. Corchis.

Funding for the three events comes from the Ontario government's Parent Reaching Out grant, which supports parent, guardian and caregiver engagement in their children's learning.

The Bedtime Math events will be held on Thursday, October 27, 2016 from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at the following three locations:

- *Christ The King, St. Elizabeth and Holy Family Catholic School families will be hosted at Holy Family Catholic School, 649 Murray Street, Wallaceburg;*
- *St. Joseph and St. Agnes Catholic School families will be hosted at St. Joseph Catholic School, 25 Raleigh Street, Chatham;*
- *Holy Trinity Catholic School, 60 Lorne Crescent, Sarnia.*

Members of the media are welcome.